

CITY OF BALATON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
July 08, 2024, 7pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 7pm on Monday July 08, 2024, by Mayor Lonnie Lambertus
- 2) **ROLL CALL**
- a) **Present:** Lonnie Lambertus, Council Members: Dylan Fricke, Scott Wood, Greg Erickson, Curt Paradis
- b) **Absent:** None
- c) **Also Present:** Lyon County Sheriff's Department-Adam Connor, Kasey Holm-Fire Chief, Kimberly Wall-Clerk/Treasurer, Theresa Zaske, Tracy McCloud, Sophie Gaul and Jamie Bauleke.
- 3) **APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 10, 2024.
- 4) **FINANCIALS:**
- No questions or corrections. A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried by all present.
- 5) **REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD -None**
- 7) **REPORTS – OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES**
- a) **Water/Sewer/Garbage Delinquent Accounts**
- 1) A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Scott Wood to write off debt of three-hundred twenty-eight dollars and thirty-six cents (\$328.36) for parcel number 21-023001-3. Per Matt Gross, unable to assess taxes as the house was sold to a new owner. Motion was carried by all present.
- b) **City Personnel - Employee Hours YTD – Nothing**
- c) **Public Works: Nothing**
- d) **EDA –Nothing**
- e) **Lyon County Sheriff Department**
- 1) Adam Connor informed the council that there were forty-eight (48) incidents which occurred in the month of June. Incident numbers are up from previous months however he pointed out that ten (10) incidents were ambulance runs. Lake Yankton was under a no wake zone over the weekend, however it has since been lifted. The council discussed the proposed contract over the next three (3) years. The contract would be 3.5% increase for 2025 (\$79,385.40), 3.75% increase for 2026 (\$82,339.20) and 4% increase for 2027 (85,636.80).
- f) **Liquor Store:**
- 1) Scott Wood informed the council that the Point of Sales representatives have not gotten back to Jessica yet.
- g) **Community Center – Nothing.**
- h) **Fire/Ambulance Department**
- 1) Kasey Holm informed the council he spoke with Lonnie about the Armer Radio Grant and that they paid Karen Anderson five hundred (500) dollars to write the grant. Funds used from the fire/ambulance radio budget.
- 2) Kasey Holm informed the council that the Chester Johnson Trust donated ten thousand (10,000) dollars to the Balaton Ambulance. Kasey said they have no project for the ambulance and would like the donation of ten thousand be added to the existing four thousand (\$4000) CD. Scott Wood asked if the \$10,000 was earmarked for anything, Kasey informed him that it was not. The council agreed to add the \$10,000 to the existing Ambulance CD (CD1124).
- i) **Nuisance:** The clerk informed the council that nuisance and weed letters have been mailed out. Matt Gross informed the council that for those properties that did not comply (nuisance violation letter), a letter will need to be sent to notify the resident that the property is still not in compliance to include the time/date/location of the next council meeting. If the property is not cleaned up by then, the council will need to pass a resolution ordering the property owner to correct the issue with a time frame-this order would need to be personally served upon the property owner. After the deadline has passed and the property has not been corrected, the council would need to file with the district court to obtain an order authorizing the city to enter the property and correct the conditions. These costs can be assessed to the property's real estate taxes. Matt Gross also suggested speaking with the resident to get consent to access the property which would then need a written consent from the resident to assist with city code violations. Lonnie mentioned that there were groups that cleaned up two properties.
- 8) **Resolutions:**
- 1) Resolution 2024-22 A Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-24 (SWIF Donation for Knudson-Bosley Park)
- (i) A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Greg Erickson to accept the amendment for the Knudson-Bosley Park project – for any remainder project funds to be used for maintenance and or upgrades at the same park. Motion was carried by all present.
- 2) Resolution 2024-23 Resolution Establishing the Golf Bridge Repair Account. A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Greg Erickson to approve golf cart permit money to be committed to the golf cart bridge repairs. Motion carried by all present.
- 9) **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a) Renew CD#1124 (Ambulance-current balance \$4,099.37) –Kasey Holm requested that the funds of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) donated from the Chester Johnson Trust be added to the CD to be renewed on July 22, 2024. A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Scott Wood to renew the ambulance CD for seven (7) months at 4.42% and include the donation of ten thousand dollars in the same CD. Motion carried by all present.
- b) Renew CD#1128 (Snow-current balance \$10,135.67) A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Greg Erickson to renew the CD for three (3) months at 1.5%. Motion carried by all present.
- c) Cenex and Harvest States (CHS) Clerk informed council summer fill cost is one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50). Current tanks are as follows: City Hall is 28% full, City Shop is 31% full, Generator tank is full, Liquor store is 29% full, Police shop tank is full, Fire Hall is 54% full. A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Scott Wood to approve the summer fill at \$1.50/gallon. CHS advised that all tanks that are 60% or less, will be topped off at Motion carried by all present. The winter month contract will be \$1.65/gallon. The council requested that the city clerk call and ask if there is left over fuel and how much to determine how much they will need to contract for 2024-2025 winter months.

## 10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Greg Erickson asked Jamie if she's requesting a lower rate to rent the community center for karate classes. Jamie informed the council that she would like to rent the center out for twenty dollars (\$20) per session and seventy-five dollars (\$75) is understandable for tournaments. Greg Erickson informed Jamie that the council set rates at the beginning of the year and is afraid that if they start changing the rates, they will have everyone will be asking for different rates. Greg suggested that the rates should stay as per the rate schedule. Jamie asked why rates went up, Greg informed her that the rates were increased to cover the community center expenses. Scott Wood agreed with Greg and pointed out that the cost of cleanup alone is more than what the city pays the cleaning personnel to clean up. Curt Paradis stated that changing the pricing would not be in the best interest of the city. Theresa Zaske (BACF) told the council that she would like the same rate if they are willing to lower for nonprofit functions. Greg and Lonnie clarified (to Theresa) that the rates would stay the same for everyone at seventy-five dollars (\$75). Lonnie asked Jamie how much she would feel comfortable paying, Jamie advised twenty dollars a month. She said that rent is eighty (80) percent of her income and is having to pay for belts out of her own pocket. She charges twenty-five (25) dollars a month per child and has ten (10) to twelve (12) active students. Scott and Greg discussed who would qualify if they were to provide a cheaper rate and where would the cutoff be. Dylan Fricke questioned if they could do something different for non-profits. Lonnie suggested that the discussion be tabled until August agenda, council agreed. No decision was made at this time. Matt Gross advised that they were to change any rates, they would need a resolution to modify the Fee Schedule.

- b) Special Use Permit – the council made the decision to keep the special use permit at three hundred (\$300.00).

## 11) MISCELLANEOUS: nothing

- 12) ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Greg Erickson. Motion was carried by all present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.



Kimberly Wall, City Clerk-Treasurer



Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor