

CITY OF BALATON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 17, 2025

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, November 17, 2025, by Mayor Lonnie Lambertus.
- 2) **ROLL CALL**
 - a) **Present:** Mayor: Lonnie Lambertus, Council Members: Tracy McCloud, Greg Erickson, Curt Paradis
 - b) **Absent:** Dylan Fricke
 - c) **Also Present:** Scott Marquardt – SWIF; Kim & Mike Wall; Jeremy Swenson; Theresa Zaske, Mary Timmerman; Troy Jones; Penni Spaid; Samantha Hooper; Richard Hooper; Harlee Hooper; Travis Erickson; Per Peterson – Headlight Herald; Roberta Joehnck Interim City Clerk, Stephanie Fricke Clerk in Training
- 3) **SWIF – Scott Marquardt:** Borchert fund at SWIF 5/30/23. That is the date of the fund agreement with Southwest Initiative Fund (SWIF) and all funds coming in need to go to SWIF. Main purpose of endowment is to maintain high standard of the parks in Balaton. Marquardt is point of contact for any questions, usability, etc. If the city gives the money to the endowment fund, the city cannot request for X amount due to the endowment rules. There is a detailed website for the Borchert endowment: balatonmparks.net. Any funds that come in, checks are to be written to Southwest Initiative Fund with memo Borchert Endowment. A motion to move \$714.72 to parks budget and the balance of the savings account move to SWIF Borchert Endowment was made by McCloud second Paradis. Motion carried by all present.
- 4) **Dangerous Dogs:** The police reports of the dog incident were distributed to the Council members via email. Lambertus explained to Travis Erickson that the city needs a written complaint to move forward. When the city gets a complaint about an animal, we cannot designate a breed. Declaration of Dangerous Dogs goes by. There are requirements that need to be done. Fencing, posting and insurance, micro-chip, etc. The city then appoints an impartial citizen to discuss the situation with the owner. The dog is observed by the appointed citizen, and they then give their recommendation to the city council. Harlie Hooper is a certified dog behavioralist and is willing to assist with assessments of the animal(s) involved. A Special meeting will be scheduled based on council availability.
- 5) **Resolution Accepting a Donation:** A motion to accept Resolution 2025-29 Steven Miller Revocable Living Trust donation of \$1065.65 to the Ambulance Dept. was made by McCloud and seconded by Erickson. Motion carried.
- 6) **Resolution Establishing Fence Permit Fee:** Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-31 establishing the Fencing Permit Fee of \$25.00 effective November 17, 2025, was made Paradis and seconded by Erickson. Motion carried.
- 7) **Resolution for Assessments:** Motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-30 for Assessments was made by Erickson, seconded by Paradis Carried
- 8) **Site Lease Agreement:** Motion to approve the Site Lease Agreement for 2026 with Hoek Outdoors at a rate of \$25 per month was made by McCloud seconded by Erickson. Motion carried.
- 9) **ISG Engineering Agreement:** A Professional Services Proposal for General Municipal Engineering from ISG Engineering \$85/ hour was presented to the Council. A motion to accept the proposal was made by McCloud and seconded by Paradis. Motion carried.
- 10) **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 6:35 pm.


 Roberta Joehnck, City Clerk-Treasurer


 Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor