

**CITY OF BALATON
EMERGENCY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 16, 2025, at 6:00PM**

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** An Emergency Meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 6:02 pm on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, by Lonnie Lambertus.
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**
 - **Present:** Mayor Lonnie Lambertus, Council Members: Greg Erickson, Tracy McCloud, Dylan Fricke, Curt Paradis,
 - **Also present:** Jody Kruger-Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Josh Torgeson-Public Works, Ashley Haraldson-Manger Balaton Liquor Store, Mike and Kimberly Wall, Teresa Zaske, and Jill Gilman.
 - **Absent:** none
- 3) **City Clerk Position:** Lambertus talked to Matt Gross, our City Attorney, Darci Anderson, our Auditor and League of Minnesota Cities. Gross highly advised against hiring Kim Wall back to train. Wall signed an agreement stating that she would not be an employee of the City of Balaton. Should the Council decide to hire her back, she would have to be on a 1099 contract basis and she would have very strict parameters according to Minnesota State laws. Darci Anderson – Kinner and company was asked if she would be available. Anderson is unable to do so as she is the Auditor. Nicole Larson stated she could but only on payroll. Larson stated she would make some calls to find out if someone else would be available. The response back was there is no one available to step in on temporary basis. The League of Minnesota Cities was also contacted. They have a list but it is the same as was sent three months ago. They called a few of those on the list but stated no, as Balaton is too far away. Lambertus stated he has been in contact with Roberta Joehnck. She is willing to step in on a contract basis with a rate of \$30.00/hour on her time. Lambertus' gut reaction is to hire Roberta Joehnck and she is willing to train. McCloud stated he had also called Matt Gross and only problem was that if we use Kim Wall, it would need to be a 1099/Contract so the severance agreement stays the same and there would be no issues. The problem would arise if she came back as parttime employee.

There was a lot of discussion back and forth among the Council Members. Kim Wahl, Ashley Haraldson, and Jill Gilman shared their thoughts and concerns for going forward.

A motion was made by Lambertus To hire Roberta Joehnck on a contract basis at \$30.00/hour. Motion was second by Greg Erickson. A polled vote was requested: Lambertus – Yes; McCloud – No; Erickson – Yes; Fricke – Yes; Paradis – No. Motion carried 3 votes to 2.

- 4) **Certificate of Deposit:** Certificate #200927152 is up for renewal. Erickson made a motion to renew Certificate of Deposit #200927152 for 7 months at a rate of 3.95% APR 4.01%. Motion was second by Fricke. Motion carried.
- 5) **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by McCloud and seconded Erickson. Motion carried by all present. The meeting adjourned at 6:27pm.