

May 2, 2018

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 Steve Carpenter, Dave Hunt, Robert Malone, Nancy McBurney, and William Mulholland.

The Linn County Sheriff was present at the meeting and provided the Council with the monthly report. Required hours: 26.0; actual hours recorded: 53.0; 15 calls for service. More details about the shooting in Bertram on April 29th may be released once investigation is closed. The deputy explained the Sheriff's Office is responsible for enforcing criminal laws of the State of Iowa. The City is responsible for serving notices of infractions to City ordinances.

Hunt made motion to approve the minutes from the April 4th meeting, MSB Carpenter. None opposed, motion carried.

Malone made motion to allow City Clerk to apply all available funds from the FEMA checking account and apply against the loan. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, motion passed.

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

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
176	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	66.95
177	Alliant Energy	Street Lights	482.77
178	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	21.47
179	Alliant Energy	High Point Park Electricity	22.38
180	VOID		0.00
181	Verizon Wireless	Phone/Internet	95.14
182	Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun	Publication Fees for Apr	150.27
183	IPERS	Payroll Benefits for Apr	97.76
184	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll for Apr	566.53
185	Mary Mosiman, Auditor of State	Program Audit for DR4187, PW337	3,200.00
186	Mary Mosiman, Auditor of State	Annual Exam Fee	4,375.00
187	Hills Bank & Trust Co	Loan Interest Payment	3,677.43
188	Selective Insurance	Crime Fidelity Endorsement	959.00
189	Brown Plumbing Co	Repair leaking hydrant at High Point	168.00
190	VISA	Parts for mower	213.94
191	Casey's General Stores	Fuel for tractor, truck & power eqpt	181.90
192	Linn County Treasurer	Property taxes for 33 Ely Street	1,180.00
193	ABC Disposal Systems	Dumpster delivery for 33 Ely St clean up	50.00
		Total Bills for Operating Account	15,508.54
W041	Alliant Energy	City Well Electricity	135.23
W042	Jared Vogeler	Operations for Apr	300.00
W043	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing Apr	12.50
		Total Bills for Water Account	447.73
		Total Bills for April	15,956.27

Carpenter made motion to approve reclass entry JE-01 and Fund Transfer Requests #1, #2, and #3. MSB McBurney. None opposed, motion carried.

Mulholland made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the period ending April 30, 2018. MSB Carpenter. None opposed, motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	191,834.31	356,096.43	6,424.84	541,505.90	189,540.60	731,046.50
Road Use Tax	62,190.40	1,429.82	438.81	63,181.41		63,181.41
LOST	53,975.17	2,620.90	1,000.00	55,596.07		55,596.07
Building Fund	16,681.22	0.00	0.00	16,681.22		16,681.22
Capital Projects	(173,883.93)	0.00	0.00	(173,883.93)		(173,883.93)
Water	14,904.04	170.00	649.97	14,424.07		14,424.07
Total Clerk's Balance	165,701.21	360,317.15	8,513.62	517,504.74	189,540.60	707,045.34
Total Outstanding				18.61		
Total Bank Balance				517,523.35		

John Atkinson was present representing TruGreen Lawn Service. He submitted a proposal for weed control at City Park (approximately 3.5 acres) of \$1,700.00. This would consist of four applications per year and would help control ground ivies and thistle. The plan would include free service calls if product didn't work after initial application. There is a risk of seepage into the main well: TruGreen would have it tested as needed. Council decided to wait on weed control due to budget constraints and review again after the beginning of the next fiscal year.

UPRR has contracted with LL Pelling to complete repairs at the end of Skylark Dr in the next few weeks. Repairs to Ely Street bridge will be a complete closure of three road panels. Spalling on the bridge approach and linear cracks in the cement will be the responsibility of the City as we cannot prove how they occurred. It has been advised to repair the spalling now, but to let the cracks get bigger in order to adequately repair. Mayor Drahos received a quote of \$4,230 for the spalling repairs but should be less than \$3,000 since we can share costs of mobilization & traffic control with UPRR. Hunt made motion to authorize spalling repairs at the revised quote not to exceed \$4,000.00 while contractor is mobilized to complete UPRR's portion of repairs. MSB McBurney. None opposed, motion passed.

Chad Dummermuth worked a couple of weekends in April cleaning up the 33 Ely Street property. Scrap metal & tires were separated from other trash, which was placed in a dumpster. There are a couple of piles of brush that will need to be burned. Trees along south fence row (next to RR property) will need to be cut down instead of pulled out in order to avoid damaging any buried fiber optic lines.

2018 Bertram Homecoming, held at City Park, will be August 18th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will have a caricature artist, face painter, ice cream. Bertram UMC will provide meat/buns, while City residents will provide side dishes and desserts. Carpenter made motion that specific costs for Homecoming be covered by the City not to exceed \$500.00. MSB Malone. None opposed, motion carried.

Citywide town hall planning meeting is schedule for Wednesday, May 9th beginning at 6:00 pm. It will be open discussion of the City's direction and goals for the next five years. All residents are encouraged to attend.

A culvert is plugged on the south side of Timberlake entrance at Bertram Street. Jason Houghtaling to check the culvert and attempt to clean out. He will also work on cutting back brush growth on either side of the Timberlake entrance at Bertram Street to increase visibility in both directions.

Park restrooms need to be cleaned out. Mayor Drahos will be attending the Lower Cedar WMA meeting where they will be asking for cash contributions from cities to cover start up costs. The topic for small city workshops in June will be Strategically Investing in Your Community. Bridge funding offer from IDOT will be discussed further at the May 9th meeting.

A temporary injunction was filed for 200 Angle Street and served on April 28th a hearing is scheduled for May 25, 2018. Malone is trying to find a third-party contractor to inspect the property to determine what needs to be done, if anything, to make sure the house is structurally sound.

Residents are reminded that ATV's are not allowed on City streets unless there is a specific work-related purpose, and those operating them need to follow all traffic laws and have working lights on the machine.

Scott Foens was present and reminded us of the upcoming primary election on June 5th.

City needs to address the culvert at 2nd Street & Angle. The opening is smashed down and needs to be pried back open.

Malone made motion to adjourn. MSB Hunt. None opposed, meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Lisa Berry
Clerk