

CITY OF BALATON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 09, 2024, 7pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 7pm on Monday September 09, 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-Eric Wallen, Kasey Holm-Fire Chief, Kimberly Wall-Clerk/Treasurer, Alexis Birt-Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Sophie Gaul-Above the Fold, Jessica Foley-Development Services Inc., Troy Jones
- 3) **APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 12, 2024, and August 21, 2024.
- 4) **FINANCIALS:**
No questions or corrections. A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Scott Wood to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried by all present.
- 5) **REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- 6) **PUBLIC HEARING:**
a) A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Scott Wood to open the public hearing at 7:02pm. Motion carried by all present.
b) Jessica Foley, Director of Community Development from Development Services Inc. informed the council that the City of Balaton was awarded \$559,955 of SCDP funding to assist twenty (20) owner-occupied units and three (3) rental units in alleviating health and safety issues, improving energy efficiency, and addressing accessibility and lead hazards in housing units occupied by low-to moderate-income households. Per the Grant Contract Agreement, the Balaton SCDP grant cycle closes on December 01, 2025. Currently the project is coming in over budget, so the number of units was lowered from twenty to eighteen. At this time, there is no one on the waiting list but will continue to hand out applications should anyone drop out of the program. Applications are processed first come, first-served basis. Balaton SCDP will end December 01, 2025.
- 7) **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** -None
- 8) **REPORTS – OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES**
a) **Water/Sewer/Garbage Delinquent Accounts** – clerk advised council of water disconnections for non-payment.
b) **City Personnel** - Employee Hours YTD – Nothing
c) **Public Works:**
1) Josh Torgeson informed the council that a new service line was being put in for parcel number 21-100048-0. Scott Wood informed the council that there is a one-inch water line that feeds three properties that runs through parcel 21-100048-0 and by rights, the owner of parcel 21-100048-0 would not be able to build.
d) **EDA** –Nothing
e) **Lyon County Sheriff Department** Eric Wallen stated traffic stops have increased other than that, no other concerns.
f) **Liquor Store:** Liquor store financials were given to the council for review. Dylan said that Jessica reached out for security camera quotes and credit card sales information.
g) **Community Center** – Clerk informed the council that there is someone interested in purchasing the stove as well as the sportsmen's club.
h) **Fire/Ambulance Department**
1) Kasey informed the council that Reed Stepp has taken a leave of absence effective May 29, 2024, Jesse Miller inactive due to relocation as of July 01, 2024, and Crystal Dietz resigned August 27, 2024. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Scott Wood to accept the resignations and the inactive status of Reed Stepp. Motion was carried by all present.
2) Kasey received two new applications from Tracy McCloud and Jake Robinson. Tracy McCloud has all training done through Texas A&M. Jake has no training, however he has former military training and has no issue going through classes. Kasey's recommendation is to place them on the Fire Department for six-month probation and put Jake through class/training spring of 2025. A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Dylan Fricke to accept Tracy McCloud and Jake Robinson as active members of the Balaton Fire Department. Motion carried by all present.
3) Ambulance received two applications for EMT from Tiffany Slipka and Tracy McCloud. EMT training is paid for through a state grant and starts September 2024. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Scott Wood to approve Tiffany Slipka and Tracy McCloud for the Ambulance Department. Motion was carried by all present.
i) **Nuisance:** Nuisance letters have all been served by the Lyon County Sheriff's Department. Matt Gross advised the council that, if possible, contact the homeowners and get them to voluntarily allow Jansen to come onto their property, it would cut down the cost. Matt Gross informed it would be one thousand dollars per homeowner. The clerk informed the council that two owners have been in contact with the office and will have vehicles removed from their property. Parcel has been defaulted by to Lyon County and renter has moved out. Matt also suggested that if the homeowner is making progress, allow them another thirty (30) days.
- 9) **Resolutions:** None
- 10) **Public Hearing:** A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to close the public hearing. Motion was carried by all present.
- 11) **NEW BUSINESS:**
a) **Fall Clean Up Days:** The council agreed to set up a cleanup day for October 12, 2024. Lonnie Lambertus asked if a fall newsletter will be mailed, clerk advised yes.
b) **Election Wages:** A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Scott Wood to pay the additional election judges nine dollars and fifty cents (\$9.50) per hour. Motion carried by all present.
- 12) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
a) Balaton website: The clerk informed the council that our current website with Homestead was hacked. Homestead was able to correct the website, however the webpage is not secure. Scott Wood said he would like the website to be used instead of the Balaton City Hall Facebook page because not everyone has Facebook.

Dylan advised that Facebook is very helpful and used by many. Scott questioned if credit cards can be used, the clerk informed the council that Municipal Impact is compatible with Allpaid. The clerk will check with Homestead to determine if they will release balatonmn.com; if not, will need to pay for a new domain which is approximately twenty dollars a month. A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Scott Wood to approve the new website by Municipal Impact. Motion carried by all present.

2) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a) **Budget Expenditures:**

- 1) City Hall: capital outlay from \$10,000 to zero.
- 2) Council: Greg Erickson suggested to change Administration Salary from \$12,000 to \$11,000.
- 3) Mayor: Greg Erickson suggested to change Administration Salary from \$3,500 to \$3,250. Scott Wood questioned if the Transfer Out (council line item) of \$30,000 for Fire and \$8,200 for Ambulance should be budgeted. Kasey informed the council that \$38,200 was transferred to the Fire and Ambulance department at the beginning of the year and should be budgeted. The council requested to check with Kinner and Company.
- 4) City Clerk: Scott Wood suggested figuring out the budget without raises for city clerks.
- 5) Personnel Additional Salary: no change, no increase.
- 6) Zoning: Changed wages to reflect no raise.
- 7) Community Center: Changed wages to reflect no raise. Changed capital outlay from \$10,000 to \$2,000 due to the amount of work that was done in 2024 by the Balaton Area Community Center.
- 8) Streets: Changed wages to reflect no raise.
- 9) Snow: Changed wages to reflect no raise.
- 10) Storm Sewer: Changed wages to reflect no raise. Capital Outlay – keep at \$10,000 due to old storm sewers that need to be fixed and or replaced and washouts.
- 11) Eastbay Campground: no change
- 12) Parks: Changed wages to reflect no raise. Capital Outlay lowered to \$4,000.
- 13) Fire
 - (i) Capital outlay changed from \$25,000 to \$22,023.
 - (ii) Kasey requested to clarify with Darci Anderson that the \$38,200 (transfer out) for fire/ambulance should be listed as an expenditure. The \$38,200 is listed as Ambulance revenue (transfer in).
 - (iii) Ambulance: Increase full-time employees from \$32,048 to \$46,800. (Increase call hours by one dollar)
- 14) All other departments: no changes

b) The council decided to meet September 24, 2024, at 6pm.

c) Capital Outlay: the council would like to raise the capital outlay from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

3) **MISCELLANEOUS:** nothing

4) **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Greg Erickson. Motion was carried by all present. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.



Kimberly Wall, City Clerk-Treasurer



Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor