

Minutes of the meeting of the Buffalo City Council held on June 07, 2021. Meeting called to order by Mayor Sally Rodriguez, at 6:00pm. 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, City Attorney William McCullough, Police Chief Behning, and Fire Chief Doug Anderson.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of the minutes of the May 03, 2021 Council meetings
3. Payment of claims
4. Clerk Report

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

Public Input- Mayor Rodriguez Provided Comments:

1. The city is still working to work on the cemetery. We are purchasing mulching blades, a higher powered blower, and working on one section at a time. Apologized for these issues and ensured that the issues will be taken care of.
2. State that the power outage on Sunday was due to a fuse at Washington/Front Street that was a Mid-American Issue. Once they fixed that, then we were able to turn back on Buffalo's power. Even though we don't get power from Mid-American, the same lines still feed into our power. Also, if we don't turn the power back on right, then it could possible damage the appliances for residents.
3. 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.
4. If you see something suspicious, please call 911. The police will come check it or the person out.

Street Project updates

Janecek updated the council:

1. Y-40: I haven't heard anything from them in the last couple weeks, but they are supposedly starting construction next week or the following week and expect to be done mid to late July. I have heard very good things about the contractor so I expect it to go well and the cost to the city in their bid was excellent and below our estimate. Josh may need to check on them from time to time June 13-17 when I am on vacation if they get started by then.
2. MRT: We prepared a cost estimate for the next phase of the project for use by the City. It wasn't a detailed estimate and was determined using some information provided by Bistate and reviewing the past study by Stanley. Let me know if you need anything else on this.
3. Streetscape: The civil and lighting estimates and conceptual plans were provided to the City for its use. Let me know if you have any comments that we should address. RTM is the electrical engineer for the lighting.
4. Conservation Sewer Connection: All City comments have been addressed and I recommended approval of the plans and permit. The approval waived the requirement for gravity sewer along Highway 22 and allowed a force main.

City attorney was working on a sanitary sewer agreement between the City and Buffalo Shores.

Dollar General

Mayor stated that the Dollar General Attorney had contacted Bob's attorney stating they were not proceeding with

the project. Mayor stated that we had previously asked Dollar General if they were interested in any other site in Buffalo, but they stated they were not. Mayor also stated that she sent an E-mail to Dollar General to ask if there was anything else the city could do to possibly have a Dollar General in town, but has not heard back from them yet.

Union Contract

Mayor stated that the union contract had been reviewed by the city and is good, now the union will review. Then the contract will have to be presented to the council for approval by July 01, 2021.

Nuisance Abatement Buildings

Public Works Director stated that the family of R. Scott asked for an extension to the June 10, 2021 deadline date. Motion by Teel to approve the extension for 30 days. Seconded by Adams and carried unanimously. Mayor asked how many other buildings were left and Public Works Director stated 3 and believe at least 1 is being worked on. If the deadline is not met, then the city will obtain bids for a contractor to remove these buildings or complete demolition in house.

Electrical Handbook Update

Public Works Director discussed the requirement to review Buffalo's electric rules and regulations to identify and propose any modifications to accommodate the interconnection of customer-owned distributed generation (DG) for Buffalo. The resident is responsible for the cost of this review. Teel mentioned to approve the services of Latham, Ervin, Vognsen & Associates, Inc, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Seconded by Buffington and carried unanimously.

Sandmaster Sandbags

Public Works Director stated that he would like to purchase 24,000 of the 14"x 23" Poly Sandbags for the sandbag machine the city owns, for \$7,480.87. He has flood money available and will store the bags in the salt building to protect them from the weather. Motion by Teel to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

Cemetery Mapping

A resident asked about paying for Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) and GIS mapping services for Rose Hill Cemetery. The purpose is to honor the heritage of the community by documenting the current state of the cemetery and providing relevant information and guidance for future planning and management of the cemetery. The cost of this service is \$13,675. The council discussed if the city would be better to utilize money to fix some of the headstones, take care of some of the trees, etc. Motion by Teel to have the cemetery committee to have a meeting to discuss these issues. Seconded by Adams and carried unanimously. Mayor also stated that the military markers that were outside of the cemetery shed had not been recently removed, they had been removed years ago and the committee should work on a plan to have those placed back at the proper location.

Rental Properties

Mayor stated that in scheduling the yearly rental inspections, we received several requests for rentals not to be considered rental because it is their sibling or child living at residence, as well as stating that the home is not rented and is a summer home. The city's current ordinance does not allow for this exceptions. The council discussed and decided to review the ordinance and make changes. The attorney stated that the city could have the property owner sign an affidavit, which would state they are not receiving rent. Motion by Teel to suspend enforcement of the rule until the committee could meet. Seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

BAC Cameras/Computer

Mayor stated that we would like to have cameras installed in the BAC, as a security precaution, as there have been issues in the building and since there are several businesses in the building. Teel asked if there had been any break ins and Police Chief stated there had been in the past and he would recommend to have the cameras installed. Also, requested approval to purchase a new computer for the Deputy Clerk, as her computer is also the server and is very slow. The clerk had stated that there is money available in the office budget. Motion by Teel for approval of FlyaKite Invoice of \$896 for a new computer and \$975 for the cameras/hookup in the BAC. Seconded by Hammons and carried unanimously.

Park Camera/Score Board Electrical

Discussed what was left to connect the cameras and score board in the park. There is still the boring and conduit to be completed and some hook-up and cabling to be completed. Motion by Teel to approve the quote by Flyakite for the port power switch and the cabling for \$250 and as long as park park approves, to allow up to \$4,000 for conduit, if it is not donated. Seconded by Adams and carried unanimously. Also, Teel motioned to accept the DECCO quote for the first and fourth options, for a total of \$4,700, if park board approves. Seconded by Miller and carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel to approve Fly A Kite Studio to connect to the telecom room with a price not to exceed \$1,215.00, seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

Painting Park

No action on this issue.

Park Restroom

Public Works Director stated that the interior walls of the building are not stable and recommend that the restrooms not be used. The restrooms will remained closed.

BCC Floor

Motion by Teel to approve the quote from MFC for \$23,650 to put a new floor in at the Buffalo Community Center. Seconded by Hammons and carried unanimously.

Cemetery Report

Clerk provided the annual cemetery report, showing that there is \$145,454.64 in the NON SPENDABLE Perpetual Care Fund. There were expenses of \$17,315.19 and revenues of \$6,413.52 for a loss of \$10,901.67 that will be covered by the general fund or property taxes.

Teel mentioned about inquiring about additional property for the cemetery. Rodriguez will contact the property owner.

Resolutions

2021-17 Motion by Teel seconded by Adams to table this resolution and motion carried unanimously.

2021-18 Motion by Teel seconded by Adams to table this resolution and motion carried unanimously.

Public Works, Police, and Fire provided their reports to the council and asked if there were any questions. Park Board and Community Development provided their meeting minutes.

Brandy provided an update for the Community Center.

Ordinance

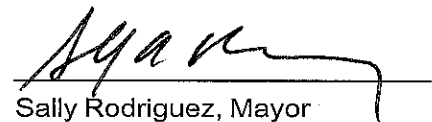
Motion by Teel and seconded by Adams to approve the second reading of Ordinance 526 relating toyard waste disposal. Motion carried unanimously.

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

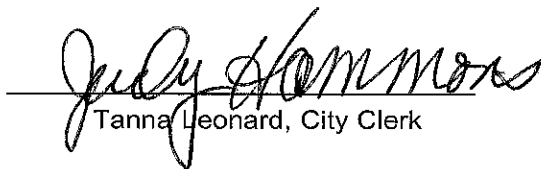
Future meetings

- Special Council meeting May 19, 2021 6:00 pm
- Next City Council meeting July 6, 2021 6:00 pm
- Park Board June 15, 2021 6:00 pm
- Ordinance Committee June 17, 2021 3:00 pm
- Cemetery Committee June 16, 2021 5:00 pm
- Community Center June 29, 2021 6:00 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm by Hammons, seconded by Trent and carried unanimously.



Sally Rodriguez, Mayor



Tanna Leonard, City Clerk

Claims List

7G DISTRIBUTING	Alcohol	286.85
ADVANCED Business Systems	printer contract	103.96
AFLAC	aflac	138.50
A-L-L Equipment	relay	171.94
BABE'S TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	65.00
BEYOND TECHNOLOGY, INC	ink	95.76
Bi-State Regional Commission	member dues	248.00
Casey's Business Mastercard	fuel	1,156.63
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	13,035.60
Buffalo, City of	utilities	443.52

Davenport, City of	road salt	1,067.42
DOG WASTE DEPOT	dog waste dispensers, bags	591.21
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	10,482.44
FLYAKITE STUDIOS	dream machine, wi-fi, Gen 2 port	1,699.00
GALLS	helmets	1,375.49
IAABD	License fee	936.00
Iowa Utilities Board	IEC assessment	684.00
IOWA BEVERAGE	Alcohol	184.78
IDALS	pesticide certification	30.00
IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION	Annual Report Fee	11.00
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	8,545.13
J&M Displays	fireworks	7,000.00
JOHNSON OIL COMPANY	fuel	650.12
K&K True Value Hardware	Shoulder harness replacement	109.97
KIRKWOOD COMM COLL	water treatment class	970.00
Leonard, Tanna	flex	40.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE	utility appraisal	3,562.98
McCullough, William	attorney fees	1,068.75
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	450.00
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL	water meters	1,118.50
MID AMERICAN	sewer	2,882.62
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP	3 phase Myers pump	1,910.09
NSF	NSF	6.00
Office of Auditor of State	FY 2020	5,566.00
Panther Uniforms Inc	Fowler uniform	79.74
PS3 Enterprises Inc	handicap rental	182.29
QC Analytical Services	tests	50.00
QUAD CITY SAFETY	safety glasses	104.40
Quad City Times	proof of minutes	420.46
R.P. LUMBER	door repair	6.72
Republic Services #400	trash	7,065.78
River Valley Cooperative	weed control	811.50
River Stone Group, Inc	baseball field ag	6,052.08
Resale Power Group of Iowa	electric	20,963.96
Scott County Library System	semiannual taxes	24,981.00
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF	booking fees	50.00
SEDLOCK	work on the baseball fields	3,625.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	z trimmer	2,842.06
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	lawn mowers	17,800.00
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	Service Charges ACH	44.64
Sports Depot Inc	uniforms	1,063.00
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAXES	2,228.00
STEFFES GROUP INC	Bear Cat trimmer	440.00
TC AUTO	2018 tahoe washer pump, sensor	434.50
THE PRINTING STORE	golf cart stickers	82.50
US Cellular	josh's phone (end)	202.05

VERIZON	phones	564.46
Visa	trimmer head	80.95
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3phase deposit refund	625.98
	Accounts Payable Total	157,488.33
	General Fund	103,145.85
	EMPLOYEE MEDICAL ACCT	40.00
	COMMUNITY CENTER	2,332.85
	Road Use Tax Fund	2,929.05
	Capital Equipment/Reserve	7,000.00
	Water Utility Fund	5,522.78
	Sewer Utility Fund	8,476.42
	Electric Utility Fund	28,041.38
	TOTAL FUNDS	157,488.33