

**CITY OF BALATON**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 26, 2024**

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

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular Meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 6 pm on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, by Mayor Lonnie Lambertus.
- 2) **ROLL CALL:**
  - a) **Present:** Mayor – Lonnie Lambertus; Council Members – Scott Wood, Dylan Fricke, Curt Paradis and Greg Erickson
  - b) **Also Present:** Kimberly Wall – City Clerk/Treasurer, Alexis Birt – Deputy Clerk, Josh Torgeson-Superintendent, Matt Gross-City Attorney, Michael Wall, Randy Miller, Rick Anderson, Mitch Pallansch, Trent Hess-First Independent Bank.
  - c) **Personnel Meeting – Vacation Hours and when they should be applied**
    - 1) The council made the decision not to close the personnel meeting for a possible policy change regarding when vacation hours should be applied to city employees. Lonnie stated that the vacation verbiage that is in the city codes needs to be clarified. Matt Gross said that the way the code reads now is that the vacation hours will be added annually on the first anniversary date of the employee and then on the first pay period of the year. Matt suggested that the code be updated so that vacation hours are given on the employee's anniversary date going forward. Lonnie agreed that vacation should be applied on anniversary dates for consistency. Matt informed the council that if they change the current policy, they will need to pass an ordinance which calls for a public hearing. Alexis advised that she would be put in a situation where she would have to wait an additional eight (8) months for her vacation hours to be applied. At this time, the council determined that city employees will be given vacation time on the first pay period of the year and going forward, vacation time will be given on the employee's anniversary date. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to schedule a public hearing for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to create an ordinance to amend the city code regarding vacation hours. Motion was carried by all present.
  - d) **Lakeview Senior Housing Negotiations**
    - 1) Mitch Pallansch discussed the potential sale of Lakeview Senior Housing; purchase price is six hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000). Mitch informed the council that he would be borrowing four hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) and requested the remainder balance as a loan from the city to upgrade the existing kitchen. Matt Gross informed all present that the city is not allowed to loan money. The council discussed the options of selling the Lakeview Senior Housing to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) so the EDA could sell the Lakeview Senior Housing to Pallansch Prestige Properties, LLC. to include a possible loan for the kitchen upgrades. No decision was made at this time. Further discussion will recommence on December 09, 2024, during the public meeting.
- 3) **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Wood and seconded by Curt Paradis. Motion carried by all present. The meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

  
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 Kimberly Wall/Clerk-Treasurer

  
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 Lonnie Lambertus/Mayor