

December 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00pm virtually via Zoom/phone conference and in person at City Hall. Mayor Dave Hunt presided at the meeting. Council members present were Steve Carpenter, Kim Morahan, Bill Mulholland, Chris Price, and Margy Wilson.

Mulholland made motion to approve the agenda as posted. MSB Wilson. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Price, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public comment on agenda items: There was a question regarding Agenda Item 9 (Alger Resolution for Plat Approval). Mayor Hunt explained it was regarding a property outside the city limits but within the two-mile radius and was a property split.

Sheriff's Report: 50.8 hours; 1 call for service.

Price made motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Price, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Wilson made motion to accept and pay the following bills for December. MSB Mulholland. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Price, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
0094	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	48.34
0095	Alliant Energy	Streetlights	527.47
0096	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	20.40
0097	Alliant Energy	High Point Electricity	19.69
0098	Verizon Wireless	Phone/Internet	87.98
0099	Woodward Community Media	Publication Fees	96.46
0100	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll	281.43
0101	Douglas Kula	Payroll	209.13
0102	David Hunt	Payroll	369.04
0103	Steven Carpenter	Payroll	184.70
0104	Kimberly Morahan	Payroll	138.52
0105	William Mulholland	Payroll	184.70
0106	Christopher Price	Payroll	92.35
0107	Margy Wilson	Payroll	184.70
0108	Lisa Berry	Payroll	1,097.26
0109	Linn County Sheriff's Office	Police Services	2,886.00
0110	Thompson Consulting Services	Debris monitoring	34,846.45
0111	Quality Pest Control	City Hall pesticide services	64.20
0112	Linn County Clerk of Court	Court fees for nuisance abatement	40.00
		Total Bills for Operating Account	41,378.82
W0027	Alliant Energy/IPL	Pumphouse Electricity	111.28
W0028	Jared Vogeler	Operations	300.00
W0029	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water testing	12.50
		Total Bills for Water Account	423.78
		Total Bills for December	41,802.60

Mulholland made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ended Nov. 30, 2020. MSB Morahan. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Price, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	583,320.64	40,345.65	225,964.71	397,701.58	65,430.24	463,131.82
Road Use Tax	123,576.59	3,661.16	0.00	127,237.75		127,237.75
LOST	93,240.84	9,699.05	0.00	102,939.89		102,939.89
Building Fund	17,812.22	0.00	0.00	17,812.22		17,812.22
Park Renovation	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		100.00
Water	16,742.25	145.00	856.67	16,030.58		16,030.58
Total Clerk's Balance	834,792.54	53,850.86	226,821.38	661,822.02	65,430.24	727,252.26
Total Outstanding				2,933.02		
Total Bank Balance				664,755.04		

Mulholland made motion to approve vacation of a portion of road right-of-way described as follows: The West 33.00 feet of Parcel B, Plat of Survey No. 899 located in Section 33, Township 83 North, Range 6 West of the 5th P.M., Town of Bertram, Linn County, Iowa (GPN: 153310100200000). ALSO: The West 33.00 feet of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 83 North, Range 6 West of the 5th P.M., Town of Bertram, Linn County, Iowa except that part lying in said Parcel B, Plat of Survey No. 899. (GPN: 153317100200000). MSB Carpenter. Roll call vote: Mulholland-Aye; Morahan-Aye; Wilson-Aye; Price-Aye; Carpenter-Aye. **Resolution R-19-2020** passed.

Mulholland made motion to approve plat of Wilkey Second Addition to Linn County, Iowa, containing two lots numbered Lot 1 and Lot 2. MSB Carpenter. Roll call vote: Mulholland-Aye; Carpenter-Aye; Price-Aye; Morahan-Aye; Wilson-Aye. **Resolution R-20-2020** passed.

Wilson made motion to approve plat of Alger Homestead Addition to Linn County, Iowa, a Replat of Lot 1, Johnson's Second Addition containing two (2) lots, numbered Lot 1 containing 7.27 acres and Lot 2 containing 2.02 acres. MSB Morahan. Roll call vote: Mulholland-Aye; Morahan-Aye; Wilson-Aye; Price-Aye; Carpenter-Aye. **Resolution R-21-2020** passed.

Flagpole replacement should be covered by insurance of FEMA since it was on City property. Estimates of \$3500-\$5000 include a one-piece pole strong enough to withstand 120 mph winds and installation. In addition, we will need new lighting to illuminate both the City Hall sign and the flag. Three quotes were received, Mayor Hunt to send to Clerk. Wilson made motion to accept the quote from Nesper Signs not to exceed \$3900 for installation of a flagpole with additional clips for state flag. MSB Morahan. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Price, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Street signs have been installed and DOT grant reimbursement request has been submitted to IDOT.

The Annual Financial Report (AFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 was submitted to Council for review. No action needed.

Aug 10 Derecho Storm Updates:

- Debris piles have been measured by FEMA.
- The insurance adjuster is waiting of final engineering report before issuing their report.
- A damaged inventory report has been submitted to FEMA that included all known damages.
- FEMA will be conducting a site assessment of the damages on 12/3/20 at 9:00 am. Morahan to accompany the FEMA rep.
- City received an advance on insurance claim from EMC Insurance in the amount of \$30,000.
- Tennis court will need to be resurfaced as a result of storm damage. Council is interested in adding markings for pickleball. We will need quotes for resurface of the existing court, and a separate quote to add pickleball markings.
- Need to get quotes for fencing around pump house and other areas.
- Mayor Hunt to follow up with contractor regarding damages to parking lot at City Park.

Correspondence:

- Budget amendment required because of derecho expenditures. Public hearing date set for 12/21/20 at 6:00 pm.
- Two of Lower Cedar WMA's proposal for preliminary investigations were approved. Environmental assessments are tabled. Indian Creek/Big Creek are grouped together with a \$50,000 grant for prelim investigation. Carpenter to follow-up with Lower Cedar WMA for more information.
- City needs to formally approve a contract with ECICOG for Land Use Plan updates, which they will submit for January review. We need a list of residents to send out information-gathering letters for input from public. Will need to consider Zoom town hall meetings for additional resident input.
- Mayor Hunt to break the codification draft into smaller chapters for Council to review in upcoming meetings.
- Some residents have asked if they can continue to place storm debris on the existing piles of debris. Since debris monitoring service is no longer onsite, and ROW pick-up has ceased, City is unable to allow additional debris to be hauled to debris sites or we could risk losing FEMA reimbursement of costs. In agreement to NOT allowing residents to continue to haul debris to debris sites: Price, Morahan, Wilson, Carpenter. Opposed: Mulholland.

Open to Floor:

- Question regarding burning of debris. Council directed them to reach out to Linn County Public Health to acquire a burn permit.

Mulholland made motion to adjourn. MSB Price. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Price, Wilson. Nays: None. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Lisa Berry
Clerk