


**CITY OF BALATON  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
August 21, 2024, at 6PM**

*The order of the Minutes does not necessarily reflect the order of the meeting.*

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The Special Meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 6:03 pm on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, by Mayor Lonnie Lambertus.
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**
  - **Present:** Mayor – Lonnie Lambertus; Council Members – Scott Wood, Greg Erickson, Dylan Fricke, Curt Paradis
  - **Absent:** None
  - **Also Present:** Kimberly Wall-City Clerk/Treasurer; Alexis Birt-Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Josh Torgeson-Public Works Superintendent, Kasey Holm-Fire Chief, Theresa Zaske, Tracy McCloud, Penny Spaid, Sophia Gaul-Above the Fold
- 3) **Budget**
  - **Revenue**
    - i) LGA has been set at \$256,757.00 for 2025.
    - ii) EDA Fund: Transfer In stayed the same at \$30,000.00
    - iii) Eastbay Debt: General property taxes \$141,108.75 no change.
  - **Expenditures**
    - **Mayor:** increase salary from \$3,000 to \$3,500. Increase insurance from \$50 to \$500.
    - **City Clerk:** Full time and part time wages, preliminary increase three (3) percent, increase training from \$1,500 to \$3,000, increase insurance from \$700 to \$1,500, increase dues and subscriptions from \$500 to \$2,500.
    - **Elections:** No budget established, non-election year.
    - **Auditing:** increase from \$7,300 to \$7,500.
    - **Assessing:** Increase from \$5,532 to \$5,700.
    - **City Attorney:** No Change
    - **Zoning:** increase full and part-time wages by three (3) percent.
    - **Bus Garage:** No change
    - **Personnel Additional Salary:** increase by three (3) percent
    - **Shop:** increase electricity by three (3) percent
    - **Community Center:** Increase part-time by three (3) percent, increase electricity by three (3) percent.
    - **Sheriff Department:** Increase from \$76,680 (2024) to \$79,358.40 (2025)
    - **Streets:** full and part-time wages increase by three (3) percent, insurance increase of \$300, electrical utility increase of three (3) percent, repairs increased by \$2,300.
    - **Snow:** full and part-time wages increase by three (3) percent, insurance increased by \$500
    - **Storm Sewer:** full and part-time wages decreased by \$5,000, capital outlay increased by \$5,000.
    - **Street Lighting:** electrical utility increase by three (3) percent.
    - **Burnsite:** No change
    - **Eastbay Camping:** No change
    - **Parks:** full and part-time wage: preliminary increased by three (3) percent, electrical utilities increased by three (3) percent.
    - **Library:** electrical utility increase by three (3) percent, repairs increased from \$95 to \$2,500.
    - **Tax Abatement:** 2025 budget \$9,024.48.
    - **Fire:** annual equipment testing increase by \$2,500, phone decreased by \$150, insurance decreased by \$500, electrical utility increased by \$70, water/sewer/garbage increased by \$100, repairs decreased by \$2,000, capital outlay increase by \$5,000.
    - **Ambulance:** hourly on call hours increased by \$1/hour, telephone decreased by \$100, electrical utility increase by three (3) percent, water/sewer/garbage increased by \$100, dues and subscriptions increased by \$450.
  - **Eastbay and EDA:** to be discussed at the following budget meeting September 09, 2024 at 7pm.
- 4) Resolution 2024-32 a Resolution Declaring A Nuisance Violation and Ordering Abatement for parcel 21-100008-0 150 2<sup>nd</sup> Street West Balaton MN 56115
  - A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Dylan Fricke to accept declaring a nuisance violation and ordering abatement. Motion was carried by all.
- 5) **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Greg Erickson and seconded Scott Wood. Motion carried by all present. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

  
Kimberly Wall / Clerk-Treasurer

  
Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor  
Greg Erickson, Acting Mayor