

Minutes of the meeting of the Buffalo City Council held on December 06, 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 Engineer Mike Janecek*, City Attorney William McCullough, Police Chief TJ Behning, Police Sergeant Josh Bujalski, Fire Chief Doug Anderson* and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the minutes of the November 01 & 17 2021, council meetings
- Payment of claims
- Clerk Report

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

Public Input- Mayor Rodriguez Commented the following:

1. She welcomed re-hired employee Jay Wilson as Police Officer.
2. She updated numbers for Blue Line paid citations:

481 – 11 mph- 20mph

23 – 21mph-25mph

4- 26mph-30mph
3. The Fire Department would be doing the Christmas truck December 24 & 25.
4. She reported that with all the break-ins that were posted on Facebook, not one person filed a police report. She informed residents that even though items were not taken from the vehicles, it is a crime to break into a vehicle. She reminded the public to call 911 or the non-emergency number for Scott County 563-388-3904 to contact the police, when they see something or someone suspicious. A report of suspicious activity could prevent your neighbor or friends from being taken advantage of.

Christina McDonough, from the Scott County Health Department introduced herself and summarized some of the work that she has done with Buffalo in the past. She explained that the Scott County Health Department supports the MRT Extension and looks forward to working with the committee and citizens to make the next phase possible.

Dean Mathias aka "Bareback", introduced himself to the council and thanked them again with supporting the extension of the MRT Trail. He explained that he worked with staff and citizens to get the first length of trail through Buffalo and would support the extension however, even through pancake breakfasts like we have done in the past. He introduced Jim Mathis and David Cooney.

Jim Mathis introduced himself as the previous president of Buffalo Savings Bank previous to the changeover to SENB and thanked all the members of the Council and members of the past for supporting his dream of a trail in Buffalo that started over 20+ years ago. He was thankful for the support for making that happen and thanked the Council. He expressed his support for the extension of the trail and offered his assistance.

David Cooney introduced himself as a member of Muscatine Cycling Club and thanked the Council for continued support for the extension of the trail. He offered to show support by attending fundraisers and any other support needed.

Kathy Wine introduced herself as the Director of River Action. She expressed River Action's work in the extension of the MRT trail through Scott County and on the Illinois side of the Mississippi. She was eager for Buffalo's movements forward with the expansion of the MRT trail and announced that River Action would donate the first \$1,000 to begin to promote the next phase to YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln.

Ms. Wine also informed the Council about the Community Rating System and Flood Resilience Committee that River Action has started. The committee works with communities to improve flood mitigation. She explained that there is funding to assist with first floor surveys to help reduce or alleviate flood insurance. She also discussed working with the Scott County Flood Plain Manager with a 28E Agreement.

Mayor Rodriguez thanked all the non-resident members that came to support the MRT Trail, she appreciated the patience and confidence they had, and continue to have, in improving Buffalo.

Kay Willet addressed the Council and explained that a comment that was made by a member at a previous meeting did not sit well with her. The comment was that several people that signed her petition didn't even know what they were signing. She was upset by this because she said it made her feel uncomfortable and that the comment was just dumb if people are signing things and they don't know what for.

Teel commented that he made the comment because he had talked to some of the neighbors. He apologized and explained that he had no intentions to make her feel that way about the comment and he simply meant that they may not have had all the information before signing, and signed it to be courteous, or worried about hurting someone's feelings.

Engineering updates

Janecek updated the council:

- Street Scape- Janecek explained that he was having difficulties in the two blocks west of Dodge Street and historical ROW's with the Railroad. He was hoping to have some breakthroughs soon and meet with Community Development to discuss moving forward.
- Scott County Sewer Connections- No updates available.

- Cemetery – Janecek explained that he has been working on creating a map for the cemetery, they were working on the last few changes and meeting with St. Peters Cemetery to work out some boundary issues.

Alley for Raney and Vrana

No one was present, no action taken

Dollar General

Mayor Rodriguez said that the clerk was working on the waiver for IDOT.

Street Sweeper Purchase

Council reviewed bids from Public works for a street sweeper. Teel mentioned that it was probably going to need to be added to next years budge. No action taken.

Person in charge while absence of Chief Behning

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to accept Chief Behning's recommendation to designated Sergeant Bujalski as "person in charge" during his vacation. Motion carries with Hammons Abstaining.

Jim Rogers Rental Reimbursement Request

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to refund Jim Rogers his \$125.00 for rental license and inspection because his child is living in his rental property and the city has changed the code requirements.

LIHWAP

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the agreement with LIHWAP. Motion carries unanimously.

Restroom at Terry Adams Memorial Park

Motion by Adams and seconded by Teel to approve the Park Board to get bids for the repair of the restrooms. Motion carried unanimously.

Flag Poles

Ferkel said that the poles were not up but the rebar is in to mark locations.

Liquor License Buffalo Community Center

Motion by Adams and seconded by Hammons to approve the liquor license for the Buffalo Community Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorizing WWTP Operator

Motion by Teel and seconded by Adams to pay QC Analytical to operate the WWTP for six months as allotted by IDNR. Motion carries unanimously

IT Services

No action taken.

gWorks Annual License

Motion by Adams and seconded by Teel to approve the annual license with gWorks. Motion carries unanimously.

Resolutions

2021-36 Establishing MRT Committee. Motion by Adams and seconded by Teel to approve the establishment of the MRT Committee to promote, support, and design the trail extension. Motion carried unanimously.

2021-37 Set Hearing. Motion by Adams and seconded by Miller to set the Budget Amendment Public Hearing for January 03, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Report-

- Put out Christmas decorations
- Removed boat dock
- Removed sand from boat ramp
- Performed 1 burial
- Moved all power poles to new storage yard
- Installed salters
- Performed maintenance on plows
- Repaired floats on Dodge Street lift station
- Repaired water main break at Dodge and 2nd Street
- Serviced all backup generators

Jim Rogers said that there was a utility pole in front of the church at 4th and Washington that was in bad shape. He had already notified the city but nothing had been addressed.

Teel asked that Ferkel look at the street at the corner of Ash and Elm in front of Linda Mullanack's house.

Police Department Report

Monthly calls for service: 147

Year to date calls for service: 2217

Traffic report:

Citations: 7

PD Accidents: 3

PI Accidents: 0

Traffic Stops: 20

Vehicles Impound: 0

Arrests: 2

- Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of controlled Substance 2nd, Possession of Drug paraphernalia

K-9 Deployments: 2

Training: Full time officers completed 8 hours of in-service training at the SCSO

Chief Behning thanked the Volunteer Responders and their dedication. These responders drop whatever they are in the middle of and run to an emergency call. He thanked council for the decision to support Volunteer Responders that are also PW Employees to attend calls for 911 service during work hours. It is a great service provided for the community.

Fire Report

We Spent 23-man hours responding to 28 emergency calls in November,

26- EMS Calls

1-Structure Fire

0-Vehicle Fire

0-Grass Fire

0-Vehicle Accidents

0-Boat Rescues

1-Misc. calls

263 Total Emergency Responses for 2021

Training: 7 members spent 20-man hours doing regular crew duties. 16 members spent 2 hours training on opening patient airway and AED refresher.

Park Board

Members were not present. Teel, liaison for the Board explained that there are some great ideas, and projects coming down the line from the Park Board. He also mentioned that there was a vacancy on the board and asked how to proceed with that.

Community Development

Adams reported that the Committee met and worked on the Rural Housing Assessment grant and that the clerk completed and submitted on December 01, 2021. There were no updates on the application currently.

Ordinances

534 – Election Processes – Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to amend the election process so that it is uniform with other rural Scott County Communities and easier for Scott County Elections Office to handle processes. Motion carried unanimously.

535 – Snow Removal Processes and Parking-

Motion by Teel and seconded by Adams to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 535 amending that the Mayor have authority to call a “snow emergency” and that only “no parking” snow emergencies affect the six major north and south streets that contain hills. Dodge Street, Jefferson Street, Hacker Street, Franklin Street, Utah Ave, and Valley Heights Road. These streets shall be designated as snow emergency routs and if a “snow emergency” is declared no parking shall be allowed on these streets. Motion carried unanimously.

Future meetings

Next City Council meeting January 06, 2022 6:00 pm

Park Board December 15, 2021 6:00pm

Community Development Committee TBD


Mayor Rodriguez thanked everyone for attending and requested someone to move into closed session.

Motion by Adams seconded by Hammons to move into closed session at 7:15pm per Iowa Code 21.5 (j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate.

Motion by Adams and seconded by Teel to move from closed session at 7:29pm

Motion by Adams and seconded by Miller to move forward with what was agreed upon during the closed session.

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


Sally Rodriguez, Mayor


Tanna Leonard, City Clerk

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	191.60
7G DISTRIBUTING	Alcohol	150.40
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	ice machine rent	105.00
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ADVANCED Business Systems	contract	116.36
ALEX AIR APPARATUS INC	compresser belt	280.00
ALLTEST	Drug Testing	228.00
ASPEN EQUIPMENT	1994 dodge plow	781.86
BEYOND TECHNOLOGY, INC	ink	282.52
Bison Ridge Kennels	boarding Manny	100.00
BLUE GRASS VETERINARY	Annual Wellness	102.02
Casey's Business Mastercard	fuel	1,017.46
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	3,389.40
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Buffalo, City of	utility bill	378.50
COURTESY FORD	tank, fees	1,175.15
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	56.50
DNER INC	extinguishers, seals, tests etc	1,240.49
Duck Creek Tire & Svc Inc	tires for TJ	708.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	2,521.05
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	2,521.79
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	2,803.35
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	2,505.01
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3,038.94
Electric Pump	lift station repair	1,038.45
EMPLOYERS MUTUAL CASUALTY	restitution	100.79
EVERBLADES INC	wiper blades	645.00
FREDS TOWING INC	tow the charger	125.00
Gierke - Robinson	wwtp sludge hose	296.00
Grainger	filter fuses	243.24
GWORKS	annual license, support, front	7,674.10
HAHN READY MIX	road barrier blocks	1,135.00

Hempel Pipe and Supply	fittings	144.71
Iowa Rural Water Association	membership dues	275.00
Iowa Utilities Board	annual assessment	360.00
Iowa Workforce Development	unemployment	61.32
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IOWA BEVERAGE	alcohol	218.00
Interstate Batteries	pw car	353.85
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	6,741.12
IPERS	lpers	42.54
JASON'S DISTRIBUTING	cups	279.48
JIM ROGERS	Rental License/Inspection Refund	125.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Rich's boots	174.99
JOHNSON OIL COMPANY	fuel	699.55
Kirby Water Conditioning	salt	66.00
LATHAM & ASSOCIATES INC	solar discussion	112.50
LEGACY SAFETY AND SECURIY	armor for TJ vest	230.00
LIBERTY TREE SERVICE	25 trees removed	29,000.00
Linwood Mining & Minerals	rock	303.55
Linwood Mining & Minerals	rock for archery drive	225.06
LL PELLING CO.	trucking for cold patch	297.50
McCullough, William	attorney fees	337.50
MEDIACOM	phone/internet	962.73
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	450.00
MENARDS-Davenport	ptowels, water	79.24
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	pressure washer	649.70
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL	water meters	3,502.35
METTLER TOLEDO	scale calibration	319.94
MID AMERICAN	sewer	2,251.60
Midwest Wheel	2017 Ford F250	669.82
NORTHERN MICHIGAN K9	Recertification	250.00
Panther Uniforms Inc	Josh slide bar	23.00
Petty Cash	flashlight	67.50
PS3 Enterprises Inc	handicap toilet	196.00
QC Analytical Services	operator	1,890.00
Quad City Times	proof of oct minutes	1,144.31
R.P. LUMBER	deadbolt, door pull	207.15
Republic Services #400	trash	7,119.90
Rock Island Electric	BAC gym heater fan	367.35
Rock River Electric INC	well #1 repairs	647.20
Resale Power Group of Iowa	electricity	34,122.49
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RYAN & ASSOCIATES	water repair 3rd and hacker	496.98
SAFE BUILDING LLC	October inspections	280.00

Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	1,161.00
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	water tax	787.00
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	1,035.00
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	water sales tax	761.00
Scott County Engineer	contract for county roads	1,387.20
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF	booking fees	50.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	alcohol	1,390.95
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	box blade	1,020.00
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	Bank Fees ACH	44.71
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	Service Charges ACH	44.71
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAXES	1,786.00
TC AUTO	Tahoe hub assembly	1,377.75
TITAN MACHINERY	log chains	130.80
Uniform Den	Jay Wilson uniform	312.45
UnityPoint-Occupational Med.	drug test	84.00
VERIZON	phones	894.32
Visa	candy for Halloween	546.18
WEX BANK	fuel	958.87
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3 phase deposit refund	625.98
Accounts Payable Total		188,596.45

General Fund

81,152.37

COMMUNITY CENTER	2,415.23
Road Use Tax Fund	3,820.82
Water Utility Fund	13,924.84
Sewer Utility Fund	11,407.11
Electric Utility Fund	75,872.08
Storm Water Utility Fund	4.00
TOTAL FUNDS	188,596.45