

CITY OF BALATON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 14, 2025, at 7pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 7pm on Monday July 14, 2025, by Mayor Lonnie Lambertus
- 2) **ROLL CALL**
 - a) **Present:** Lonnie Lambertus, Council Members:, Tracy McCloud, Greg Erickson,
 - b) **Absent:** Dylan Fricke, Curt Paradis
 - c) **Also Present:** Adam Conner - Lyon County Sheriff's Department, Kimberly Wall-Clerk/Treasurer, Kasey Holm-Fire Department, Matt Gross-Attorney, Sophia Gaul-Above the Fold, Jacob Hively – Ambulance, Ashley Haraldson – Balaton Liquor, Lonny Johnson, Mitch Hurst - Balaton Public Works, Lisa Cain, Shelly Gillinham, Amy, Rancy Miller, Reed Lange, Travis Erickson, Talyor Onken, Penni Spald, Tara Onken – Balaton EDA, Rhett Lange, , Mike Wall, Chris Wall,
- 3) **APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Tracy McCloud to approve the minutes on June 9, 2025 (regular meeting and closed meeting). Motion carried by all present.
- 4) **FINANCIALS:**
 - (a) Audit Bills, claims & Demands: No questions or corrections. A motion was made by Tracy McCloud and seconded by Greg Erickson to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried by all present.
- 5) **REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Nothing.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – 3 minute limit**
 - a) Shelly and Amy – comment on concerns with the accusations regarding Kim Wall – City Clerk / Treasurer and integrity of the City Council
- 7) **REPORTS – OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES**
 - a) **Water/Sewer/Garbage Delinquent Accounts:** Committee ok'd an 3 week extension on account #01-00000430-00-8 as they are working with United Community Action for payment.
 - b) **City Personnel** - Employee Hours YTD – Nothing
 - c) **Public Works:** n/a
 - d) **Zoning:** n/a
 - e) **EDA:** Tara is working with a resident to acquire a property and demolish the buildings, should be moving in the next week or so.
 - f) **Lyon County Sheriff Department**
 - 1) The Lyon County Sheriff Department Officer handed out the June 2025 incident report. FunFest was good from their stand point.
 - g) **Liquor Store**
 - 1) Reported on the sales during FunFest and updates.
 - 2) Ashley asked about the \$0.50 raised that should have been given in May after her probationary period and if it will be back dated to May – council commented yes is should have been.
 - 3) Concerns on Paychecks – ACH previously was done on Monday and deposit was on Monday and now it is on Tuesday. Council Members clarified that ACH payments are credited to the accounts a day after and not same day.
 - 4) US Card Systems – Contract Buy Out – waiting for more information.
 - 5) Vet Run – few issues with the fireworks going off
 - 6) Toys for Tots coming up
 - h) **Community Center:** n/a
 - i) **Fire/Ambulance Department:**
 - 1) Motion was made by Greg Erickson and second by Tracy McCloud to accept the retirement letter from Josh Chandler. Motion carried by all present
 - 2) Motion was made by Tracy McCloud and second by Greg Erickson to move Reed Stepp's status to In active. Motion carried by all present
 - 3) 604 Truck repair on the transmission completed and running good
 - 4) State Ambulance funding will be coming through – some ideas on the furnace and A/C in the Fire Hall, will need 2 quotes per Matt Gross.

5) Jacob Hively requested funding Hailey Gernitz training – she would need to pass the State test and sign agreement to serve for 2 years.) Motion was made by Lonnie Lambertus and second by Greg Erickson to reimburse Tracy Ambulance for Hailey’s training expenses. Motion carried by all present

j) **Nuisance:**

1) Balaton City Code Nuisance Ordinance

(i) Resident concern regarding 801-06 Unlawful Parking and Storage

8) **Resolutions**

a) Resolution 2025-20 – A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton

1) Excel and BACF \$10,000.00 for Lions/Legion Park Restroom Update – Motion was made by Tracy McCloud and second by Greg Erickson to accept the Donation from Excel and BACF. Motion carried by all present.

b) Resolution 2025-21

1) Resolution Declaring A Nuisance Violation and Ordering Abatement Parcel 21-106006-0 - Motion was made by Tracy McCloud and second by Greg Erickson. Motion carried by all present.

c) Resolution 2025-22

1) Resolution Declaring A Nuisance Violation and Ordering Abatement Parcel 21-106008-0 - Motion was made by Greg Erickson and second by Tracy McCloud. Motion carried by all present.

d) Resolution 2025-23

1) Resolution Declaring A Nuisance Violation and Ordering Abatement Parcel 21-106011-0 - Motion was made by Tracy McCloud and second by Greg Erickson to extend for one week to get it removed or licensed. Motion carried by all present.

e) Resolution 2025-25

901

1) Resolution Declaring A Nuisance Violation and Ordering Abatement Parcel 21-108034-0 - Motion was made by Greg Erickson and second by Tracy McCloud. Motion carried by all present

f) Resolution 2025-26 – Resolution Accepting Donations for the City of Balaton

1) Balaton Vet Run – picnic table donation to the Balaton Municipal Liquor Store - Motion was made by Tracy McCloud and second by Greg Erickson. Motion carried by all present

2) Corey Warner - picnic table donation to the City of Balaton Parks - Motion was made by Greg Erickson and second by Tracy McCloud. Motion carried by all present

g) Resolution 2025-27 – Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton

1) Donation of \$3,000.00 -Frisbee Disc Golf. Funds to be used to update and repair existing Frisbee Disc Golf equipment. Motion was made by Tracy McCloud and second by Greg Erickson. Motion carried by all present

h) Resolution 2025-28 – Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton

1) Donation of \$596.00 – Borchert Challenge Savings - Motion was made by Greg Erickson and second by Tracy McCloud. Motion carried by all present

9) **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Proposals in packet for a new copier/printer. One from AB Solutions and another from Marco. Council requested to wait until 2026 Budget time to review the proposals.

b) CD Maturity Notice CD 3560-9038153560 \$17,589.87

1) 7 months = 3.95% - Kasey recommend for the Fire CD

2) 13 months = 3.83%

3) 17 months = 3.83%

4) 24 months = 4.35%

Greg Erickson made a motion to renew CD at the 7 months - 3.95% rate, seconded by Tracy McCloud. Motion carried by all present.

10) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

TDock closed bids – opened and both submitted were the same price of \$10.00 from Jordan Hively and Kara Miller. The parties asked if they could settle it between themselves versus re-bidding. Council was ok with it.

11) **MISCELLANEOUS:** None

12) **Closed Personnel Meeting** – A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Tracy McCloud to close the meeting at 7:35 pm for Attorney/Client privileges. Motion carried by all present.

13) **Reopened Committee Meeting** - A motion was made by Tracy McCloud and seconded by Greg Erickson to come out of closed meeting and enter regular committee meeting at 8:05 pm. Motion carried by all present

a) Motion was made by Tracy McCloud and second by Greg Erickson to close the 3rd Street from Lake Ave to Central Ave on July 26th for Toys of Tots. Motion carried by all present

b) Kim elected to keep the closed meeting open for her questions on the letter sent to the Council.

Discussions on the issues with the EDA \$50,000 grant lost? Positions on the EDA that are open and dutys involved with each position openings.

- 14) ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Tracy McCloud. Motion was carried by all present. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Kimberly Wall, City Clerk-Treasurer

Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor