

CITY OF BALATON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2024, 7pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 7pm on Monday November 12, 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-Joel Walerius, Kimberly Wall-Clerk/Treasurer, Josh Torgeson-Public Works Superintendent, Michael Wall and Tracy McCloud
 - 3) **APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Curt Paradis to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 14, 2024.
 - 4) **FINANCIALS:**

No questions or corrections. A motion was made by Greg Erickson 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** -None
 - 7) **CANVASSING MEETING**
 - a) A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Dylan Fricke to certify election results on November 05, 2024. Motion was carried by all present.
 - 1) Mayor
 - (i) Lonnie Lambertus 256 votes
 - (ii) Write-in 48 votes
 - 2) Council Member
 - (i) Greg Erickson 227 votes
 - (ii) Tracy McCloud 218 votes
 - (iii) Troy Jones 91 votes
 - (iv) Write-in 15 votes
 - 8) **REPORTS – OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES**
 - a) **Water/Sewer/Garbage Delinquent Accounts** Nothing
 - b) **City Personnel** - Employee Hours YTD – Nothing
 - c) **Public Works:**
 - 1) 544P Wheel Loader 1DW544PAKNLH16509. A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Dylan Fricke to purchase the extended one (1) year warranty for the 544P Wheel Loader for an additional 1500 hours. Extended warranty cost is two thousand twelve dollars (\$2012.00). Motion carried by all present.
 - d) **EDA**
 - 1) Bueltel-Moseng Land Surveying, Inc. bill totals three hundred dollars (\$300) to prepare description for parcel 21-116075-4. Matt Gross suggested that the bill should be paid by the General Account as the property is owned by the City of Balaton. The council all agreed.
 - e) **Lyon County Sheriff Department** Sheriff Officer Joel Walerius handed out October 2024 report. No concerns on behalf of the council or sheriff.
 - f) **Liquor Store:**
 - 1) Dylan stated that Jessica is still working on entering inventory into the TOAST system and should be done this week. Scott Wood said it should be up and running by the end of November. Dylan also stated that Jessica is requesting an industrial size vacuum. The vacuum she had at the liquor store is no longer working. The council was notified that there is an extra vacuum at the community center that's not being used so the council decided that the liquor store could use that vacuum for now. Josh also mentioned that there were vacuums from the nursing home that he would look for. Dylan and Scott mentioned that Ashley Haroldson asked if there is any policy about having the liquor store opening on Thanksgiving Day at 5pm. Scott Wood stated that they have never been open on Thanksgiving and questioned if they would have to pay time and a half. Matt Gross brought to the attention to the council that the minimum wage will be increasing in January 2025. The council decided to keep the liquor store closed on Thanksgiving Day.
 - g) **Community Center** - noting
 - h) **Fire/Ambulance Department:** Nothing, Kasey not in attendance. The city clerk informed the council that Kasey will be discussing ambulance profits at the December meeting.
 - i) **Nuisance:**
 - 1) Josh informed the council that the nuisance properties have gotten better. There is one property from the nuisance properties list that has not complied with removing a vehicle, all other properties have been making progress. Matt Gross informed the council that it would not be cost effective to file just one property that is not compliant with the city codes.
- 9) **Resolutions**
 - a) **Resolution No 2024-37 Borchert Challenge Funds**
 - 1) A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Greg Erickson to accept the Southwest Initiative Foundation payment of seven hundred fourteen dollars and seventy-two cents (\$714.72) for the Borchert Challenge Fund. Motion was carried by all present.
 - b) **Resolution No 2024-38 – Canvassing the General Elections held on November 05, 2024.**
 - 1) A motion was made by Curt Paradis and seconded by Dylan Fricke to certify election results on November 05, 2024. Motion was carried by all present

10) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Minnwest Bank CD Renewal 7110006192
- 1) Current Balance ninety-thousand seven hundred ninety-two dollars and five cents (\$90,792.05). A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Greg Erickson to approve the renewal of the Certificate of Deposit for nineteen (19) months at 3.5 percent. Motion carried by all present.
- b) Denise Crumrine – no show to speak about a memorial for her parents at Memorial Park.
- c) Chris Webb – no show for the enhanced pedestrian crossing at highway fourteen (14) and Eastbay Ave. Josh told the council that the upkeep, including painting, is costly and the upkeep is difficult. Greg Erickson stated that this has been talked about for years and would be okay to look into it but not do anything now. Lonnie Lambertus suggested having Chris Webb come to the council meeting and speak with the council for further details. No decision was made at this time.
- d) Dylan Fricke spoke about the crosswalks and lines on 3rd street needing to be repainted. Josh Torgeson said he would look into it. No decision was made at this time.
- e) Scott Wood advised the council that parcel 21-100048-1
- f) Public Hearing
- 1) Matt Gross informed the council that Mitch (Signature Care) has been in contact with the EDA. Signature Care will be borrowing money for kitchen upgrades together with the proposed sale of the building however the loan agreement will be separate from the sale of the building. Tara Onken has been in contact with Matt Gross. Matt wrote up a Proposed Purchase Agreement (six hundred and fifty thousand dollars [\$650,000.00]) for the property and was sent to Mitch for review. Matt Gross suggested a public meeting for transparency. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Scott Wood to have a public hearing for the proposed sale of the Lakeview Senior Housing on December 09, 2024, at six (6) pm. Motion carried by all present.

11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Scott Wood stated that he wants on the record that the water main located on Parcel 21-100048-1 was dug up this year and in the spring of 2025, it will need to be reseeded. If there is work to be done on the main water going forward for Parcel 21-100048-1, it would be at the expense of the city. A motion was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Greg Erickson to reseed Parcel 21-100048-1 in the spring of 2025 and costs of future maintenance on the water main line. 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 Scott Wood. Motion was carried by all present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.


Kimberly Wall, City Clerk-Treasurer


Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor