

CITY OF BALATON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2025 - 7pm

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Balaton City Council was called to order at 7pm on Monday April 14, 2025, by Mayor Lonnie Lambertus
- 2) **ROLL CALL**
 - a) **Present:** Lonnie Lambertus, Council Members: Dylan Fricke, Tracy McCloud, Greg Erickson, Curt Paradis
 - b) **Absent:** None
 - c) **Also Present:** Lyon County Sheriff's Department-Eric Wallen, Kimberly Wall-Clerk/Treasurer, Joshua Torgeson-Public Works, Ashley Haroldson-Bar Manager, Theresa, Jacob Hively-Ambulance, Troy Jones, Dar Sherman and Jon Skarl.
- 3) **APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Tracy McCloud to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 10, 2025. Motion carried by all present.
- 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:** Nothing
- 6) **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** - None
- 7) **REPORTS – OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES**
 - a) **Water/Sewer/Garbage Delinquent Accounts** – Nothing
 - b) **City Personnel** - Employee Hours YTD – Nothing
 - c) **Public Works:**
 - 1) Josh requested that the council sign a one-year contract with the Electric Pump (annual service agreement) for the lift stations for preventative maintenance. A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Tracy McCloud to approve the one-year annual service agreement contract with Electric Pump. Motion carried by all present.
 - 2) Fishing Peir at Lake Yankton Park
 - i) Josh spoke with the council that the old dock floated to the north side of lake and broke. There are discrepancies of who should be maintaining and removing the dock in and out of the lake. Taber Hoek spoke with Josh and advised him that he would sell the city an aluminum T-dock with benches at cost for eleven thousand one hundred and nine dollars (\$11,109) which is his cost. Taber volunteered to assemble and install as well as putting the dock out in the spring and pull it back out in the fall (for the life of the dock) at no cost to the city. Josh would also like to look for donations to help fund the project. Tracy (member of the BACF) stated that he would speak with Theresa Zaske about donating toward the project. Theresa Zaske informed the council that they would meet on March 28th and would decide then. Greg Erickson asked if there was donated money left over for the parks that they could apply toward the dock. The clerk informed the council that there are four thousand eight hundred and six dollars (\$4806) unused donations (committed to parks) from 2024. A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Tracy McCloud to approve the purchase of the dock from Hoek Outdoors at \$11,109 using the remaining funds of \$4806.00 from 2024 donations (for parks) and contingent on various committee organizations. Motion carried by all present. The clerk also informed the council that the Borchert Challenge funds in savings would also be available. Greg Erickson advised the council that the wooden dock has been broken several times and if the DNR doesn't want it, try to sell – no decision made at this time, will need to evaluate the condition of the old dock.
 - d) **Zoning:** Nothing
 - e) **EDA:** Nothing – no minutes received
 - f) **Lyon County Sheriff Department**
 - 1) The Lyon County Sheriff Department Officer handed out a March 2025 incident report. He stated that there were 37 calls and has no concerns.
 - g) **Community Center:**
 - 1) Tables: A motion was made by Tracy McCloud and seconded by Greg Erickson to approve the purchase of seventeen (17) new tables from Tyler Lumber. Eight-foot tables (white) will be approximately three thousand dollars (\$3,000). Old tables (broken) will be discarded as they are no longer safe. Motion carried by all present. Per Matt Gross, will need to sign the Conflict-of-interest affidavit. Lonnie Lambertus and abstained from voting.
 - h) **Fire/Ambulance Department:**
 - 1) Jacob Hively informed the council that Tracy McCloud joined the ambulance as an EMR. A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Curt Paradis to accept Tracy McCloud as an EMR on the Balaton Ambulance Department. Motion carried all present. Tracy McCloud abstained from voting.
 - 2) Jacob informed the council that Reed Lange finished the refresher course and would like approval to pay through the state funds that were given to the Balaton Ambulance. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Tracy McCloud to pay the refresher course of two hundred and fifteen dollars (\$215) to be pay Tracy Ambulance by the funds granted by the state to be used in the year 2025. Motion passed unanimously.
 - 3) Jacob informed the council that RTR (Russell /Tyler/Ruthton) has an EMT educational program for high school kids to ride along in the ambulance. HIPAA agreements will be signed by all who participate and if the child is under seventeen (17), parents will be required to sign a permission form. A motion was made by Tracy McCloud and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve the EMT education program ride along. Motion passed unanimously.
 - i) **Nuisance:**
 - 1) Per the City Clerk, the letters went out and will continue at the May 12th council meeting. Josh and Dylan informed all present that there are people reaching out for help to be compliant with the city codes.

- 2) Josh told the council his goal this year will be third street down Summit and Mound (going south). The council agreed to have letters to be sent immediately once a list is completed. Dylan suggested that there are different organizations to help clean up and remove cars. Josh advised he will get pictures of properties this week and letters will be sent out.

8) Resolutions

- a) Resolution 2025-11 Resolution amending resolution 2024-12. A motion was made by Dylan Fricke and seconded by Curt Paradis to correct resolution 2024-12 to reallocate funds of \$12,909.50 from the LGA to the 607 fire truck project. Motion passed unanimously.
- b) Resolution 2025-12 – Resolution Increasing Capital Outlay Account Balance Limit from \$1000 to \$5000. The council agreed to leave the capital outlay at \$1000 per item/project. No motion was made to support this resolution.
- c) Resolution 2025-13 – Resolution to Secure Funds before Submitting Application for Matching Grants
- 1) A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Tracy McCloud that all funds/donations must be secured before submitting any grant applications that require matching funds. Motion passed unanimously.

9) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Vet Run July 12, 2025
- 1) Dar Sherman and Jon Skarl requested that the street between the bar and city hall be closed during the Vet Run function including cones, requested the use of city picnic tables along with cones and garbage carts. A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Dylan Fricke to approve closing street during the Vets Run. Approved the use of city picnic tables, cones and garbage cart which the public works will bring to and from the event. Motion carried by all present.
- b) Borchert Challenge Survey Committee
- 1) The council agreed that the Borchert Challenge committee should put together a survey committee if they want, the council will not be involved.
- c) Deput Clerk Position
- 1) A motion was made by Tracy McCloud and seconded by Greg Erickson to advertise the position for two (2) weeks in the Tracy paper. Clerk hours will be 20-25 hours/week and pay will range from \$14 to \$19 an hour.

10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

11) MISCELLANEOUS: nothing

12) Liquor – A motion was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Tracy McCloud to open a Closed Meeting for discussions regarding the personnel evaluation at 6:45pm. Motion passed unanimously.

13) A motion was made to come out of the meeting at 7:02pm by Tracy McCloud and seconded by Greg Erickson. Motion passed unanimously.

14) ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Greg Erickson and seconded by Curt Paradis. Motion was carried by all present. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

Kimberly Wall, City Clerk-Treasurer

Lonnie Lambertus, Mayor