

May 3, 2017

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00 PM at City Hall. Mayor James Drahos was present and presided at the meeting. Council members present were Steven Carpenter, Penny Kula, Robert Malone, William Mulholland, and Stephanie Vislisel.

The Linn County Sheriff was unable to attend.

Kula made motion to approve the minutes from the April Council Meeting. MSB (motion seconded by) Vislisel. None opposed, motion carried.

Malone made motion to accept and pay the following bills for May. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, motion carried.

<u>Warrant No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
185	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	60.75
186	Alliant Energy	Street Lights	418.64
187	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	19.11
188	Alliant Energy	High Point Park Electricity	20.21
189	Mediacom	Phone/Internet	158.87
190	Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun	Publication Fees for April	70.60
191	IPERS	Payroll benefits for Apr17	65.62
192	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll for April	916.45
193	Kluesner Construction Inc	Street cleaning	1,850.00
194	Casey's General Stores, Inc	Fuel for mower/equipment	48.12
195	VISA	Parts for Eqpt; Supplies for disc golf project	638.93
196	Taylor Construction, Inc	Ely St bridge Pmt #7, PW337	79,487.33
197	Hills Bank & Trust Co	Interest on Loan	6,056.95
198	Carlyle Bys	Building Inspection Fee	50.00
		Total Bills for Operating Account	89,861.58
W044	Alliant Energy	City Well Electricity	117.47
W045	Jared Vogeler	Operations for Apr17	300.00
W046	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing Apr17	12.50
		Total Bills for Water Account	429.97
		Total Bills for May	90,291.55

Carpenter made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2017 and to request the State Auditor's office to perform an annual examination of the City's records. MSB Kula. None opposed, motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	207,518.81	29,926.76	7,529.74	229,915.83	511,082.66	740,998.49
Road Use Tax	31,647.08	2,059.25	293.55	33,412.78		33,412.78
LOST	77,479.31	2,655.48	0.00	80,134.79		80,134.79
Building Fund	16,130.22	0.00	125.00	16,005.22		16,005.22
Capital Projects	108,346.49	0.00	9,548.00	98,798.49		98,798.49
Water	13,965.01	265.92	805.34	13,425.59		13,425.59
Total Clerk's Balance	455,086.92	34,907.41	18,301.63	471,692.70	511,082.66	982,775.36
Total Outstanding				0.00		
Total Bank Balance				471,692.70		

Malone made motion to pass Resolution No. R-2-2017 and R-3-2017, approving plats for Rozinek's first and second addition to Linn County. MSB Kula. None opposed, motion carried. **Resolution R-2-2017** is as follows: "WHEREAS, A PLAT OF ROZINEK'S FIRST ADDITION TO LINN COUNTY, IOWA containing three (3) lots, numbered Lot 1, Lot 2 and Lot A, all inclusive, has been filed with the City Clerk and after consideration of the same is found to be correct and in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Iowa, and the ordinances of the City of Bertram, in relation to Plat and Additions to Cities, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM, IOWA, that said plat and dedication of said Rozinek's First Addition to Linn County, Iowa, be and the same is hereby acknowledged and approved on the part of the City of Bertram, Iowa and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby directed to certify this resolution of approval and affix the same to said plat as by law provided." **Resolution R-3-2017** is as follows: "WHEREAS, A PLAT OF ROZINEK'S SECOND ADDITION TO LINN COUNTY, IOWA containing two (2) lots, numbered Lot 1 and Lot A, all inclusive, has been filed with the City Clerk and after consideration of the same is found to be correct and in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Iowa, and the ordinances of the City of Bertram, in relation to Plats and Additions to Cities, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM, IOWA, that said plat and dedication of said Rozinek's Second Addition to Linn County, Iowa, be and the same is hereby acknowledged and approved on the part of the City of Bertram, Iowa and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby directed to certify this resolution of approval and affix the same to said plat as by law provided."

Vislisel has been reviewing property lines and city right of way lines with Peter Conrad from Linn County. The property owners are responsible for maintaining their ground that also lies within the City right of way. However, the City maintains the right to maintain safety. City Clerk to work with web host to have Linn County GIS Portal website link added to the City's website.

Volunteers are wanted at High Point on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6 at 9am to help set forms and pour concrete for the disc golf tee boxes.

Rustic Ridge residents would like a "Watch for Children" sign added to their neighborhood at the top of the first hill before turning onto Blackberry. "No Parking" signs on Easy Alley next to the Township Hall are faded and need to be replaced. The "Deaf Child Area" sign can be removed from Green Street. The "Weight Limit 8 Tons" and "Narrow Bridge" signs can be removed from both sides of the Ely Street Bridge. New brown signs need to be ordered for the parks, and to identify the disc golf course and parking. Public Works employee and City Clerk to take inventory of all signage in need of replacement and submit a report to the Council for the next meeting.

The May 1st deadline for purchase of the property at 33 Ely Street has lapsed. Property owner noted demolition delays were on the part of the contractor, but believes demo can be completed by June 1st. City Attorney to be contacted to see about extending the terms of the contract, or entering into a new purchase agreement with an extended deadline.

Bridge Updates: Taylor Construction is scheduled to pour the final approach on Friday, May 5. UPRR will remove their temporary access road once their bridge project is complete, which will improve water drainage around the new Ely Street bridge.

Flagpole light is on all day long. It's possible it needs a new sensor, but a qualified electrician will need to inspect it.

City needs to check to make sure all street lights near Ely Street Bridge are functional.

DNR has issued a permit to the owner of property south of the Ely Street railroad tracks indicating there are no restrictions for building a home on the flood plain area. However, the City maintains final say on building permit issuance.

An external inspection was made at 200 Angle Street by representatives of the City Council and the Linn County Health Department. Repairs to the house and a total decluttering are recommended.

The Iowa League of Cities is hosting a Small City Workshop on May 30th in Springville. The topic of this year's workshop is cleaning up nuisance and vacant properties.

West Bertram Fire Department is hosting their annual fundraiser, a Pancake Breakfast, on Saturday, May 6, from 8a-11a at the Knights of Columbus.

City elections are coming soon, and information is available. Contact the City Clerk if interested in running for office.

City needs to provide electric bills to Mr. Russell for feasibility analysis for solar energy options.

Malone has the plate from the old Ely Street Bridge. Residents would like the plate placed on display either near the new bridge or at City Hall.

Candidate for Iowa House District 68, Scott Foens, was present for the second month to introduce himself to the community.

Malone made motion to adjourn. MSB Vislisel. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Lisa Berry
Clerk