

October 26, 2023

The special meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Mayor Steve Carpenter presided at the meeting. Council members present were Louise Hall, Jim Unzeitig, John Klimek, Chris Price and Scott Flaherty.

- Klimek makes motion to approve the agenda. MSB: Hall. Aye: Hall, Unzeitig, Klimek, Flaherty, Price. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Board of Adjustment meeting – follow-up: What is considered a hardship? Marion justifies hardship as a zoning change that caused the property to be changed. The council needs to decide how they would like to define hardship. Is an address change considered a hardship or annoyance. Price wants to protect city from liability.
 - Unzeitig makes motion to approve Board of Adjustment ruling. MSB: Price. Aye: Hall, Unzeitig, Klimek, Flaherty, Price. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- City truck for snow removal –discussion/action:
 - Lynch: Ford 1 ton \$63,000 Future line add ones \$31,511.42
 - McGrath: 4500 with dumpbox listed online. Unzeitig will contact for pricing.
 - Price wants to have some hydraulic work with low temp hydraulic fluid done to the blue truck.
- Water – Generator maintenance estimate: Work that has been needed. Total amount is \$2,276.58.
 - Price makes motion to approve Board of Adjustment ruling. MSB: Hall. Aye: Hall, Unzeitig, Klimek, Flaherty, Price. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- City Codification – final details: council reviewed all lines and notes approved or made notes to be submitted.
- Nuisance Property –update: Informal letter to Darwin. Notices on Santee and Hines. City attorney will compare codification to current ordinances.
- Water Rates –Next step nonprofits using less than 2000 gallons of water every quarter is \$20. Normal rate per 1000 gallons after that. Review at November meeting and December have public hearing.
- Bridge project – updates: Unzeitig and Price met with County Engineering, current load is 8 tons need a new load sign. Grant is for \$800,000 and projected cost of replacing bridge a year ago was over \$830,000, maintaining gravel road in winter will be difficult. The Council responsibility is to the city and there is a possibility that replacing bridge will go over budget. Need to find out liability of making bridge pedestrian vs closing the bridge. City will need to decide between: Making bridge pedestrian, being obtained by Conservation or bike trail.
- Correspondence: Carpenter ordered new flags to replace damaged ones. Linn Coop says we have 75% or more gas. Hall: Has been asked to be Township Clerk, if she continues on council will need to recuse herself from any 28E agreements or water rate votes.
- Open to the Floor - Follow Speaking Rules:
- Motion to adjourn meeting.
 - Hall makes a motion to adjourn. MSB Price. Vote to adjourn: Aye: Hall, Unzeitig, Klimek, Flaherty, Price. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Raven Kuehl, City Clerk