

CITY OF BALATON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 12, 2025, 2025 - 7pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 7pm on Monday May 12, 2025, by Mayor Lonnie Lambertus
- 2) **ROLL CALL**
 - a) **Present:** Lonnie Lambertus, Council Members: Dylan Fricke, Tracy McCloud, Greg Erickson, Curt Paradis
 - b) **Absent:** None
 - c) **Also Present:** Lyon County Sheriff's Department, Kimberly Wall-Clerk/Treasurer, Kaey Holm-Fire Department, Matt Gross-Attorney.
- 3) **APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve the minutes of the April Meetings on April 07, April 14, April 21 and April 25, 2025. Motion carried by all present.
- 4) **FINANCIALS:**

No questions or corrections. A motion was made by Tracy McCloud and seconded by Curt Paradis to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried by all present.
- 5) **REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Nothing
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** - None
- 7) **REPORTS – OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES**
 - a) **Water/Sewer/Garbage Delinquent Accounts**
 - 1) The clerk informed the council that shut offs are scheduled for May 13, 2025.
 - b) **City Personnel** - Employee Hours YTD – Nothing
 - c) **Public Works:** Nothing
 - d) **Zoning:** Nothing
 - e) **EDA:** Greg Erickson advised the council that there are vacancies on the EDA board. Tracy McCloud informed the council that someone has asked him how the transfer of thirty thousand (\$30,000) from the city is spent. Lonnie advised that the EDA spends funds on grants, advertising, paying the director. Greg Erickson also reported that they are looking into different programs including demolition (helping people with nuisance properties). Tara Onken advised the EDA council that she would stay on as the EDA director until they have found someone. As of now, they are short two members aside from looking for a new director.
 - f) **Lyon County Sheriff Department**
 - 1) The Lyon County Sheriff Department Officer handed out the April 2025 incident report. He stated that it was a slow April, calls are down. Curt Paradis asked the sheriff to watch for young kids driving golf carts and permits. Problem areas are at the football and softball fields on Maple Street, Golf Cart Bridge and the Balaton One Stop.
 - g) **Liquor Store**
 - 1) April revenue not updated in packet. Nicole is working on numbers from TOAST.
 - 2) The large cooler has been installed. Tracy McCloud informed the council that Josh is asking that the council surplus the old cooler so A/Z Recycling can pick it up on May 19, 2025. A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Tracy McCloud to surplus old cooler and have AZ Recycling pick up May 19, 2025.
 - h) **Community Center:** n/a
 - i) **Fire/Ambulance Department:**
 - 1) A motion was made by Tracy McCloud and seconded by Greg Erickson to approve Ambulance Ride Along. Motion carried by all present.
 - 2) Kasey informed the council that he would like to surplus the old ambulance bay door. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Curt Paradis to surplus the old ambulance bay door. Motion carried by all present.
 - 3) 604 (Grass Rig) is down and has been out of service for the past ten (10) days, the transmission is completely out of it. The grass rig is at SR Auto Repair Garage to be repaired (rebuild the transmission). Kasey informed the council that they can no longer purchase a transmission for older trucks. After the transmission is fixed, the truck should last another ten to twelve (10-12) years. The approximate repair cost is around six thousand dollars (\$6,000).
 - j) **Nuisance:**
 - 1) Parcel 21-118004-8 – A complaint was received regarding the safety of abandoned property. Matt Gross also informed the council that they could start the nuisance abatement process. Matt also suggested reaching out to Jason Kloss and getting an assessment of the property and options for the city. The council agreed to reach out to Jason Kloss for an assessment and will review at the June council meeting. Greg Erickson reminded the council that the EDA has money to help with demolition and it's their goal to clean up some of the properties in Balaton as well as the funds that were budgeted (nuisance).
- 8) **Resolutions**
 - a) **2025-14**
- 9) **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a) Borchert Challenge Fund(s) \$3,000 to go toward the purchase of the new pier. The council agreed that they would reach out to Brad Knudson and the entire committee and asked if they would like to put the funds toward the new pier. Greg Erickson volunteered to call the Borchert Challenge Committee. No decision made at this time.
 - b) American Legion Bingo at the Community Center starting September 11, 2025 (every other Thursday). A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Tracy McCloud to allow the Balaton American Legion Post 237 to utilize the community center for bingo (fall of 2025/spring of 2026). Motion carried by all present.

- c) Balaton Golf Course: Dylan Fricke requested Lake Yankton Ave (from Spink Lake Ave, stop sign, going west to Victory Church driveway) be closed May 14, 2025, and then starting June 11, it will be every other Wednesday through September 2025 for roll ins/tractor show. A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Greg Erickson to approve road closures on the abovementioned dates. Motion carried by Lonnie Lambertus and Tracy McCloud. Dylan Fricke abstained from voting.
- d) Clerk/Treasurer wage adjustment. A motion was made by Tracy McCloud and seconded by Greg Erickson to increase Clerk/Treasurer wage to twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) and hour. Motion carried by all present.
- e) Deputy Clerk – A motion was made by Tracy McCloud and seconded by Curt Paradis to approve Jody Kruger as the new Deputy Clerk. Deputy Clerk starting wage will be eighteen dollars (\$18.00). The position will be 20-24 hours a week. Starting date May 13, 2025. Motion carried by all present.
- f) Renew CD 200924880 Current Balance \$148,815.35. A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Greg Erickson to renew CD at 3.95% for seven (7) months. Motion carried by all present.
- g) Renew CD 200929048 Current Balance \$10,479.24 (snowplow). A motion made by the council to not renew CD and move the \$10,479.24 into general savings until they speak with public works.

10) Resolutions:

- a) 2025-14 Resolution accepting funds to the City of Balaton
 - 1) A motion was made by Dylan and seconded by Curt Paradis to accept the funds from MN State Grant-Small Assist for Roads and Bridges. Motion carried by all present.
- b) 2025-15 A Resolution Increasing Capital Outlay Account Balance
 - 1) Matt Gross explained to the council that the resolution that was made in October of 2024 needs to be a formal resolution. A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Tracy McCloud to accept the \$5,000 capital outlay balance. Motion carried by all present.
- c) 2025-16 A Resolution Establishing Capital Outlay Balance Limit
 - 1) The council discussed lowering the capital outlay balance to \$1,000 and over. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to rescind the motion made on October 14, 2024. A second motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to reduce the capital outlay from \$5,000 to \$1,000. Motion was carried by all present.
- d) 2025-17 Resolution Major Funds
 - 1) A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Tracy McCloud to move Fire and Ambulance as major funds. Motion carried by all present.

11) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

12) **MISCELLANEOUS:** None

13) **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Greg Erickson. Motion was carried by all present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Kimberly Wall, City Clerk-Treasurer

Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor