

## **November 20, 2023**

The special meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 6:30 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.

- Price made a motion to approve the agenda as posted. MSB: Hall: Aye: Klimek, Hall, Unzeitig, Price, Flaherty. Motion passes by unanimous vote.
  - Price Makes motion to close regular meeting and open Public Hearing for Water Service Rates. MSB: Hall. Aye: Klimek, Hall, Unzeitig, Price, Flaherty. Motion passes by unanimous vote at 6:32 pm.
- PUBLIC HEARING –Water Service Rates
- Water Rate Ordinance –Mayor Carpenter read the ordinance for increased water service rates.
- Public Comment: None.
- Close Public Hearing
  - Price Makes motion to close Public Hearing for Water Service Rates and open regular meeting. MSB: Hall. Aye: Klimek, Hall, Unzeitig, Price, Flaherty. Motion passes by unanimous vote at 6:38 pm.
- REGULAR AGENDA
- Bridge Seasonal Closure – Post signs for seasonal closure of the Big Creek Bridge from December 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024 for safety. Linn County Engineering is requesting a permanent decision on bridge closure wait until 2024 as they gather information about options for additional funding and support.
- Additional parts –Price suggested to get a forklift attachment for the city tractor to load and unload salter and move from Blue to Red truck.
  - Hall makes motion to approve up to \$2,4,99.99 for tractor parts. MSB Price Aye: Klimek: Unzeitig: Hall: Price: Flaherty. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Salt/ sand supplies for winter: Price advised to get salt from Mechanicsville it is a 4 ton minimum for bulk order. Recommends doing a 50/50 mixture of sand and salt.
  - Klimek makes a motion to purchase 5 tons. MSB: Hall Price Aye: Klimek: Unzeitig: Hall: Price: Flaherty. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
  - Klimek makes motion to approve additional \$1000 to purchase salt if needed due to weather. MSB Hall. Price Aye: Klimek: Unzeitig: Hall: Price: Flaherty. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Planning & Zoning –Fringe Agreement –discussion. Options for new fringe agreement in next fiscal year
- Money market/CD rates update: Mayor Carpenter spoke with Patty Webster at Hills Bank, there would be a lot of work involved in moving to a money market account and not a lot of return, instead suggested CDs with 5% interest. Mayor Carpenter plans to invest in 4 \$30,000 CDS with 5% interest at Hills Bank prior to the next Council Meeting in December.
- City road signs –additions and replacements –order: Hall stated that there are at least 15 additional signs that needs replaced or updated. Hall will look into what signs are currently in stock and what ones can be redone. Some of the street signs are numerical and alphabetic and Map has Greene, while signs say Green. Will need to look into what is the correct and get them all to match. City will look into options of grant money for signs.
- Water–generator service update. The funding approved for the generator will be done during 2024 maintenance.
- Correspondence
  - Carpenter: Ashely at That Girl Tree Service will address trees on Green Street. Will have the trees around the pump house inspected.
  - Abstract votes are available.
  - Outdoor light not working at City Hall to be addressed.
- Open to the Floor - Follow Speaking Rules:
- Congratulations to all whom received votes.
- Motion to adjourn meeting.
  - Hall makes a motion to adjourn. MSB Unzeitig. Vote to adjourn: Aye: Hall, Unzeitig, Klimek, Price. Nay: Flaherty. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

