

July 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 present at the meeting and provided the Council with the monthly report. Required hours: 26.0; actual hours recorded: 29.90; 12 calls for service.

Malone made motion to approve the minutes from the June Council Meeting and the Budget Amendment special meeting on June 28th. MSB Kula. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
001	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	51.76
002	Alliant Energy	Street Lights	444.09
003	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	21.67
004	Alliant Energy	High Point Park Electricity	21.80
005	Mediacom	Phone/Internet	158.87
006	Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun	Publication Fees for June	203.81
007	IPERS	Payroll benefits for Jun17	351.33
008	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll for June	846.06
009	United States Treasury	Payroll taxes Q2 2017	895.22
010	Treasurer, State of Iowa	Withholding taxes Q2 2017	60.00
011	Linn County Sheriff's Office	Police Protection Apr-Jun 2017	2,574.00
012	Iowa League of Cities	Annual Dues	317.00
013	Nazette, Marner, Nathanson, & Shea LLP	Attorney fees-Labor questions/RR agreement	1,075.00
014	VISA	Stamps	49.00
015	VISA	Supplies for city truck bed repair	88.47
016	Casey's General Stores, Inc	Fuel for truck, tractor, city eqpt	154.71
017	VISA	Trackhoe rental for ditch cleanout	351.00
018	Nazette, Marner, Nathanson, & Shea LLP	Attorney fees-33 Ely St purchase	1,400.00
019	City of Marion	Sand/salt for winter 2016-17	1,488.45
020	Dick's Tree Service	Tree removal: City park & street sides	3,030.00
		Total Bills for Operating Account	13,582.24
W001	Alliant Energy	City Well Electricity	100.19
W002	Jared Vogeler	Operations for Jun17	380.00
W003	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing Jun17	12.50
W004	Treasurer, State of Iowa	Sales Tax Q2 2017	127.00
W005	VISA	Stamps	49.00
W006	Iowa Dept of Natural Resources	Annual public water supply fee	25.00
		Total Bills for Water Account	693.69
		Total Bills for July	14,275.93

Vislisel made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending June 30, 2017. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	229,836.20	942.26	20,644.77	210,133.69	511,159.49	721,293.18
Road Use Tax	35,661.57	3,047.09	0.00	38,708.66		38,708.66
LOST	82,790.27	6,304.04	29,236.67	59,857.64		59,857.64
Building Fund	15,975.22	20.00	337.50	15,657.72		15,657.72
Capital Projects	160,177.48	11,151.45	200,924.34	(29,595.41)		(29,595.41)
Water	12,995.62	1,683.38	482.01	14,196.99		14,196.99
Total Clerk's Balance	537,436.36	23,148.22	251,625.29	308,959.29	511,159.49	820,118.78
Total Outstanding				950.74		
Total Bank Balance				309,910.03		

Bridge Updates: Waiting for final filing from VJ Engineering and FEMA approval. EMA to reimburse 10%, but not until final costs are compiled and we have reimbursement amounts from FEMA and IDOT. Silt fences will need to remain in place to dissolve naturally. City may mow a path to creek, but not before spring 2018.

The City Attorney's office was able to close on the property at 33 Ely Street. City to investigate funding options available for storm water runoff improvements. May need to install a culvert to access the back half of the property. Need "No Trespassing-City Property" signs.

Carpenter investigated alternate options for phone/internet coverage at City Hall. One option is US Cellular router/phone with metered data. Coverage would be slow during peak usage times. Costs are estimated at \$45-50 per month. Mediacom option for internet only is \$109 per month. Carpenter to continue investigating options.

Other discussion included getting a count of households inside city limits and methods to distribute animal ordinances to residents. There is an attempt in eastern Iowa to bulk buy solar energy systems for individual home owners.

Railroad crossing on Blaines Crossing has been repaired by the Railroad. Curb on NE corner of the square (across from Township Hall) is broken. Since damage was caused by Ely Street bridge contractors, Malone to contact VJ Engineering to see if they will fix it. Need a quote from Kluesner for estimated cost of repair.

There is a hole in the road in Rustic Ridge that needs to be patched. Since the damage occurred from utility work, Carpenter to contact Alliant Energy about repairing.

Owner of ground on Green Street plan to add a pollinization zone in the fall, and are working on excavating an area for glacial till.

SAVE THE DATE! The annual Homecoming celebration is scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 2017 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at City Park. The format will remain similar to last year: potluck-style for side dishes and desserts, kids' games/activities, music.

Carpenter made motion to adjourn. MSB Mulholland. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Lisa Berry
Clerk