

CITY OF BALATON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
June 10, 2024, 7pm


- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 7pm on Monday June 10, 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-Adam DeSutter, Kasey Holm-Fire Chief, Kimberly Wall-Clerk/Treasurer, Troy Jones, Joan Devries, Julie Livingston, Caitland Miller, Theresa Zaske, Tracy McCloud, Anita Gaul, Jamie Bauleke and Travis Erickson.
- 3) **APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 13, 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 COMMENT PERIOD**
  - a) Joan Devries asked the council about the Fred Swanson path in the Eastbay addition. Matt Gross informed the council and the residents present that after researching and reviewing the contract with the DNR, there is no easement for public access on record. Swanson gifted the property to the DNR in 1970. Gross suggested that the residents contact the DNR to ask/establish a public easement at their own expense. Lonnie Lambertus added that Lynn Wichmann used to maintain the trail however stopped due to no one using the trail as well as the wear and tear on city property (mower). Joan DeVries asked if they could remove the benches from the trail that were donated to the trail. Matt Gross cautioned all present that they would need to contact the DNR and get permission to trespass as well as remove any benches.
  - b) Tracy McCloud informed the council that he called the Department of Labor and Industries regarding selling tobacco. He was informed that there was no legal age limit to sell tobacco and wanted to be compliant with the city codes. Matt Gross informed the council that the city does not have a tobacco ordinance. Because the city does not have a tobacco licensing ordinance, the county would have to approve tobacco licenses for the Balaton One Stop. Matt stated that if the council wants to consider passing a tobacco licensing ordinance, he will draft it for the city and a public hearing would be required which could be during the July 08, 2024 council meeting. Matt said the city does not have to adopt an ordinance and can continue to go according to the county rules/laws. Curt Paradis advised Tracy McCloud to reach out to the county and ask about their rules for compliance.
  - c) Theresa Zaske and Tracy McCloud were present representing the Balaton Area Community Foundation (BACF). The BACF would like to raise funds to replace the oven range in the community center. Tracy McCloud told the council that parts of the oven are not working correctly and informed the council that the stove/oven is twenty-four years old. The oven range they are suggesting is the S60-G36-L Liquid Propane 4 Burner 60" Range with 36" Griddle and two (2) Standard Ovens-240,000 BTU. The price of the unit is \$2,999.00. A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Greg Erickson to approve the BACF to raise funds to replace the oven range in the Community Center. Motion carried by all present.
- 7) **REPORTS – OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES**
  - a) **Water/Sewer/Garbage Delinquent Accounts –** The City Clerk informed the council that there were four water shut-offs.
  - b) **City Personnel -** Employee Hours YTD – Nothing
  - c) **Public Works:** Nothing
  - d) **EDA –**Nothing
  - e) **Lyon County Sheriff Department**
    - 1) Adam DeSutter handed out the incident report. Nothing out of the usual. Curt Paradis informed Adam that there are kids (under the age of sixteen) racing around the town dangerously on golf carts, almost rolling the golf cart. Curt Paradis requested that the Sheriff's Department watch this closely.
  - f) **Liquor Store:**
    - 1) Scott Wood asked if Jessica had any more information about the Point of Sales system however did not get a response. The council advised the City Clerk to call around for additional information.
  - g) **Community Center –**
    - 1) Jaime Bauleke spoke to the council regarding her concerns about renting the Community Center. Jaime stated that she has been paying \$20/daily (twice a week) for her karate class throughout the winter months. Jaime told the council that she was told that anything outside of normal practices (testing events) would be the regular rate of \$75/day. She told the council that she only charges her students twenty-five dollars a month and paying \$75 rental fee for the community center would impact her income as a non-profit organization. Greg Erickson suggested that the council will review and put back on the agenda July 08, 2024 for further discussion. No decision was made at this time.
- h) **Fire/Ambulance Department**
  - 1) Kasey Holm informed the council that the flatbed is sitting on the truck (607) waiting to be mounted on. The skid unit is still in the city shop – work in progress.
- i) **Nuisance:** The clerk informed the council that nuisance and weed letters have been mailed out.
- 8) **Resolutions:**
  - 1) Resolution 2024-19 A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton
    - (i) A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Greg Erickson to accept the Balaton Area Community Foundation donation of \$800 for the Knudson-Bosley Park (sand) project. Motion was carried by all present.
  - 2) Resolution 2024-20 A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton

- (i) A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Scott Wood to accept the Balaton Area Community Foundation donation of \$3,000 for a picnic table, plaque and cement for the Legion Park in honor of Bruce Larson. Motion carried by all present.
- 3) Resolution 2024-21 A Resolution Accepting Donations to the City of Balaton
- (i) A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to accept the Balaton Area Community Foundation donation of \$2,140 for streetlight(s) upgrade. Motion carried by all present.
- 9) **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a) Anita Gaul spoke on behalf of the Lyon County Democratic-Farmer Labor Party (DFL). She is requesting that her group be granted permission to utilize the Knudson-Bosley Park on July 25, August 22, September 26, and October 24 from 5pm-9pm. The DFL would set up a pop-up tent to distribute signs, campaign materials and answer questions for those that stop by. A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Scott Wood to approve the use of the Knudson-Bosley Park on the above-listed dates. Motion carried by all present.
- b) DSI Audit – Lonnie Lambertus informed all present that DSI will be will at the City Hall on June 18, 2024, from 1-2:30pm for the audit meeting and the clerk requested that the city hall be closed from 1pm – 2:30pm.
- c) Balaton Veterans Run – Travis Erickson (representing Toys for Tots) asked if they could block off Central Ave in front of the Balaton Municipal Liquor Store during their event. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve closing the street down during the Toys for Tots event. Motion carried by all present.
- d) Chamber of Commerce – fireworks \$1600.00 – approved during budget.
- e) Jaryn Steenhoven – Dylan Fricke informed the council that Jaryn Steenhoven received a Cottage License to sell bread from her residence. Jaryn reached out to the city and was informed that there is a Special Use Permit that is required, and the fee is three hundred dollars. Matt Gross informed the council and those present the costs that it takes to go through the process. Matt also informed the council that they could modify the city code if needed. The council decided to table the discussion until July 08, 2024, council meeting.
- f) RCB Contract – RCB has a current contract with Expert Billing and is now requesting the City of Balaton to sign a contract with them directly as the City of Balaton fired Expert Billing. Matt Gross reviewed the contract and informed the council that it was okay to sign. A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Scott Wood to sign the collection agreement contract with RCB. Motion carried by all present.
- g) Legion Park Bathrooms – A letter from Lois Swanson informing the council that she cleaned the Legion Park bathroom. Jill Bruns has agreed to clean the Legion Park bathrooms for one hundred dollars a month. She will do a complete cleaning once a week and will check the bathrooms two to three times a week. Greg also suggested replacing the bathroom doors due to everyday use. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to hire Jill Bruns to clean the Legion Park Public Bathrooms. 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 Curt Paradis and seconded by Greg Erickson. Motion was carried by all present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.



Kimberly Wall, City Clerk-Treasurer



Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor