

January 08, 2025

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:01 pm at City Hall. Mayor Scott Flaherty presided over the meeting. Council members present were Louise Hall, John Klimek, Bill Mulholland, Chris Price and Jim Unzeitig. City Attorney Kevin Shea absent.

Hall makes a motion to approve Consent Agenda. MSB: Price. Aye: Hall, Mulholland, Klimek, Price, Unzeitig. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- Prior Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2024.
- Bills/Warrants for Payment. Council Member Mulholland questioned what Mayor Flaherty did for \$4,000. Mayor Flaherty stated he submitted 40 additional meetings that lasted over an hour for September, October and November. City Clerk Kuehl stated should have been paid last month but was not received until after the meeting.
- Nuisance Property update.
- Treasurer's Report. City Clerk Kuehl did not get the reports fully done as she is still learning this position.

Payee	Purpose	Amount
Alliant Energy	High Point	\$25.89
Alliant Energy	City Well	\$322.94
Alliant Energy	City Hall	\$65.11
Alliant Energy	City Park	\$25.89
Alliant Energy	Streetlights	\$536.56
Anthony Vislisel	Menards: Battery, Sand	\$45.38
Casey Business Card	Fuel For Snowplows	\$83.06
Future Line Truck Bodies	Hydra Fluid Buckle for Trucks	\$263.02
Jared J. Vogeler	Operations	\$480.00
Kevin R. Shea	September to December Legal Fees for City	\$444.62
Linn County Sheriff	2 nd 3 rd Quarter 2025 Sherriff Fees	\$6,552.00
Louise Hall	Mileage Reimbursement for Court	\$16.08
Keystone Labs	Annual Water Testing	54.75
Orkin	Pest Control	\$52.00
Sheldon King	Walmart Tractor Oil	\$59.83
Solutions Works	December/January Cloud/Apply update	\$515.00
Student Publications	Publications December	\$75.81
Verizon Wireless	Internet/Phone City Hall	\$88.10
Visa-Flaherty	Flags, Batteries, Binders, Indeed Listing	\$237.00
Visa-Kuehl	Budget Workshop	\$50.00
IPERS	Payroll IPERS	\$172.49
Scott Flaherty	Payroll	\$4,000.00
Sheila King	Payroll	\$212.08
Sheldon King	Payroll	\$345.57
Raven Kuehl	Payroll	\$372.97
Tom Schmitt	Payroll	318.61
Tony Vislisel	Payroll	\$197.76
Stephanie Vislisel	Payroll	\$51.54
Zach Vislisel	Payroll	\$156.96
Total Bills		\$15,821.02

- Budget Workshop, Second Session Setup: Hall proposed Monday January 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm.
- City Clerk/Treasurer Combing Resolution R-1-2025. Mayor Flaherty Read the resolution.
 - Hall makes motion to approve. MSB: Price. Roll Call Vote: Hall: Aye, Klimek: Aye, Mulholland: Aye, Price: Aye, Unzeitig: Aye. Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:07 pm.

- Linn County Sherriff Contract Renewal: Mayor Flaherty presented the annual renewal contract with Linn County Sherriff.
 - Hall makes a motion to approve Linn County Sherriff Contract. MSB: Price. Aye: Hall, Klimek, Mulholland, Price, Unzeitig. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Water Rate Reassessment for 2025. Mayor Flaherty mentioned that last year's rates increased. If a mayor repair is needed there is not currently enough funds to cover it. Suggesting a 3% increase. Price stated if a repair is needed and funds not available then the rates would increase immediately and more drastically due to how the process of taking a loan would be. Clerk Kuehl stated would be best to have this stated and completed for the June 2025 billing, due to public hearings and 3 readings.
 - Klimek makes a motion to increase water rates by 3%. MSB: Price. Aye: Hall, Klimek, Mulholland, Price, Unzeitig. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Mount Vernon Bank CD Rates: Clerk Kuehl does not have the updated rates. Mayor Flaherty and Clerk Kuehl have been working to update names on accounts. Will discuss next month.
- Septic System Servicing (Township Hall): Council Member Hall, Prior Mayor Carpenter was working on a 28E agreement between Township Hall and City. Currently Township Hall does not pay for water and City shares the township's septic System. Council Member Hall wants to know if the Septic System is serviced will City help with cost. Council Member Price stated when the Township Hall has a price for servicing Septic System to bring to the council for discussion.
- Parking Signs by Township Hall: Council Member Hall wants to know if bags can be put over the No Parking Signs? Mayor Flaherty stated not to put bags over signs. Council Member Klimek stated he started looking into ADA for the township hall and believes they will be prohibited from putting entrance on that side but will need to research further. Council discussed moving signs to other side of road, no decision currently made.
- Closure of section of Easy Alley: Council Member Hall Stated Township Hall would like close a portion of Easy Alley due to no houses being there. Price stated cannot close the street due to access and suggested moving to a one-way street with parking on one side.
- Correspondence:
 - Council Member Unzeitig: Found used 450 trucks. Price recommends having taken to a 3rd party service shop in Dyersville to check integrity of it. Approve to have checked out and placed on agenda for next meeting or if needed a special meeting.
- Open to public:
 - Penny Kula wants to know if the city is going to budget for seal coating roads. The council will discuss at 2026 budget workshop on January 20, 2025.
- Hall Makes motion to adjourn. MSB: Klimek. Aye: Hall, Klimek, Mulholland, Price, Unzeitig. The motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:03 pm.

Raven Kuehl, City Clerk