

January 6, 2021

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.

Price made motion to amend the posted agenda to add items 9a Codification. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Price, Wilson. Nays: None. Agenda amended.

Public comment on agenda items: None.

Sheriff's Report: 35.7 hours; 6 calls for service.

Wilson made motion to accept the minutes from the December meetings. MSB Price. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Price, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
0113	Alliant Energy	City Hall Electricity	53.39
0114	Alliant Energy	Streetlights	532.08
0115	Alliant Energy	City Park Electricity	22.51
0116	Alliant Energy	High Point Electricity	24.91
0117	Verizon Wireless	Phone/Internet	87.98
0118	Woodward Community Media	Publication Fees	272.09
0119	Jason Houghtaling	Payroll	145.89
0120	Sheldon King	Payroll	131.67
0121	Douglas Kula	Payroll	387.26
0122	IPERS	Retirement Benefits	360.45
0123	United States Treasury	Q4 Fed Payroll Taxes	571.58
0124	Treasurer, State of Iowa	Q4 State Withholding Tax	40.00
0125	Colony Heating & Air Conditioning	Furnace Repair	193.14
0126	Thompson Consulting Services	Debris monitoring expenses	497.76
0127	Thompson Consulting Services	Debris monitoring expenses	8,677.41
0128	Deluxe Checks	Checks for operating account	65.40
0129	Linn County Treasurer	Bridge inspections	480.00
0130	Nesper Sign Advertising, Inc	Deposit for flagpole replmt	1,990.60
0131	Casey's Business Mastercard	Fuel for city equipment	112.15
0132	VISA	Parts for tractor service	375.96
		Total Bills for Operating Account	15,022.23
W0030	Alliant Energy/IPL	Pumphouse Electricity	195.55
W0031	Jared Vogeler	Operations	380.00
W0032	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water testing	12.50
W0033	Treasurer, State of Iowa	Q4 Water Excise Tax	244.00
W0034	VISA	Postage	55.00
		Total Bills for Water Account	887.05
		Total Bills for January	15,909.28

Price made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ended Dec. 31, 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	397,701.58	6,951.38	41,778.49	362,874.47	65,430.24	428,304.71
Road Use Tax	127,237.75	3,605.59	0.00	130,843.34		130,843.34
LOST	102,939.89	3,506.34	0.00	106,446.23		106,446.23
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	16,030.58	2,616.90	423.78	18,223.70		18,223.70
Total Clerk's Balance	661,822.02	16,680.21	42,202.27	636,299.96	65,430.24	701,730.20
Total Outstanding				(260.95)		
Total Bank Balance				636,039.01		

Price made motion to accept contract with Linn County Sheriff for six hours per week at \$38/hour (up \$1/hour from prior year). MSB Carpenter. Roll call votes: Carpenter-Aye, Wilson-Aye, Mulholland-Aye, Morahan-Aye, Price-Aye. **Resolution R-01-2021** passed.

Motion to accept agreement with ECICOG to pursue land use plan updates not to exceed \$6,116. MSB Wilson. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Price, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried. Information has been submitted to ECICOG as well as distribution list to request public input.

Budget workshop planned for Jan 11th at 6pm. Proposed Tax Levy public hearing planned for Feb 3, 2021.

Codification: Section 3 reviewed by Council. Clarification/information requested regarding references to fairgrounds in fireworks ordinance; fire protection; drives & camping in parks; clauses regarding throwing and shooting in city limits.

Aug 10 Derecho Storm Updates:

- FEMA grant process is moving forward. They opened a separate project to report forced labor and equipment charges for cleanup (Category A), and would like to settle this portion soon.
- More grinding crews are now available under the state contract, so this part of cleanup should begin soon.

- EMC Insurance should be sending their punch list of repairs soon. They would like to settle on trees lost to the derecho now. We estimate 151 trees remain to be cleared or trimmed within 50 feet of insured structures. Wilson made motion to authorize Mayor Hunt to settle with the insurance company on \$1,000/tree, or \$151,000, to clear/trim 151 trees. MSB Mulholland. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Price, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- The entire fence surrounding the pump house will need to be removed and replaced.
- Repair status of city park pavilion is yet to be determined.

Correspondence:

- Mayor Hunt: Linn County EMA is considering accepting emergency sirens from Nextera Energy, which may mean responsibility for maintenance would transition to them.
- Carpenter: Lower Cedar WMA is meeting 1/21/2021 to discuss specifics for the exploratory grant.

Open to Floor:

- Questions from residents: Is City considering alternative energy options to cover utilities? Has City considered adding a community garden?
- Public Works department received praise for clearing roadways from the 12/29 storm.

Price made motion to adjourn. MSB Mulholland. Ayes: Carpenter, Morahan, Mulholland, Price, Wilson. Nays: None. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Lisa Berry, Clerk