

July 1, 2020

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 Pro Tem Steve Carpenter presided at the meeting. Council members present were Kim Morahan, Bill Mulholland, Chris Price and Margy Wilson. Mayor Dave Hunt was absent.

Price made motion approve the agenda as posted. MSB Morahan. None opposed, motion carried.

Public comments on agenda items: None.

Price made motion to approve the minutes from the Jun 3 meeting. MSB Wilson. None opposed, motion carried.

Sheriff's Report: 40.60 hours; 3 calls for service.

Price made motion to accept and pay the following bills for July. MSB Mulholland. None opposed, motion carried.

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
0001	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	6.62
0002	Alliant Energy	Streetlights	549.01
0003	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	66.65
0004	Verizon Wireless	Phone/Internet	91.64
0005	Woodward Community Media	Publication Fees	48.46
0006	IPERS	Retirement Benefits	314.45
0007	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll	608.89
0008	Morgan Houghtaling	Payroll	138.52
0009	Anthony Vislisel	Payroll	139.42
0010	United States Treasury	Federal Payroll Taxes	536.58
0011	Treasurer, State of Iowa	State Withholding Taxes	40.00
0012	Iowa League of Cities	Annual Dues	337.00
0013	Linn County Sheriff's Office	Police Services	2,808.00
0014	Casey's Business Mastercard	Fuel for City Equipment	162.00
0015	Kluesner Construction Inc	Crack sealing	14,777.28
0016	VISA	Lawn care supplies	149.98
0017	VISA	Parts for City Truck	42.91
0018	VISA	Zoom account	128.31
		Total Bills for Operating Account	20,945.72
W0001	Jared Vogeler	Operations	380.00
W0002	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water testing	12.50
W0003	Treasurer, State of Iowa	WET Tax remit	204.00
		Total Bills for Water Account	596.50
		Total Bills for July	21,542.22

Price made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month ended June 30, 2020. MSB Wilson. None opposed, motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	485,456.61	2,612.17	16,855.55	471,213.23	197,000.40	668,213.63
Road Use Tax	108,597.56	1,759.51	0.00	110,357.07		110,357.07
LOST	76,476.46	3,213.46	0.00	79,689.92		79,689.92
Building Fund	17,787.22	0.00	0.00	17,787.22		17,787.22
Capital Projects	(4,623.13)	4,623.13	0.00	0.00		0.00
Water	12,868.77	3,628.24	330.50	16,166.51		16,166.51
Total Clerk's Balance	696,563.49	15,836.51	17,186.05	695,213.95	197,000.40	892,214.35
Total Outstanding				1,121.90		
Total Bank Balance				696,335.85		

Other discussion: MV Bank CDs come due in August and can be left there; Hills Bank CDs come due in July and will need to be moved.

Price made motion to approve **resolution R-11-2020** granting a perpetual easement to current and subsequent owners at 210 Angle Street. MSB Morahan. Roll call votes: Wilson – Aye, Morahan – Aye, Price – Aye, Mulholland – Aye. Motion carried. Resolution was approved as follows: WHEREAS, Randy A. Naeve is the owner of Lots 1 and 2, Block 54, in the City of Bertram, Linn County, Iowa, and WHEREAS, it has been determined that the house on the above-described real estate encroaches into Third Street by approximately 3 ½ x 4 ½ feet. Said intrusion is located approximately 20 feet southwest of the North corner of said Lot 1, and WHEREAS, the City of Bertram, Linn County, Iowa, has previously passed Resolution No. 9-92, which provided a perpetual easement to the then owners of the real estate for so long as the house intrudes upon said street; and WHEREAS, the City of Bertram, Linn County, Iowa, desires to extend the perpetual easement that runs with the land for the benefit of current and subsequent owners and their heirs and assigns. Said Resolution No. 9-92 shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be extended to current and subsequent owners and their heirs and assigns. Said easement shall begin at the north corner of said Lot 1 and run a total of 5 feet to the West corner of said Lot 1, a distance of approximately 44 feet. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BERTRAM, IOWA, that said easement as above-described is hereby approved.

Before finalizing the wages for the new fiscal year, there needs to be a clear definition of general versus skilled labor. Clerk to work on updates and submit for the August meeting.

There was a meeting held on 6/20 to discuss options for the parks, but there wasn't much participation. A donation has been received for park improvements. These donations will need to be kept segregated for park improvement projects. So far, only one bid has been received for the well pump at City Park. Need citizens committee to make decisions about ball diamond. Also need to look into sending out surveys to residents for input.

Correspondence:

Council to begin work on land use update plans.

200 Angle Street may be scheduled for demolition, but property owner has not requested water shut off.

Open to Floor:

Houghtaling has been asked if the City would allow residents to have logs dropped at the empty lot on Ely St so resident could split and haul home.

Council determined for liability reasons this would not be good practice.

Council received clarification that it is responsible for tree removal if the tree sits in right of way.

Price made motion to adjourn. MSB Wilson. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Lisa Berry
Clerk