

February 2, 2022

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall and via Zoom. Mayor Margy Wilson presided at the meeting. Council members present were Steve Carpenter (Zoom), Louise Hall, John Klimek, and Jim Unzeitig (Zoom). Absent was Chris Price.

Hall made motion to approve the agenda as posted. MSB Klimek. Ayes: Carpenter, Hall, Klimek, Unzeitig. Opposed: Price. Agenda approved.

Public comment on agenda items: None.

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

Hall made motion to accept the minutes from the 1/5 regular meeting and 1/17 workshop. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Hall, Klimek, Unzeitig. Opposed: Price. Motion approved.

Hall made motion to accept and pay the following bills for February. MSB Klimek. Ayes: Carpenter, Hall, Klimek, Unzeitig. Opposed: Price. Motion approved.

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
0353	Alliant Energy/IPL	City Hall electricity	71.31
0354	Alliant Energy/IPL	Streetlights	521.00
0355	Alliant Energy/IPL	City Park Electricity	21.70
0356	Alliant Energy/IPL	High Point Electricity	21.70
0357	Verizon Wireless	Phone/Internet	87.78
0358	Woodward Community Media	Publication Fees	51.18
0359	IPERS	Retirement Benefits	192.78
0360	Sheldon King	Payroll	257.31
0361	Cal Vaughn	Payroll	451.82
0362	Casey's Business Mastercard	Fuel for City equipment	78.38
0363	Linn County Treasurer	Election Services	485.81
0364	Nazette, Marnar, Nathanson, & Shea LLP	Attorney Fees	1,400.00
0365	Linn County Sheriff	Police Services	2,964.00
0366	Louise Hall	Reimbursement: City maps	29.00
0367	Douglas Kula	Reimbursement: Fuel, parts	221.62
0368	VISA	Office Supplies	86.65
		Total Bills for Operating Account	6,942.04
W0087	Alliant Energy/IPL	Pump house electricity	243.22
W0088	Jared Vogeler	Operations	300.00
W0089	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing	14.25
W0090	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing	13.75
		Total Bills for Water Account	571.22
		Total Bills for February	7,513.26

Hall made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ended 1/31/2022. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Hall, Klimek, Unzeitig. Opposed: Price. Motion approved.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	180,217.83	1,666.37	2,824.73	179,059.47	300,101.00	479,160.47
Road Use Tax	167,260.55	3,048.99	1,141.00	169,168.54		169,168.54
LOST	158,093.60	3,597.50	0.00	161,691.10		161,691.10
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
ARP Fund	21,680.83	0.00	0.00	21,680.83		21,680.83
Water	16,599.79	351.30	9,310.34	7,640.75		7,640.75
Total Clerk's Balance	566,764.82	8,664.16	13,276.07	562,152.91	300,101.00	862,253.91
Total Outstanding				(702.22)		
Total Bank Balance				561,450.69		

County sent us an example of their RFP for engineering services for bridge replacement. They are too busy with their own projects to be able to offer assistance for our project. We will need to solicit proposals from engineering firms. It is important to note that state reimbursement will not cover engineering costs or right-of-way acquisitions. Unzeitig to continue to research.

Fehr Graham is moving forward with grant writing. They would like to walk the city to see what our wants/needs are. If there are any residents that experience water issues during rain events, they are encouraged to reach out to city officials. They would also be interested in attending the next association meeting of Rustic Ridge residents.

Klimek made motion to accept bid for \$275.00 from Country Arborist to remove limb hanging over 2nd Street across from Upper City Park. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Hall, Klimek, Unzeitig. Opposed: Price. Motion approved. Alliant Energy may take down tree at pumphouse that is closest to the utility pole. Country Arborist is willing to remove trees inside the fence without fence removal but will honor the proposal amount with fence removed.

Mayor Wilson went through the process to get numbered street addresses assigned for all city properties as follows:

- City Hall: 50 Angle Street
- Pumphouse: 1203 2nd Street
- High Point: 1192 2nd Street
- City Park: 1193 2nd Street

9-1-1 signage has been ordered from Iowa Prison Industries for these locations.

Mayor Wilson has reached out to MV Fire Chief regarding our 28E agreement for fire protection. We should have more info by Friday, 2/4/22. As part of the discussion, it was mentioned that MV is getting a new fire truck and was inquiring if Bertram has a place to stage the old fire truck within a city facility. We would need to know length of truck and whether or not a heated space is required, but Council was amenable to the idea.

Public Hearing notice is set for March 7, 2022, 6:00 pm, at Bertram City Hall (50 Angle Street). This is the earliest the public hearing can be held based on timing of max tax levy hearing on Feb. 17. Additional codification review may also take place on this date.

Correspondence:

Carpenter: Lower Cedar WMA meets next on 2/8. Big Creek will be part of preliminary study of water flow; water quality of creek water is their main focus

Mayor Wilson: Power line running across Bertram Street east of Ely Street was taken out by snowplow because it is too low. She has requested that Alliant Energy install a pole on the resident's side of street to raise the height of the line to avoid this issue, as this is the second time it has happened.

Open to Floor:

Comment to be aware of specific ADA requirements and ensure that contractors comply with the requirements so that any work done doesn't need to be repeated.

Hall made motion to adjourn. MSB Klimek. Ayes: Carpenter, Hall, Klimek, Unzeitig. Opposed: Price. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Lisa Berry, Clerk