

May 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor James Drahos was present and presided at the meeting. Council members present were Robert Malone, Steven Carpenter, Stephanie Vislisel, Penny Kula and Bill Mulholland.

The Linn County Sheriff was present at the meeting and provided the Council with the monthly report. Required hours: 26.0; actual hours recorded: 35.70; 10 calls for service.

Kula made motion to approve the minutes from the April Council Meeting and Special Hearing. Seconded by Vislisel. None opposed, motion passed.

Carpenter made motion to accept and pay the following bills for May, and to pre-approve payment to Linn County Sheriff in the amount of \$2,496.00 should the invoice arrive and be payable prior to the June meeting. Seconded by Vislisel. None opposed, motion passed.

<u>Warrant No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
182	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	\$57.96
183	Alliant Energy	Street Lights	\$468.47
184	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	\$20.04
185	Alliant Energy	High Point Electricity	\$20.56
186	Mediacom	Phone/Internet	\$94.84
187	Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun	Publication Fees for Apr	\$176.06
188	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll Apr 2016	\$477.10
189	IPERS	Payroll benefits for Mar16	\$33.48
190	Casey's General Stores, Inc	Fuel for Mower	\$13.65
191	VISA	Purchase trimmer & chainsaw	\$567.98
Total Bills for Operating Account			\$1,930.14
W011	VOID		
W012	Alliant Energy	City Well Electricity	\$68.82
W013	Jared Vogeler	Operations for Apr16	\$300.00
W014	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing for Apr16	\$12.00
W015	VISA	Dehumidifier for pump house	\$559.08
Total Bills for Water Account			\$939.90
Total Bills for May			\$2,870.04

NOTE: Two additional bills were paid in April: Warrant No. 180 to Peggy Tipton and Linn County (ROW acquisition for Ely St Bridge project) \$251.55; and Warrant No. 181 to Linn County Sheriff (legal costs for Tipton ROW acquisition) \$1,496.50.

Carpenter made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2016. Seconded by Malone. None opposed, motion passed.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	204,245.59	26,325.21	7,937.54	222,633.26	504,078.40	726,711.66
Road Use Tax	17,858.60	2,162.12	-899.11	20,919.83		20,919.83
LOST	41,079.44	2,741.61	0.00	43,821.05		43,821.05
Building Fund	13,998.22	0.00	0.00	13,998.22		13,998.22
Capital Projects	(145,515.71)	104,163.66	111,832.09	(153,184.14)		(153,184.14)
Water	15,407.97	226.40	1,316.95	14,317.42		14,317.42
Total Clerk's Balance	147,074.11	135,619.00	120,187.47	162,505.64	504,078.40	666,584.04
Total Outstanding				991.42		
Total Bank Balance				163,497.06		

NOTE: The negative disbursement for RUT was due to general ledger corrections for errors discovered in previous months.

Bridge Updates: The hearing for the Tipton property was held on April 27. The Commission found in favor of the City of Bertram, and payment to the Tiptons and to the Linn County Sheriff for commission costs was paid in April. Bid letting is scheduled for May 17.

Malone made motion to approve Resolution R-6-2016 to approve revisions to the Borrowing Policy. Seconded by Carpenter. None opposed, motion passed. Changes are: Strike "WHEREAS the City is negotiating for a line of Credit up to \$750,000.00 to provide for payment of expenses and completion of the Bridge project to allow for reimbursement which has not been completed as of yet, so therefore: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM, IOWA, that the City be authorized to borrow up to One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.00) from Hills Bank and Trust Company at 3.5% per annum interest. Said loan evidenced by a promissory and shall not be drawn upon until needed by the City to pay Bridge costs including, but not limited to, the costs of VJ Engineering, the City's Bridge Consultants. Said loan to be repaid with funds reimbursed to the City for the Bridge or to be rolled into, and become part of, the line of Credit referenced above when the same is established." and replace with "BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM, IOWA, that the City be authorized to open a line of credit at Hills Bank and Trust Company to allow the City to borrow up to seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) at 3.5% per annum interest. Said loan is to be evidenced by a promissory note and shall not be drawn upon until needed by the City to pay Bridge expenses. Said loan to be repaid with funds reimbursed to the City for the Bridge replacement. The existing loan referenced above is to be paid in full from this line of credit upon its establishment."

Council expressed concern of existing water rates and whether or not there is enough cushion built in to cover major breakdowns. Clerk to check insurance policy for well pump/system coverage.

Miscellaneous Discussions:

Tree Care LLC will grind stumps at the pump house in the coming weeks.

Results from the speed trailers placed in City limits in April have not yet been provided by the Sheriff's Office.

33 Ely Street has been sold.

A cabinet was left on the side of Blaine's Crossing Road that needs to be picked up.

Kula made motion to adjourn. Carpenter seconded. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 7:53PM.

Lisa Berry
Clerk