

CITY OF BALATON  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 23, 2025, at 6PM

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1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Special City Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Monday, April 23, 2025, by Lonnie Lambertus.

2) **ROLL CALL:**

- **Present:** Mayor Lonnie Lambertus, Council Members: Greg Erickson, Scott Wood, Dylan Fricke, Kimberly Wall-Clerk/Treasurer, Josh Torgeson-Public Works and Michael Wall

3) **Capital Outlay Discussions**

- Lonnie Lambertus informed the council that Darci is present for better clarification of how the capital outlay funds are to be used and how to designate those funds from year to year. Darci advised most cities to list capital outlay with an idea of what the city will be using it for during that budgeted year. Darci informed the council that the city's general fund should only have three (3) to six (6) months of spending and Balaton currently has six and a half (6.5) months of spending. There is approximately five thousand (\$5,000) in committed funds (donations) that have not been spent as well as not using the bridges and roads funds that was granted by the state in 2024. The cash balance from 2020 to current has increased by eight hundred and seven thousand dollars (\$870,000). Most of the cash that the City of Balaton is in the sewer fund (five hundred and sixteen dollars \$516,000), which is normal. Darci said all capital outlay that is budgeted for should be earmarked. Darci informed the council that there are two CDs that have not been earmarked and should be by resolution.

Greg Erickson asked Darci if they levy for capital outlay, can the city use the CDs for streets that are not budgeted – Darci advised yes because the two CDs have not been earmarked for anything specific. Cash balance in the general fund (currently, including CDs) is nine hundred and thirty-four thousand (\$934,000). EDA is at one hundred and thirteen thousand (\$113,000) with the debt service at seventy-six thousand.

Lonnie asked if they used the CD valued at one hundred and forty-five dollars (\$145,000) to pay off the fire truck lease, Darci advised that is an option the City of Balaton could do. Darci advised it's better to use the cash in the CDs.

Kasey asked about the five-to-ten-year plan. Kasey requested a starting balance to start his five-to-ten-year plan to purchase trucks in the future. Darci informed Kasey that the council should be making larger transfers verses the thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) they have been making, fifty (\$50,000 or more). Darci also informed the council that there are low interest rates through USDA for fire trucks. Kasey informed Darci that he spoke with the Tracy Fire Department about their five-to-ten-year plan and would like to adopt the same concept for the Balaton Fire Department. Darci informed the council that fire ran into the negative at the end of year due to training, increase of training and repairs (repairs increased by ten thousand (\$10,000).

Darci informed the council that they should wait to put unused capital outlay funds into CD's or savings until after the audit and journal entries have been completed.

Lonnie spoke about the thirty thousand (\$30,000) from the loan from the EDA (roofing) that Darci asked about. Greg explained that they received those dollars in the sale of the building. Capital Outlay Balance. Darci informed the council that a five thousand (\$5,000) limit is high and will need to keep an extra schedule for items under five thousand, especially for insurance purposes. Discussion was brought up to either do separate or project for capital outlay, no decision was made at this time. She also suggested projects are done by location.

- **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Greg Erickson and seconded Dylan Fricke. Motion carried by all present. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

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Kimberly Wall / Clerk-Treasurer

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Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor