

September 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the City of Bertram was held on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall. Mayor Dave Hunt presided at the meeting. Council members present were Steve Carpenter, Bill Mulholland, Margy Wilson, and Jim Unzeitig. Chris Price was absent.

Wilson made motion to approve the agenda. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson, Unzeitig. Nays: Price. Agenda approved.

Public comment on agenda items:
None

Sheriff's Report: 26.0 hours; 8 calls for service.

Mulholland made motion to accept the minutes from the 8/4 meeting and 8/11 public input session. MSB Unzeitig. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson, Unzeitig. Nays: Price. Motion approved.

Mulholland made motion to accept and pay the following bills for September. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson, Unzeitig. Nays: Price. Motion approved.

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
0259	Alliant Energy/IPL	City Hall electricity	68.32
0260	Alliant Energy/IPL	Street Lights	569.41
0261	Alliant Energy/IPL	City Park Electricity	28.61
0262	Alliant Energy/IPS	High Point Electricity	21.11
0263	Verizon Wireless	Phone/Internet	88.14
0264	Woodward Community Media	Publication Fees	114.45
0265	IPERS	Retirement Benefits	35.39
0266	Sheldon King	Payroll	15.49
0267	Douglas Kula	Payroll	100.69
0268	Anthony Vislisel	Payroll	417.62
0269	David Hunt	Payroll	461.30
0270	Steven Carpenter	Payroll	230.87
0271	William Mulholland	Payroll	230.87
0272	Christopher Price	Payroll	230.87
0273	James Unzeitig	Payroll	138.52
0274	Margy Wilson	Payroll	184.70
0275	Lisa Berry	Payroll	1,097.26
0276	Tennis Services of Iowa	Resurface tennis court (derecho)	7,670.00
0277	ECICOG	Comprehensive Plan Administration	1,007.50
0278	ECICOG	Comprehensive Plan Administration	1,592.50
0279	Anthony Vislisel	Reimbursement: Fuel for City eqpt	120.71
0280	Christopher Price	Reimbursement: Lumber for big chair	20.31
		Total Bills for Operating Account	14,444.64
W0064	Alliant Energy/IPL	Pump house electricity	146.70
W0065	Jared Vogeler	Operations	300.00
W0066	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing, Well #1	165.00
W0067	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing	12.80
		Total Bills for Water Account	624.50
		Total Bills for September	15,069.14

Wilson made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ended August 31, 2021. MSB Mulholland. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson, Unzeitig. Nays: Price. Motion approved.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	480,640.63	88.49	5,131.76	475,597.36	0.00	475,597.36
Road Use Tax	153,531.67	2,731.40	0.00	156,263.07		156,263.07
LOST	129,187.75	3,985.97	0.00	133,173.72		133,173.72
Building Fund	17,812.22	0.00	0.00	17,812.22		17,812.22
Park Renovation	5,100.00	0.00	0.00	5,100.00		5,100.00
ARP Fund	0.00	21,608.43	0.00	21,608.43		21,608.43
Water	15,981.08	121.79	484.24	15,618.63		15,618.63
Total Clerk's Balance	802,253.35	28,536.08	5,616.00	825,173.43	0.00	825,173.43
Total Outstanding				9,474.59		
Total Bank Balance				834,648.02		

Mulholland made motion to approve Holman's First Addition containing three lots numbered Lot 1 (11.86 acres), Lot 2 (18.59 acres) and lettered Lot A (1.21 acres). MSB Wilson. Unzeitig-Aye, Mulholland-Aye, Carpenter-Aye, Wilson-Aye, Price-Nay. Resolution R-10-2021 adopted. WHEREAS, A PLAT OF HOLMANS ROAD FIRST ADDITION TO LINN COUNTY, IOWA containing three (3) lots, numbered Lot 1, Lot 2 and lettered Lot A, has been filed with the City Clerk and after consideration of the same is found to be correct and in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Iowa, and the ordinances of the City of Bertram, in relation to Plats and Additions to Cities, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BERTRAM, IOWA, that said plat and dedication of said Holmans Road First Addition to Linn County, Iowa, be and the same is hereby acknowledged and approved on the part of the City of Bertram, Iowa and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby directed to certify this resolution of approval and affix the same to said plat as by law provided.

Mulholland made motion to approve zoning request for new building at 201 Ely Street. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson, Unzeitig. Nays: Price. Motion approved.

Need to find a new employee or contractor to handle snow removal in the winter.

City received two quotes for repairs to Green St: (1) Kluesner Construction for \$1100 to saw the edges and remove old material, prep and compact base, and replace with 6 inches of asphalt; (2) Asphalt Restoration Solutions for \$600 to heat up a 4x6 foot area, remove contaminated material and add a 12 inch asphalt base. Wilson made motion to accept the bid from Asphalt Restoration Solutions for \$600. MSB Unzeitig. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson, Unzeitig. Nays: Price. Motion approved.

Park Updates:

Wilson submitted a second grant request to UPRR for up to \$25,000 to install restrooms. Grant awardees should be announced in September. We have concrete square slabs for the base of the big chair; we need volunteers to help with site prep. Wilson to check with insurance company on what kind of fall protection is required underneath it. Pavilion repair can be resubmitted for quotes. Short term plans are to create play tunnels with the large tile pieces and to work on a natural playground area.

Comprehensive Plan Update:

ECICOG is working on the draft plan and hopes to have it ready for the October meeting.

City needs to get an analysis of ADA non compliances and draft a plan to correct. Unzeitig will gather more information and proposals for such a review.

Workshop is scheduled for Monday September 13, 2021, at 6:00pm at City Hall.

Correspondence:

- Mayor Hunt reported that Linn County EMA is accepting all emergency sirens from the Duane Arnold plant and has negotiated a maintenance agreement of all sirens across the county. Linn County will pay out of their budget. We will no longer need to contract with Frontline Warning Systems. We also discovered that our siren was not on AC power for the 9/1 monthly test as it was wired on the same circuit as some of the wall outlets in the shop that were temporarily disconnected due to repairs to the shop. City to rewire so siren is on a designated circuit.
- Linn County would like to amend our existing 28E agreement for resurfacing shared roads such that any routine maintenance/repairs under \$5000 can be completed without our approval. Council had no concerns with the proposal but would like City Attorney to review to ensure that it will not impact the City unfairly.
- Country Arborists was selected to remove the dead trees in Rustic Ridge right of way for \$3,220.70. Removal is scheduled for September 23rd.

Open to Floor:

- Residents across street from where feral cats are being fed went to the health department because the smell of urine is really bad and affecting several areas of the neighborhood. They want the City to enforce the nuisance ordinance, but City Attorney has reviewed and doesn't think it applies because they are wild animals.
- Resident at 201 Ely Street is wondering if City has plans to vacate any easements and alleyways. City has to proceed cautiously to ensure there is no future needs, especially with storm water needs under review.

Mulholland made motion to adjourn. MSB Wilson. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Wilson, Unzeitig. Nays: Price. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Lisa Berry, Clerk