

**May 5, 2021**

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00pm virtually via Zoom/phone conference and in person at City Hall. Mayor Dave Hunt presided at the meeting. Council members present were Steve Carpenter, Bill Mulholland, and Margy Wilson. Council members Kim Morahan and Chris Price were absent.

Wilson made motion to approve the agenda. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Morahan, Price. Agenda approved.

Public comment on agenda items: None.

Sheriff's Report: 26.0 hours; 6 calls for service.

Wilson made motion to accept the minutes from the 4/7 and 4/20/21 meetings. MSB Mulholland. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Morahan, Price. Motion carried.

Carpenter made motion to accept and pay the following bills for May. MSB Mulholland. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Morahan, Price. Motion carried.

<b>Warrant No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
0181	Alliant Energy/IPL	City Hall electricity	50.29
0182	Alliant Energy/IPL	Street Lights	524.18
0183	Alliant Energy/IPL	City Park Electricity	46.85
0184	Alliant Energy/IPL	High Point Electricity	23.22
0185	Verizon Wireless	Phone/Internet	88.16
0186	Woodward Community Media	Publication Fees	54.61
0187	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll	401.48
0188	ECICOG	Comprehensive Plan Admin	390.00
0189	Nesper Sign Advertising	Flagpole replacement	1,990.60
0190	BYO Recreation	Playground eqpt	34,485.81
0191	National Playground Construction	Playground installation	14,738.48
0192	Nazette Marner Nathanson & Shea	Attorney Fees	100.00
0193	Nazette Marner Nathanson & Shea	Attorney Fees	1,540.00
0194	Casey's Business Mastercard	Fuel for City Eqpt	121.81
0195	VISA	Lights/hdwe for flagpole	152.97
0196	Neighbor Insurance	Add'l premium for new playground	44.00
0197	Kluesner Construction	Street sweeping	2,475.00
0198	Kluesner Construction	Edge trimming of roadways	3,015.00
		<b>Total Bills for Operating Account</b>	<b>60,242.46</b>
W0045	Alliant Energy/IPL	Pump house electricity	150.51
W0046	Jared Vogeler	Operations	300.00
W0047	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing	12.80
		<b>Total Bills for Water Account</b>	<b>463.31</b>
		<b>Total Bills for May</b>	<b>60,705.77</b>

Wilson made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ended Apr. 30, 2021. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Morahan, Price. Motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	515,121.91	29,171.25	15,537.45	528,755.71	65,430.24	594,185.95
Road Use Tax	134,258.99	7,900.92	0.00	142,159.91		142,159.91
LOST	115,852.73	2,950.07	0.00	118,802.80		118,802.80
Building Fund	17,812.22	0.00	0.00	17,812.22		17,812.22
Park Renovation	5,100.00	0.00	0.00	5,100.00		5,100.00
Water	20,091.14	541.07	847.66	19,784.55		19,784.55
<b>Total Clerk's Balance</b>	<b>808,236.99</b>	<b>40,563.31</b>	<b>16,385.11</b>	<b>832,415.19</b>	<b>65,430.24</b>	<b>897,845.43</b>
Total Outstanding				2,986.69		
<b>Total Bank Balance</b>				<b>835,401.88</b>		

Work on moving cash into investments.

Carpenter made motion to accept hiring recommendation for summer help from Mulholland. MSB Mulholland. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Morahan, Price. Motion carried.

Carpenter made motion to approve a proposed addition of master bedroom and bathroom to the primary residence at 1174 Knapp Road. MSB Mulholland. Wilson-Aye; Mulholland-Aye; Carpenter-Aye; Morahan-Nay; Price-Nay. **Resolution R-04-2021** passed.

Wilson made motion to approve CR WPC First Addition for Alliant Energy Substation on Berry Road. MSB Mulholland. Wilson-Aye; Mulholland-Aye; Carpenter-Aye; Morahan-Nay; Price-Nay. **Resolution R-05-2021** passed.

Carpenter made motion to approve G&M Fourth Addition to split 10-acre plot with primary residence from remaining farmland. MSB Wilson. Wilson-Aye; Mulholland-Aye; Carpenter-Aye; Morahan-Nay; Price-Nay. **Resolution R-06-2021** passed.

Council reviewed the only approved bids for derecho repairs to City Park shelter, pump house, and City Hall/Shop.

Wilson made motion to reject the bid for the City Park shelter and send out for rebid. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Morahan, Price. Bid rejected.

Carpenter made motion to accept Madsen Custom Homes proposal of \$43,196.21 for repairs to City Hall/Shop per RFB, contingent upon a Terms and Condition modification of paragraph 3 to: "Upon mutually agreed-upon completion of the proposed work, invoices submitted by 5:00pm CT the First Wednesday of the month for payment within 30 days". MSB Wilson. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Morahan, Price. Bid accepted.

Carpenter made motion to accept Madsen Custom Homes proposal of \$4,137.38 for repairs to the pump house per the RFB, contingent upon a Terms and Condition modification of paragraph 3 to: "Upon mutually agreed-upon completion of the proposed work, invoices submitted by 5:00pm CT the First Wednesday of the month for payment within 30 days". MSB Wilson. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Morahan, Price. Bid accepted. A fourth proposal for siding replacement, fence repair and tree removal within the fenced area surrounding the pumphouse was not approved.

Wilson made motion to set a public hearing for Wednesday August 11, 2021 at 6:00pm to review the Land Use Plan and get public input. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Morahan, Price. Motion carried.

A floodplain ordinance needs to be approved by 7/20/2021. It requires a public hearing before council can vote. Council asked City Attorney to use broader language in the draft ordinance. Tentative public hearing will be at the June council meeting.

Correspondence: State DOT will be completing patchwork on Highway 13 in near future. Trees have been received from DNR and will be handed out to residents Thursday 5/6/2021 from 1:00-4:00pm at City Hall. Tires on blue truck need to be replaced, Public Works employees to complete. Insurance adjuster returned to view additional damages discovered at City Hall and pumphouse. Next Lower Cedar WMA meeting is scheduled for 5/11/21. It is unlikely Bertram will receive much funding for the water study due to limited availability.

Open to Floor: Life Time Fence will begin installation of fencing at City Park along the lot line with UPRR in late May/early June; surveyors have already completed their tasks and lot markers were put into place (though should be replaced with something more permanent). Bertram City Limit sign at north end of town on Bertram Street needs to be picked up and replaced, as well as a sign in Rustic Ridge. Suggestion to add a marked crosswalk for pedestrians from City Park to the disc golf course. New playground looks great! Need to get old equipment removed and disposed of. New flagpole looks good.

Carpenter made motion to adjourn. MSB Wilson. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson. Nays: Morahan, Price. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Lisa Berry  
Clerk