

**April 5, 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.

Malone made motion to approve the minutes from the March Council Meeting and the March 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting. MSB (motion seconded by) Vislisel. None opposed, motion carried.

Kula made motion to accept and pay the following bills for April and to approve warrant no. 167 issued March 12 to pay the earnest money for previously approved purchase of 33 Ely Street.. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, motion carried.

<u>Warrant No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
168	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	61.21
169	Alliant Energy	Street Lights	474.22
170	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	17.56
171	Alliant Energy	High Point Park Electricity	18.65
172	Mediacom	Phone/Internet	158.81
173	Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun	Publication Fees for March	60.84
174	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll for March	296.03
175	IPERS	Payroll benefits for Mar17	174.55
176	United States Treasury	Federal Payroll Taxes Q1 2017	628.42
177	Treasurer, State of Iowa	State Withholding Taxes Q1 2017	60.00
178	Linn County Sheriff's Office	Police Services Oct16 thru Mar17	5,148.00
179	Chris Newitt	Annual Website Hosting	239.40
180	Linn County Treasurer	Big Creek Rd bridge inspection fee	190.00
181	City of Marion	Electrical inspections	125.00
182	Casey's General Stores, Inc	Fuel for City Truck	77.55
183	Taylor Construction, Inc	Ely St bridge Pmt #6, PW337	9,548.00
184	VISA	Parts for truck; Bulbs for High Point	118.08
		<b>Total Bills for Operating Account</b>	<b>17,396.32</b>
W038	Alliant Energy	City Well Electricity	125.41
W039	Jared Vogeler	Operations for Mar17	380.00
W040	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing Mar17	12.00
W041	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll for Mar17	45.00
W042	Treasurer, State of Iowa	Sales Tax Remittance Q1 2017	128.00
W043	VISA	Light fixture/ Bulbs for pump house	114.93
		<b>Total Bills for Water Account</b>	<b>805.34</b>
		<b>Total Bills for April</b>	<b>18,201.66</b>

Carpenter made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2017. MSB Vislisel. None opposed, motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	221,938.97	1,696.81	16,116.97	207,518.81	510,463.38	717,982.19
Road Use Tax	28,821.47	2,897.61	72.00	31,647.08		31,647.08
LOST	74,923.83	2,655.48	100.00	77,479.31		77,479.31
Building Fund	16,130.22	0.00	0.00	16,130.22		16,130.22
Capital Projects	108,346.49	0.00	0.00	108,346.49		108,346.49
Water	12,801.04	1,668.14	504.17	13,965.01		13,965.01
<b>Total Clerk's Balance</b>	<b>462,962.02</b>	<b>8,918.04</b>	<b>16,793.14</b>	<b>455,086.92</b>	<b>510,463.38</b>	<b>965,550.30</b>
Total Outstanding				747.99		
<b>Total Bank Balance</b>				<b>455,834.91</b>		

Ralph Russell was present to discuss solar energy options for the City of Bertram. There are a couple of options if the City wants to pursue solar energy options to meet City electricity needs. Option 1 would be to install solar energy system completely owned by the City. City would be responsible for bidding out the construction project and, once installed, would be responsible for all repairs and maintenance. A second option is to allow a third party to install the solar system and the City lease electricity from them. The third party would be responsible for repairs and maintenance. City Hall and the Pump House are the most likely candidates for solar energy. Mr. Russell will review utility bills for the past year for each facility to determine if solar is a viable option.

Street repair needs were discussed for Rustic Ridge. Mulholland to contact Kluesner Construction for a plan to correct issues with the roadway in this area. The City will need to trim back trees in the Rustic Ridge area. Branches are creating a canopy over the road. The intersection at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Angle Street also needs to be addressed. Vislisel is working with Peter Conrad about getting and updated City map with right of way areas marked.

**Bridge Updates:** Taylor Construction should begin work on the approaches within the next week or so. We can begin the reimbursement request process with the State. There is now a discrepancy regarding how much funding the State will offer for the bridge construction project. The City will need to meet with IHSEMD representative Jerald Ballanger to confirm details of funding.

Purchase agreement has been signed and earnest money paid for the property at 33 Ely Street. Current owner has until May 1<sup>st</sup> to complete clean-up of the property.

Ditch work is needed near 1365 Bertram Street. Resident cut down some overgrown brush and needs the City to pick up and dispose of the cut branches. Culvert at Four Oaks ditch needs to be inspected and cleaned out. Skylark ditches need heavier rock to minimize wash outs. Culvert at 201 Ely Street needs to be cleaned out.

Bertram UMC has been granted adoption of Bertram Street for roadside cleanup. A cleanup day will be scheduled for the fall.

On April 29, there is a workshop at Clark McCleod horse barn for prairie grass and pollinators.

Vislisel made motion to adjourn. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

**Lisa Berry**  
**Clerk**