

**CITY OF BALATON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 9, 2025, at 7pm**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 7:01pm on Tuesday September 9, 2025, by Mayor Lonnie Lambertus
- 2) **ROLL CALL**
 - a) **Present:** Mayor: Lonnie Lambertus, Council Members: Tracy McCloud, Greg Erickson, Dylan Fricke, Curt Paradis
 - b) **Absent:** None
 - c) **Also Present:** Adam Conner - Lyon County Sheriff's Department, Alexis Birt-Clerk/Treasurer, Josh Torgeson – Balaton Public Works, Kasey Holm-Fire Department, Matt Gross-Attorney, Sophia Gaul-Above the Fold, Ashley Haroldson – Balaton Liquor, Randy Miller.
- 3) **APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by McCloud and seconded by Fricke to approve the regular meeting minutes on August 11, 2025 and special meeting minutes on August 26, 2025. Motion carried by all present.
- 4) **FINANCIALS:**
 - (a) Audit Bills, claims & Demands: No questions or corrections. A motion was made by McCloud and seconded by 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:** Delinquent account list was reviewed.
 - b) **City Personnel** - None
 - c) **Public Works:**
 - 1) Payloader – to be determined
 - 2) Spraying for mosquitoes – discussed the cost, licenses, other towns etc. – no decision.
 - d) **Zoning:** none
 - e) **EDA:** A motion was made by Fricke to accept two new members to the EDA – Kasey Holm and Josh Chandler. Motion was second by Paradis. Motion carried by all present.
A motion was made by Fricke to use the nuisance fund of \$10,000.00 to move the house on Richard Baack property; motion was second by Paradis. Motion carried by all present.
 - f) **Lyon County Sheriff Department**
 - 1) The Lyon County Sheriff Department Officer handed out the August 2025 incident report. Stated there were 35 calls and had no other comments.
 - g) **Liquor Store:**
 - 1) Ashley Haroldson brought up her concerns about the discrepancies in the reporting of TOAST sales. Discussion on options. A motion was made by Fricke to terminate TOAST and have the Liquor Committee explore options to replace it; second by McCloud. Motion carried by all present.
 - 2) THC beverages – contact Matt on the licenses and shipping requirements.
 - 3) Tori Bertelson's being paid for manager hours – Liquor Committee will discuss.
 - 4) Haroldson asked if the Liquor Store could be open on Sunday for Football Season. No decision was made.
 - 5) Haroldson would like to have T- shirts made with Balaton Liquor Store logo. It would need to be part of the budget.
 - h) **Community Center:** n/a
 - i) **Fire/Ambulance Department:**
 - 1) A motion was made by Paradis to accept inactive status for Jason Wishnak and second by McCloud. Motion carried by all present.
 - 2) Fire Hall Furnace replacements quotes – A motion was made by Erickson to accept Jeremy Swenson's bid; second by McCloud. Motion carried by all present.
- 8) **NEW BUSINES:**
 - a) **Maturity Notice:** Certificate of Deposit for the snowplow . City Clerk will check on the rates.
 - b) **Department of Health** – Annual Water Fee increase \$9.72 to \$15.22. A motion was made by Paradis to pass along the increase of the annual water fee; second by Fricke. Motion carried by all present.
 - c) **City Clerk Position:** Meeting to be held September 15th.
- 9) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - a) **Lois Swanson Wages:** A motion was made by Frick to increase Lois Swanson's hourly wage to \$16.00; second by McCloud. Motion carried by all present.
 - b) **Faucet for kitchen:** Council directed to use funds in the repair/maintenance to replace the faucets.
- 10) **MISCELLANEOUS:**
 - a) **Fencing:** An ordinance will need to be adopted to include fencing. This will be reviewed at the October meeting.
 - b) **Fall clean-up day / Fall newsletter:** A newsletter needs to be put together for approval.
 - c) **Meeting Minutes:** A letter has been received from a resident to have the July meeting minutes revised. October meeting will note the corrections to be made.

11) ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by McCloud and seconded by Erickson. Motion was carried by all present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Alexus Birt, City Clerk-Treasurer

Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor