

Minutes of the meeting of the Buffalo City Council held on April 05, 2021. Meeting called to order by Mayor Sally Rodriguez, at 5:30pm. Mayor Rodriguez explained that due to COVID-19, masks were required where social distancing is not possible in the council room and that we were providing online and conference call login as well as Council Chambers open to the public. All members with a "*" after their name participated electronically for the meeting. All other participants were in the Council Chambers. Present Judy Hammons, Ted Teel, Austin Miller, Trent Adams, Joe Buffington, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel 6:00pm, City Attorney William McCullough 6:00 pm, City Engineer Mike Janecek*, Police Chief Behning 6:00pm, Fire Chief Doug Anderson*6:00pm and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to move into closed session at 5:30pm per Iowa code 288.9 to discuss competitive information.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Adams to move from closed session at 5:55pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Adams to proceed as discussed during the closed session. Motion Carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to take a five minute recess. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Adams to resume from recess at 6:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the March 01, 04, & 23, 2021 Council meetings
3. Payment of claims
4. Clerk Report

Motion by Hammons to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Teel and carried unanimously.

Public Input- Teel confirmed the city wide clean-up was April 17-24.

Mayor Rodriguez reminded the public:

1. Bulky items are picked up weekly like chairs, desks, or mattresses. Residents just needed to call City Hall to arrange pickup on normal waste pick up days.
2. There have been issues with loose dogs and reminded residents to get them licensed so that we know where they belong and do not have to take them to the Humane Society.
3. Thanking the Park Board Members, Scott County Waste Commission, Tommy's Café for breakfast, Cub and Boy Scout Troops, and residents that helped make the park clean up on March 27th a success.
4. Thanking the Tom Harland family and friends that hosted a great Easter egg hunt at the Park.
5. Reminding that the "Buffalo Community" Facebook page is not an official page that is monitored by City Officials and to report concerns, call or email City Hall or the Police Department depending on the nature of the concern.

Street Project updates

Janecek updated the council:

1. Y40 is planned to begin a pre-construction meeting in May with construction beginning in June or July.
2. MRT, Tanna was looking into alignment and study information from Bi-State
3. Street Scape, he did a site visit and met with the Mayor. There was also a light selection email sent from the electrical engineer.
4. Conservation Sewer Connection, he is recommending to stay with the long term goal to install sewer toward the west and ask that Conservation install a gravity main instead of a forced main. Conservation explained that they are under a timeline with the season opening and they have already planned for the forced main, additionally the costs for the gravity main would be much greater and would have more of a benefit than just them. Conservation did not consider their project would be approved by FEMA if it benefitted others.

Dollar General

Mayor Rodriguez explained that even though the City is not directly involved in the negotiations after discussion with several party members she organized a phone conversation to help facilitate. Frank Deierling, Outing Club's representative discussed concerns with the other parties regarding the amount of land and the placement of septic system. A revised drawing reducing the area to a minimum was submitted to IDOT and approved. Mr. Deierling was scheduling a meeting and would bring any concerns back to the Overland group.

Elain Bell Property

There was a new home built on the property and the old home was not properly demolished and over time the old home has deteriorated and is a health hazard. Clerk sent a letter to have the property cleaned up by March 31st, and Ms. Bell was asking for a sixty day extension.

Motion by Teel, seconded by Miller to approve a sixty day extension to have the old home properly demolished and disposed of. Motion carried unanimously.

BAC Room Rental

Clerk explained that she was approached by JK's Resale and Repair to rent a room at the BAC. The options would be to combine Girl and Boy Scouts or condense the give-away rooms into two, instead of three rooms.

Teel motioned to request that the give-away reduce rooms so that a room can be rented for \$400 per month to JK's Resale and Repair, seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

Hammon's mentioned that it may be difficult for the give-away to condense to two rooms and Mayor Rodriguez will check into it, even if it is for future use.

IDOT Agreement

Adams motioned to approve the five year agreement with IDOT Hwy 22 maintenance, seconded by Hammons and carried unanimously.

Seal Coating Community Center Parking Lot

Director Ferkel shared pricing that he received for the sealcoat of the BCC parking lot for \$11,592 and the alley for \$3,762. Director stated that he couldn't use Road Use Tax funds for the parking lot and that he hadn't talked with the BCC Director.

Motion by Teel to spend Community Development funds in the amount of \$11,592 to cover the parking lot for the BCC, seconded by Miller and carried with Adams and Hammons voting "no"

Hammons explained that she personally did not see that this was not a valid expense but that she felt it should be presented and approved by Community Development before council approved the expense. She explained that the committee has its purpose and if they weren't set up that way in the first place there would be no need for committees and the council would just make the decisions.

Teel rescinded his motion out of good faith and second thought. He recommended giving Community Development the opportunity to review the expense before council votes.

City of Davenport Salt Agreement

Motion by Teel to approve to salt agreement with davenport, seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

Dog Waste bag dispenser

Motion by Teel to approve the park board recommendation to spend \$550 for dog waste bag dispensers, seconded by Hammons and carried unanimously.

Baseball field Updates

Motion by Teel to approve the park board recommendation to spend \$9,915 to redo the soils at two baseball fields at the park, seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

Mower Attachments

Motion by Adams to authorize the director to purchase a brush hog for \$2,700, seconded by Teel and carried unanimously.

State Annual Exam

Motion by Teel to approve state to perform the annual exam, seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

Part Time Employees

Motion by Teel to hire applicant C & D at \$15.00 per hour as Seasonal Part Time, seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

Resolutions

2021-07 NSF Fees- Motion by Teel to approve the updated NSF Fee policy, seconded by Buffington and carried unanimously.

2021-09 Beach Pub Outdoor- Motion by Teel to approve the outdoor liquor license for the Beach Pub, seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

2021-12 Transfer Truck/Squad Sales- Motion by Teel to approve the transfer of revenues for the truck and squad, seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

Josh Ferkel Provide and Update for Public Works

1. Removed 40 bags of debris after large park clean up
 2. Installed black dirt on 10 graves in Rose Hill Cemetery
 3. Cleaned MRT Trail with skidsteer
 4. Started removing rock and sand pile from BCC parking lot
 5. Iowa DNR performed a sanitary survey
 6. Performed 4 burials
 7. Picked up trash and sticks before mowing begins
- Removed approximately 40 bags of trash and leaves from the park clean up.

Mayor Rodriguez thanked Josh's staff for removing all of the trash from the park. Also for working on the graves after there were complaints. She also noted that if he could look at the MRT Trail near Elm Street and Hwy 22 to see if they could fix the transition area between the trail and highway.

Chief Behning provided an update from the Police Department

March 2021 Police Report

Monthly calls for service: 229

Year to date calls total: 534

Traffic report:

Citations:	18	Traffic Stops	44
PD Accidents:	2	Vehicle Impound:	0
PI Accidents:			

Calls for service report:

Disturbances:	5	Domestics/Assaults:	4
Business Checks:	86	Public Service:	40
Suicidal Persons:	1	Harassment:	1
Thefts:	0	Suspicious activity:	11
Animal:	10	Burglary/Burglary Alarms:	1
Criminal Mischief:	2	Juvenile Problem:	2
Assist another Agency:	2		

Arrests: 5

1. Domestic assault W/injury
2. OWI, (1st), Domestic assault, violation of N.C.O
3. Driving while barred
4. O.W.I 1st
5. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Open Container, No Seatbelt

Training- All full-time officers participated in an in-service training at the sheriff's office.

K-9 Deployments:2- Buffalo PD, Muscatine County.

Fire Chief Doug Anderson* provided the monthly Fire Department Report

We spent 48 man hours responding to 20 Emergency calls in March.

We responded to: 18- EMS Calls
 1- Structure Fire
 0- Vehicle Fire
 0- Grass Fires

1- Vehicle Accidents

0- Boat Rescue

0- Misc. Calls

56 Total Emergency Responses for 2021

Training: 9 Members spent 28 man hours doing regular crew duties.

17 Members spent 2 hours of training on Air Bags, Cribbing, and Vehicle Stabilization.

Police Notes: The Speed display signs were relocated to other areas with speed issues along Dodge Street and Jefferson St near the school.

Park Board President Troy Hass provided an update on the Park Board.

Community Development has a meeting scheduled for April 15, 2021.

Brandy Harland provided an update for the BCC, there are events on all weekends in May and table space opening for the garage sales May 7-8.

Ordinance

Motion by Teel to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 524, amending the park rules, seconded by Miller and carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel to approve the first reading of Ordinance 525 adopting the updated floodplain maps for FEMA, seconded by Buffington and carried unanimously.

Motion by Hammons to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 525, seconded by Teel and carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel to approve the first reading of Ordinance 527 Community Center Bi-Laws, seconded by Hammons and carried unanimously.

Future meetings

Special Council meeting April 13, 2021 6:00 pm

Union Negotiations April 14, 2021 3:00 pm

Buffalo Community Center April 14, 2021 5:00 pm


Community Development April 15, 2021 5:30 pm

Next City Council meeting May 03, 2021 6:00 pm

Park Board April 21, 2021 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm by Adams, seconded by Buffington and carried unanimously.


Sally Rodriguez, Mayor


Tanna Leonard, City Clerk

Claims List

7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	566.60
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	ice machine rental	105.00
ADVANCED Business Systems	printer contract	109.35
AFLAC	aflac	221.60
A-L-L Equipment	water plant air compressor	433.25
ALLTEST	Drug Testing	58.00
Altorfer Inc	mrt trail broom	197.00
American Industrial Door	deadbolt	160.94
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	oil filters	50.10
BABE'S TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	65.00
BUJALSKI, JOSHUA	meal reimbursement	14.99
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY	sewer crossing	150.00
CARL NORRIS	garage door spring	125.00
Casey's Business Mastercard	fuel	1,750.46
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	17,742.90
Buffalo, City of	utilities	232.60
Culligan of the Quad Cities	BCC rental	35.00
DECCO	air compressor water plant	600.05
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	13,654.88
FLYAKITE STUDIOS	receipt printer	300.00
GALLS	helmets and batons	921.90
Grainger	air compressor water	312.65
Hach Company	free and total chlorine	471.95
Tom Harland	Easter egg hunt	1,000.00
HAYMAN'S WESTSIDE ACE	Keys	65.23
IA CHILD SUPPORT Recovery Unit	CHILD SUPPORT	501.60
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	de-escalation training	200.00
IAMU	membership dues	459.40
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	7,203.59
JASON'S DISTRIBUTING	solo cups	185.68
JOHNSON OIL COMPANY	Fuel	860.57
Kirby Water Conditioning	Salt	86.00
Storey Kenworthy /Matt Parrott	Checks	299.46
McCullough, William	attorney fees	1,518.75
MEDIACOM	phone/internet	839.42
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	450.00
MENARDS-Davenport	combination locks	187.31
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	Elect, access, flowershop	197.97
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL	water meters	850.45
MID AMERICAN	Sewer	4,709.17
Molyneaux Insurance	insurance	129,340.00
Office of Auditor of State	FY 2020	5,566.00
Panther Uniforms Inc	uniform for TJ	107.89
PS3 Enterprises Inc	handicap toilet	84.00
QC Analytical Services	Tests	50.00
Quad City Spring	shoe kit, latch kit, boss roller	52.61
QUAD CITY TESTING LAB	truck inspections	826.00
Quad City Times	proof of mar. minutes	476.62

REGALIA	flags	304.25
Republic Services #400	trash	6,915.78
Resale Power Group of Iowa	electric	23,733.80
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	1,926.00
Scott County Library System	semiannual taxes	24,981.00
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF	booking fees	50.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	alcohol	1,381.01
SIRCHIE	evidence kits	182.71
SMITH AND LOVELESS	shear pins	240.37
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAX	1,853.00
TC AUTO	fix plastic on 2017 dodge	64.59
TRI-MOR K9	phone app	99.00
TROY HASS BUFFALO YOUTH BASEB	insurance	197.30
UNITYPOINT HEALTH	cpr card	10.00
US Cellular	phones	227.07
VERIZON	phone	240.08
Visa	lightbar	922.65
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3-phase deposit refund	625.98

Accounts Payable Total 258,455.49

001 General Fund	180,729.58
006 COMMUNITY CENTER	7,211.45
110 Road Use Tax Fund	6,880.49
301 Capital Equipment/Reserve	1,221.90
600 Water Utility Fund	27,209.36
610 Sewer Utility Fund	26,948.86
630 Electric Utility Fund	108,132.77
740 Storm Water Utility Fund	4.00

TOTAL FUNDS	358,338.41

February Revenues

General Fund	44,604.18
Community Center	611.00
Road use Tax Fund	11,100.22
Employee Benefit Fund	268.88
Perpetual Care Fund	410.00
WATER Utility	12,783.97
Sewer Utility	14,459.18
Electric Utility Fund	45,980.82