

CITY OF BALATON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 14, 2024, 7pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 7pm on Monday October 14, 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, Theresa Zaska, Penny Spaid, Maryann Pagel, Emil Page, Taber Hoek
- 3) **APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Greg Erickson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 09, 2024, Emergency and Special meetings September 17th, 18th and 23rd, 2024. Budget meeting September 24, 2024.
- 4) **FINANCIALS:**
No questions or corrections. A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried by all present.
- 5) **REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** None
- 6) **PUBLIC HEARING:**
- 7) **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD -None**
- 8) **REPORTS – OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES**
a) **Water/Sewer/Garbage Delinquent Accounts** Nothing.
b) **City Personnel - Employee Hours YTD – Nothing.**
c) **Public Works:**
1) Utility Easement Parcel 21-100048-1
(i) Scott Wood gave the information to Matt Gross regarding the perpetual utility easement agreement between Wee and Swenson. No motion was made at this time.
d) **EDA –Monthly report in packet, no comments.**
e) **Lyon County Sheriff Department** Eric Wallen handed out September report. No concerns on behalf of the council or sheriff.
f) **Liquor Store:** Dylan informed the council that TOAST is implementing the system before they send it to the bar. Dylan also asked about cameras. The council decided to buy cameras and install on their own.
g) **Community Center –** Curt Paradis informed the council that the oven hood needs to be cleaned. Clerk will call and schedule appointment. Kasey asked about room for fryer, suggested new outlet to be put in the kitchen.
h) **Fire/Ambulance Department:** The new 607 is in service. The old 607 truck has been returned back to the state of Minnesota. Garvin will buy the grass land unit for five hundred dollars. FEMA grant, the fire department decided to purchase the gear from Veridian Fire Protective Gear (Spencer IA) for eighty-two thousand nine hundred (\$82,900) dollars which exceeds what the grant allows. Kasey stated that he has been fund raising to make up the five thousand six hundred (\$5600) dollar difference. Kasey said he would like to start ordering next month if possible.
- i) **Nuisance:**
1) Parcel 21-114011-0: request 30-day extension to complete the clean-up process.
(i) Curt asked if the resident has been working on the property, per Scott Wood, Josh informed that the resident has been working on the clean-up process. A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Greg Erickson to approve the 30-day extension for clean-up. Motion carried by all present.
- 9) **Resolutions**
a) Resolution No 2024-33 – Direct Deposit
1) A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Scott Wood to approve direct deposit (payroll) for city clerks (full and part time), public works (full and part time), Balaton liquor store (full and part time), custodial workers, all Fire and Ambulance personnel and council members October 28, 2024.
b) Resolution No 2024-34 – Resolution Delegating Registration and Land Use Zoning Responsibility for Cannabis Retailers
1) The council spoke with Matt Gross about John Biren (Zoning Administrator of Lyon County). Matt Gross suggested that they sign the resolution and have the county handle the delegation for registration for Cannabis Retailers to Lyon County. A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Greg Erickson that the City of Balaton authorizes the delegation for registration for Cannabis Retailers to Lyon County. Motion carried by all present.
c) Resolution No 2024-35 – A Resolution Certifying Unpaid Charges
1) A motion was motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Greg Erickson to accept the resolution to certify all unpaid charges. Motion was carried by all present.
d) Resolution No 2024-36 – Exhibit 1 – Certification Listing
1) Special Assessment for delinquent bills for utilities, fire calls and mowing charges.
A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Greg Erickson to approve the special assessments for the following parcel numbers. Motion carried by all present.
(i) Parcel 21-100063-0 \$240.00 (mowing)
(ii) Parcel 21-100079-0 \$120.00 (mowing)
(iii) Parcel 21-104003-0 \$180.00 (mowing)
(iv) Parcel 21-100079-0 \$311.17 (WSG)
(v) Parcel 21-106009-0 \$274.22 (WSG)
(vi) Parcel 21-104003-0 \$370.49 (WSG)
(vii) Parcel 21-108018-0 \$206.81 (WSG)

10) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Certificate of Deposit 200927136 (snowplow) \$10,214.94. A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve the renewal of the Certificate of Deposit for seven (7) months at 4.5 percent. Motion carried by all present.
- b) The November council meeting was scheduled for November 11, 2024. The council made the decision to move the November council meeting to November 12, 2024 due to holiday.
- c) LMCIT (League of MN Insurance) Liability Waiver. The council discussed with Matt Gross. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Curt Paradis not to waive the liability form. Motion carried by all.
- d) Tabor Hoek requested the council to consider leasing out a portion of city owned land to Hoek Outdoors, Inc for storage. Scott Wood explained in detail where the lot lines are; he also included that the county websites are not always accurate. Tabor suggested the gravel pit however Scott Wood stated that the gravel pit is fine during summer. However, the public works uses the gravel pit for snow and if Balaton has a bad winter, the gravel pit fills up. Tabor stated that he would help clean up some of the overgrown weeds/shrubs to free up space. Curt Paradis suggested leasing it for a year to see how things would work out for Hoek Outdoors, Inc and public works. The council and Hoek agreed to pay twenty-five (25) dollars a month. A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Dylan Fricke to lease out a portion of the gravel pit (located adjacent to Highway Sixty-three (63), directly north of Lyon County parcel #21-023006-0 for one year. Initial terms shall be for a period of twelve (12) commencing on November 01, 2024, and expiring, unless earlier terminated, on October 31, 2025. Matt Gross agreed to write up the Site Lease Agreement. Motion carried by all present.

11) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Capital Outlay
- 1) The council discussed raising the capital outlay amount to five thousand due to high-cost repairs (fire department and public works). A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Scott Wood to approve the capital outlay amount from one thousand five hundred to five thousand effective immediately. Motion carried by all present.

1) **MISCELLANEOUS:** nothing

- 2) **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke. Motion was carried by all present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.



Kimberly Wali, City Clerk-Treasurer



Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor