

April 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 8:25 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 present.

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

- Prior Meeting Minutes: January 8,2025 February 26,2026.
- Bills/Warrants for Payment.
- 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	\$23.47
Alliant Energy	City Well	\$251.98
Alliant Energy	City Hall	\$56.33
Alliant Energy	City Park	\$23.47
Alliant Energy	Streetlights	\$525.07
Jared J. Vogeler	Operations	\$480.00
Microlac Labs	Water Testing	\$17.50
Orkin	Pest Control	\$61.00
Solution Works	March Update to Server	\$57.50
Student Publications	March Publications	\$216.03
Verizon Wireless	Phone and Internet City hall	\$98.80
Visa-Kuehl	Intuit Payroll	\$37.45
IPERS	Payroll IPERS	\$116.40
Federal Treasury	Federal Taxes	\$783.66
Flaherty, Scott	Payroll	\$2,095.10
Kuehl, Raven	Payroll	\$438.90
Santee II, James	Payroll	\$95.75
Schmitt, Tom	Payroll	\$23.31
Vislisel, Steph	Payroll	\$47.33
Total Bills		\$5,449.05

- Schedule Public Hearing for FY2026 Budget: Wednesday April 23, 2025, at 7:00 pm.
- Planning and Zoning Adolphson Farm First Addition Resolution: Council Member Price stated a request to approve through planning and zoning was received. Due to being under 5 acres Bonifazi put on replat no outbuildings. City Attorney Kevin Shea read resolution R-2-2025 Adolphson Farm first Addition Resolution.
 - Hall makes motion to approve Resolution R-2-2025. MSB: Price. Hall: Aye, Klimek: Aye, Mulholland: Aye, Price: Aye, Unzeitig: Aye. Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:53 pm.
- Road Repairs: Tables for the Next Meeting.
- Park Repairs:
 - Tennis Court Repair: Council Member Mulholland got a letter of opinion to fix the tennis court will be \$10,000 to \$13,000 to repair.
 - Materials needed for Chair moved to park: Council Member Hall presented supply list to mount chair at park to be in compliance with County and insurance at \$333.46 plus labor at city rate. Will be placed next to playground.
 - Klimek makes motion to approve materials and move chair if in compliance with insurance and county. MSB: Hall. Aye: Hall, Klimek, Price, Unzeitig. Nay: Mulholland. Motion passed by majority vote.

- Cleaning Bathroom at City Park: Council Member Hall has already received reservations for pavilion at City Park, Restroom has already been cleaned, and invoice will be sent to city hall.
- Bertram/Linn County Speed Camera: Mayor Flaherty stated Linn County Sherriff will set up a radar speed detector.
- Mailbox Damage: Council Member Hall stated she needs the forms for Mailbox damages for Residents to fill out. One Resident could not make it tonight and feels the city is responsible for the full cost and repair, and wants the mailbox done.
 - Price makes motion to donate 4X4 and have city get a mailbox up to \$50 and install. MSB: Klimek. Aye: Hall, Klimek, Mulholland, Price, Unzeitig. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- Correspondence:
 - Council Member Price stated message has been sent to have barriers moved to reopen the bridge.
 - Council Member Mulholland Whose responsibility to maintain roads on other side of the bridge. Council member Price stated Linn County maintains the other side of the bridge.
 - Council Member Price stated he had heard about grants being revoked. He reached out to Bill Goldy and Reddit Garrett, Bill Goldy stated he has not heard, or any bridge or roadwork grants being revoked but will touch base with Linn County Supervisor. Wants to make certain the City of Bertram does not have any fiscal responsibility for the cost of bridge replacement. Stated the county will use county roads as much as possible. Council Member Unzeitig stated if the roads in Bertram are damaged by the process they expect Linn County to pay to fix the road. The council Member Mulholland is concerned about the traffic after the bridge is replaced.
 - Council Member Price would be requiring voluntary annexation for other side of bridge and wants Linn County to pay for Fringe Agreement.
- Open to the public:
 - Steph Vislisl: Wants to know what happens to the red bridge when it is replaced. Council Member Price stated they would like to give away to bike trial or other groups that have expressed interest.
 - Penny Kula: Wants to know about using Planning and Zoning as the Strategic Planning Committee. Mayor Flaherty stated the Strategic Planning Committee would help planning and zoning, anyone is welcome to join the Strategic Planning Committee. Fehr Graham does the grant writing for the city at no cost.
 - Penny Kula: Wants to know what brought people to Bertram. Council Member Price stated the house fit the requirements with an acreage. Mayor Flaherty stated the same. Council Member Klimek stated My wife, Roads not to busy, property taxes. Penny thanks the council for their Thankless job.
 - Darwin stated he hated gravel roads and was his main goal when he was Mayor to pave them.
- Hall Makes motion to adjourn. MSB: Klimek. Aye: Hall, Klimek, Mulholland, Price, Unzeitig. The motion passed by unanimous vote at 9:09 pm.

Raven Kuehl, City Clerk