

November 3, 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, Chris Price, Margy Wilson, and Jim Unzeitig.

Price made motion to approve the agenda with one amendment: Item #11 Linn County Solid Waste Agency Forward 2044 moved up after Item #6 Treasurer's Report. MSB Unzeitig. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Price, Unzeitig, Wilson. Nays: None. Agenda amended and approved.

Public comment on agenda items: None.

Sheriff's Report: 26.0 hours; 4 calls for service.

Wilson made motion to accept the minutes from the 10/6 meeting. MSB Price. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Price, Unzeitig, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Price made motion to accept and pay the following bills for November. MSB Carpenter. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Price, Unzeitig, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Warrant No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
0299	Alliant Energy/IPL	City Hall electricity	43.52
0300	Alliant Energy/IPL	Street Lights	568.63
0301	Alliant Energy/IPL	City Park Electricity	22.15
0302	Alliant Energy/IPL	High Point Electricity	21.80
0303	Verizon Wireless	Phone/Internet	87.90
0304	Woodward Community Media	Publication Fees	206.78
0305	IPERS	Retirement Benefits	54.51
0306	Douglas Kula	Payroll	131.67
0307	Anthony Vislisel	Payroll	298.21
0308	Bradley Vislisel	Payroll	23.09
0309	Asphalt Restoration Solutions	Street Repairs	600.00
0310	Kluesner Construction, Inc	Park entrance repair	1,183.00
0311	Douglas Kula	Reimbursement: Fuel; light for city hall	162.94
0312	Anthony Vislisel	Reimbursement: Parts for city truck	111.38
0313	VISA	Budget workshop	50.00
0314	Madsen Custom Homes, Inc	Park pavilion repairs	12,646.56
		Total Bills for Operating Account	16,212.14
W0072	Alliant Energy/IPL	Pump house electricity	154.97
W0073	Jared Vogeler	Operations	300.00
W0074	Keystone Laboratories, Inc	Water Testing	12.80
W0075	VISA	Postage	118.00
W0076	Brown Well Pump Service Inc	Repair leaking water pipe	1,563.00
		Total Bills for Water Account	2,148.77
		Total Bills for November	18,360.91

Carpenter made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ended Oct. 31, 2021. MSB Price. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Price, Unzeitig, Wilson. Nays: None. Motion approved.

	Beg Fund Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	End Fund Balance	Investments	Total Fund Balance
General	462,894.09	28,519.09	10,971.53	480,441.65	0.00	480,441.65
Road Use Tax	160,738.82	2,988.17	0.00	163,726.99		163,726.99
LOST	136,340.60	3,166.87	0.00	139,507.47		139,507.47
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	21,608.43	0.00	0.00	21,608.43		21,608.43
Water	17,462.32	386.15	691.44	17,157.03		17,157.03
Total Clerk's Balance	821,956.48	35,060.28	11,662.97	845,353.79	0.00	845,353.79
Total Outstanding				275.58		
Total Bank Balance				845,629.37		

Linn County Solid Waste Agency is beginning the process of finding a location for a new landfill. They are working with an engineering firm to determine best practices and new technologies for the new landfill. Based on current capacity and average waste hauling metrics, the existing sites will fill up by mid-2044. All information and updates are available on their website: <https://www.solidwasteagency.org>.

1221 2nd Street had a building permit open for two years to build a new garage, but have not been able to complete the project. They are unable to renew the permit again and the County cannot issue one because part of the building is on a city easement. P&Z Committee has recommended that the Council vacate the easement (property owner owns all surrounding parcels). Home owner to get abstract to City Attorney to review to make sure there the Assessor's Office didn't miss something. City to pursue vacation of the easement, if necessary.

There are three additional trees in the ROW in Rustic Ridge that need to be trimmed. There may be more on Skylark. Council chose to table conversation until Item #12 Pump House Trees Outside the Fence.

Caraways were asked by Price to bring a proposal before the Council of regarding the roadway in front of Lots 16 & 17 of Rustic Ridge. They were unable to attend the meeting. Item tabled.

Wilson was able to obtain only one quote for a larger LP tank for the pump house. The quote was from Linn Co-Op for a 1000-gallon tank for \$4,375 plus \$100 each for first and second stage regulators and \$4.00/foot of trench (if needed). Wilson to check on options of plumbing in a second smaller tank in tandem with existing tank. No action at this time.

One quote was received from Country Arborists to remove four large and eleven small trees outside the fence at the pump house for \$8,474.40. Wilson is trying to get the cost of the four large trees itemized and have city employees take down the small trees. Item tabled until December meeting.

No new quotes received for pump house fence replacement. Need to solicit three comparable quotes for fence replacement and haul away of old fencing.

Unzeitig received a quote from WT Group for \$9,001 to perform and audit and provide a barrier removal plan to meet ADA requirements in City facilities. Council questioned whether or not there are grant options available. Tabled until December meeting.

Correspondence:

Iowa League of Cities has workshop for elected officials on December 11 in Cedar Rapids.

Contract opened with Wendling Quarries to get sand.

The blue truck has damaged frame and needs to be repaired. This truck cannot be used for sanding streets until fixed.

Lower Cedar WMA meeting is December 9.

Open to Floor:

Residents who wish to burn leaves must contact Linn County Health Department to obtain a burn permit.

There are tree limbs hanging over 2nd Street across from the park.

Mulholland made motion to adjourn. MSB Price. Ayes: Carpenter, Mulholland, Price, Unzeitig, Wilson. Nays: None. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Lisa Berry, Clerk