

CITY OF BALATON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
August 26, 2025, at 6PM

The order of the Minutes does not necessarily reflect the order of the meeting.

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 6:01 pm on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, by Mayor Lonnie Lambertus.
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**
- **Present:** Mayor – Lonnie Lambertus; Council Members – Tracy McCloud, Greg Erickson, Dylan Fricke, Curt Paradis
 - **Absent:** None
 - **Also Present:** Alexis Birt-City Clerk/Treasurer, Jody Kruger-Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer, Josh Torgeson-Public Works Superintendent, Kasey Holm-Fire Chief
- 3) **Fencing:** Torgeson stated when people want to put up fencing, they bring in a drawing with their zoning permit and he lets them know the setbacks. A resident explained what they were going to build a fence out of to hide their backyard. The materials will cause neighbors to complain the same as not having the fence at all. It was suggested that when turning in a zoning permit there should be a spot to write down what materials will be used. McCloud asked how we amend our ordinances, and it was explained that we have a public hearing that’s posted for 10 days and then it can be amended. Lambertus said he would get ahold of Matt Gross to have him write something up for the City Code.
- 4) **Budget:**
- EXPENDITURES**
- **City Hall:** Increase Materials and supplies from \$1,500 to \$1,800 and increase Electric Utilities 3%
 - **Council:** Decrease Donate-Fire Relief Audit from \$1,200 to zero and increase Transfer Out from \$38,200 to \$52,368
 - **Mayor:** no change
 - **Elections:** Full-Time Employees \$4,000, Part-Time Employees \$600, PERA \$345, FICA \$351.90, Materials and Supplies \$150, Training \$40, Printing and Publishing \$120
 - **Auditing:** Increase from \$7,500 to \$8,250
 - **Assessing:** Decrease from \$5,700 to \$5,592
 - **City Attorney:** Increase from \$12,000 to \$14,000.
 - **Personnel Additional Salary:** no change
 - **Zoning:** No Change
 - **Bus Garage:** No change
 - **Community Center:** Increase part-time from \$800 to \$2,250, increase PERA from \$60 to \$168.75, increase FICA from \$61.20 to \$173.13, decrease Printing and Publishing from \$200 to zero, decrease Electrical Utilities from \$4,667.96 to \$4,200
 - **Sheriff Department:** Increase from \$79,358.40 (2025) to \$81,475.20 (2026)
 - **Civil Defense:** no change
 - **Streets:** no change
 - **Snow:** no change
 - **Storm Sewer:** no change
 - **Street Lighting:** Increase Electrical Utility increase by 3%
 - **Burn site:** No change
 - **Eastbay Camping:** No change
 - **Parks:** Increase Electrical Utilities 3%
 - **Library:** No change
 - **Insurance:** Birt will figure out why insurance is so low
 - **Tax Abatement:** Decrease from \$9,024.48 to \$1316.72
 - **Fire:** Increase Physicals from \$2,520 to \$3250, increase Dues and Subscriptions from zero to \$700, increase Capital Outlay from \$22,023 to \$25,000
 - **Ambulance:** Decrease Administrative Salaries from \$1,900 to \$1,400, decrease FICA from \$3,725.55 to \$3,687.30
 - **Eastbay and EDA:** To be discussed at the following budget meeting
- REVENUE**
- **General:** Increase License Sales from \$775 to \$1,300, decrease Zoning Permits from \$800 to \$500, increase Local Government Aid from \$256,757 to \$256,957, decrease Camping Fees from \$2,000 to \$1,500, decrease Miscellaneous Revenue from \$2,000 to \$1,000, increase Community Center Rental from \$2,500 to \$3,500
 - **Fire:** Increase Transfers In from \$30,000 to \$44,168, increase Contract Fees from \$42,476.31 to \$44,600
 - **Ambulance:** Increase Run Fees from \$45,000 to \$50,000
- 5) It was discussed about having an Operating Budget and a Levy Budget also to get everyone on track with Capital Outlay and how it works. It was decided that McCloud would contact Darci to get information on both of those.
- 6) **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Tracy McCloud and seconded Greg Erickson. Motion carried by all present. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Alexis Birt / Clerk-Treasurer

Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor