

CITY OF BALATON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 13, 2024, 7pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 7pm on Monday May 13, 2024, by Mayor Lonnie Lambertus
- 2) **ROLL CALL**
 - a) **Present:** Lonnie Lambertus, Council Members: Dylan Fricke, Scott Wood, Greg Erickson
 - b) **Absent:** Curt Paradis
 - c) **Also Present:** Lyon County Sheriff's Department, Kasey Holm-Fire Chief, Kimberly Wall-Clerk/Treasurer, Josh Torgeson-Public Works, Troy Jones, Charles Anderson, Joan Devries
- 3) **APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 08. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve the minutes for the Board of Appeals meeting April 22, 2024. Motion carried by all present.
- 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:**

Redwood-Lyon-Lincoln County Guides – the council elected not to participate in the Redwood-Lyon-Lincoln County Publication this year.
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
 - a) Joan Devries asked the council about the Fred Swanson path in the Eastbay addition. Joan said she spoke with DNR and was informed that part of the trail was washed in. Greg Erickson stated the last time he was aware of the trail being mowed was by Lynn Wichmann with his personal mower (no date given). Joan stated that she and other community residents would be willing to mow the trail. The clerk informed the council that Tom from DNR called the office and stated that residents or city personnel are not allowed to mow DNR property, he also said that he was unaware that there is a trail. Joan said she was under the understanding that the land was donated and would like it kept up for trail use. Matt Gross stated that if the property in question is owned by the DNR, it would be considered private property unless there was a path that was set aside for the public to use which would be in the description and recorded. Lonnie Lambertus suggested legal clarification. Matt Gross advised the council that he will do some research to determine the property owner and get clarification from the DNR.
 - b) A resident asked about the tornado sirens when storms were around the Balaton area. Lyon County Sheriff Connor said the city is to determine when they want to sound the alarms. Kasey Holm included that spotters were out. Sheriff Connor also stated that the sirens are there to alert people that are outside to seek shelter. Dispatchers do have the authority to set off the sirens but only if they determine radar indication/confirmation of severe weather.
- 7) **REPORTS – OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES**
 - a) **Water/Sewer/Garbage Delinquent Accounts** -Nothing
 - b) **City Personnel** - Employee Hours YTD – Nothing
 - c) **Public Works:**
 - 1) Josh informed the council that weed letters were going to be sent out May 14, 2024. Josh brought up nuisance properties. Scott Wood suggested that public works should start at one end of town and take a few streets at a time to send nuisance letters to residents. Matt Gross suggested speaking with the resident – if the resident allows public works to go on property to remove clean up items, it would be less expensive to the city. Josh talked about the vehicle ordinance, number of vehicles and inoperable vehicles. Josh would like to get started due to the amount of time it takes to complete. Matt stated it would be a few months process to start including resolutions and filing, explained detailed process. The council's decision is to start with the properties that are not in compliance with the vehicle ordinances.
 - d) **EDA** –Scott Wood questioned why the city is not getting the EDA minutes and asked who oversees the minutes. Greg Erickson informed the council that Tara Onken is in charge of the EDA minutes.
 - e) **Lyon County Sheriff Department**
 - 1) Adam Connor handed out incident report. He brought up that there were people fishing right off highway 14 by the lake which is not allowed due to safety reasons; he will keep an eye out for this. Other than that, everything was normal. Adam Connor suggested making the golf cart permits a bright color so they can easily see when checking.
 - f) **Liquor Store:**
 - 1) Scott Wood asked if Jessica received the popcorn machine. The clerk informed the council that it has not been ordered. He also asked if there was any more information about the POS System, there has not. Scott Wood asked if the Liquor Store has their own credit card, clerk informed them no.
 - g) **Community Center** - nothing
 - h) **Fire/Ambulance Department**
 - 1) Kasey Holm informed the council that the 607 Fire Truck bed has been paid for and delivered. He also spoke about the money received as private donations from Lyon Lincoln and others.
 - i) **Nuisance:** nothing
- 8) **Resolutions:**
 - 1) Resolution 2024-09 A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton
 - (i) A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Greg Erickson to accept the Lyon Lincoln Electric Trust Inc donation of \$2,500 for the Fire Department Fire Turnout Gear. Motion was carried by all present.
 - 2) Resolution 2024-10 A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton
 - (i) A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Dylan Fricke to accept the C&B Operations, LLC donation of \$100.00 for the Fire Department 607 Fire Truck project. Motion carried by all present.
 - 3) 2024-11 Resolution to Amend Resolution 2023-14
 - (i) A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Greg Erickson to amend the 2023-14 resolution to correct the Chamber of Commerce donation of \$2,245.00 for Park Improvement for Eastbay Park plastic border. Motion carried by all present.
 - 4) 2024-12 A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton

- (i) A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Greg Erickson to accept the Local Government Aid, Public Safety Aid of \$12,909.50 for the Fire Department Turnout Gear. Motion carried by all present.
- (ii) A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Greg Erickson to accept the Local Government Aid, Public Safety Aid of \$12,909.50 for the Ambulance Department LifePak. Motion carried by all present.
- 5) 2024-14 A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton
 - (i) A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Dylan Fricke to accept the RD Miller Farms, LLP donation of \$1,700.00 for the Fire Department 607 Fire Truck. Motion carried by all present.
 - 6) 2024-15 A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton
 - (i) A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Greg Erickson to accept the Sam and Peggy Tutt donation of \$500.00 to the Fire Department 607 Fire Truck. Motion carried by all present.
 - 7) 2024-16 A Resolution for Balaton to act as the legal and fiscal sponsor for the Comprehensive Park Planning Project outlines in the St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation.
 - (i) A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to accept Balaton to act as the legal and fiscal sponsor. Motion carried by all present.
 - 8) 2024-17 A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton
 - (i) A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Dylan Fricke to accept the Balaton Area Community Foundation (SWIF) donation of \$700.00 for the Ambulance Department for the AED. Motion carried by all present.
 - (ii) A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Dylan Fricke to accept the Balaton American Legion donation of \$379.00 for the Ambulance Department for the AED. Motion carried by all present.
 - 9) 2024-18 A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton
 - (i) A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Greg Erickson to accept the Noble Murray Rural Electric Trust donation of \$3,000.00 to the Fire Department Turnout Gear. Motion carried by all present.

9) **NEW BUSINESS:**

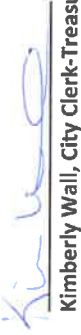
- a) Golf Cart Fees – Josh Torgeson told the council that a resident suggested taking the golf cart fees and allocating/earmarking those funds for the golf cart bridge. Matt Gross informed the council that a motion must be allocated all golf cart fees to bridge repair when needed. Motion carried by all present.
- b) Borchert Challenge – Matt Gross informed the council that they would need to act as the sponsor to administer the grants and funds. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to act as a sponsor for the park planning project. Motion was carried by all present. Charles Anderson requested that \$3,000.00 be transferred from the Borchert Challenge fund to pay Development Services Inc (DSI) for Grant Writing done by Lisa Graphenteen for park improvement. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to transfer the funds from the Borchert Challenge savings account to the General Fund to pay DSI \$3,000.00 for grant writing. Motion carried by all present.

10) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) City of Balaton Engineering – Scott Wood suggested hiring DGR due to their history with Balaton. A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Greg Erickson to hire DGR for the five-year infrastructure plan.
- b) Library Windows – Lonnie Lambertus offered a quote for the tinted library windows. Greg Erickson suggested that they get a labor quote for putting in the new windows. Discussion tabled until the labor quote is received.

11) **MISCELLANEOUS:** nothing

12) **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 7:40pm.



Kimberly Wall, City Clerk-Treasurer



Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor