

Minutes of the meeting of the Buffalo City Council held on March 07, 2022. 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 Mary Moore, Ted Teel, Austin Miller, Brandon Berg, Joe Buffington, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, City Attorney William McCullough, City Engineer Mike Janecek, Police Chief TJ Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

Budget Hearing

Motion by Teel and seconded by Moore to open the Public Hearing on the on the FY23 Budget.

Clerk Commented that the proposed Budget would remain the same levy as this current FY22 for 2023 a tax rate of 9.74190.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Teel to close the Public Hearing on the FY23 Budget.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the minutes of the February 07, 2022, council meetings.
- Payment of claims
- Clerk Report

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

Public Input- Mayor Rodriguez Commented the following:

She thanked Public Works for working on the gym to fix up and clean out some of the much-needed areas.

Chief Behning asked that the Buffalo sign be fixed so that all letters would be a matching color. Public Works would paint them.

Discussion & Decision

Engineering Updates

Street Scape- Mike Janecek explained that a public meeting was hosted by Community Development to introduce the residents and business owners along Front Street to the Streetscape project. He was working on preparing some of the requested changes including driveway entrance locations and widths. He had just completed an analysis as to how sandbagging was completed in relation to the proposed street scape.

SandMaster Sandbag Purchase

PW Director Ferkel explained that he had reserves of the traditional sandbags but wanted to have more reserves for the new sandbagging machine. At this time the order would be just to have reserve bags.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the purchase in the amount of \$7,926.37 of sandbags that are compatible with the new bagging attachment. Motion carried unanimously.

Leachate Disposal Scott County Waste Commission

Director Ferkel explained that he had conversations with Brian Seals regarding the disposal and treatment of the leachate from the Scott County Waste Commission.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to send to the committee for review when more information is obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Sign Proposal

Clerk explained that the library would like to have some sort of sign identifying their location in the rear of the building. The packet includes a photo of the proposed sign. The Scott County Library would be paying for and installing the sign.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the sign as proposed by the Scott County Library. Motion carried unanimously.

Linwood Non-Licensed Vehicle Permit

City Attorney recommended that Linwood provide documents stating that they would be liable for any accidents that occurred within the roadway if at fault.

Council will wait for documentation.

Tom Harland Easter Egg Hunt Donation from Community Development

Motion by Teel and seconded by Moore to approve \$500 for the donation of the Buffalo Easter Egg Hunt from Community Development. Motion carried unanimously.

Spring and Fall Clean up Dates April 2-9 and October 1-8

Clerk explained that the Council sets the dates annually for the cleanup and that these dates were available with the Scott County Waste Commission. During this period residents may haul their trash directly to the Waste Commission with a valid id, free of charge.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to designate April 2-9 and October 1-8 and clean up weeks for Buffalo residents. Motion carried unanimously.

Electric Bucket Truck Quotes

Director Ferkel explained that he was able to get a bucket truck with the specs as his department deemed necessary for the safety and efficiency of the department. The truck order would go in now but not likely available for a couple of years.

Motion by Teel to approve the quote for the bucket truck. Seconded by Miller and carried unanimously.

72" Lawnmower Quote

Motion by Buffington to approve the request to purchase the 72" rear discharge lawn mower. Mayor Rodriguez asked if there was money in the budget for this. Ferkel explained that the money went from the contracted costs into the wages. Clerk confirmed that \$40,000 from the contract mowing is moved to salaries. Teel seconded the motion adding to table the purchase until next month when the Clerk could confirm the number. Clerk asked if it was necessary as Ferkel and the Deputy Clerk already prepared the numbers. Teel rescinded his motion to table. Motion seconded by Teel and carried unanimously. Clerk asked for clarification on the motion. The motion is to purchase one 72" rear discharge mower and to trade the other one in.

High Surface Pump Repair Quote

Motion by Buffington to pay for the repairs for the Weinman Pump for \$2,724.00. Seconded by Teel and carried unanimously.

Hiring Part Time Ground keeping. Number of employees and paying in to IPERS for working from April 1 - October 31

Motion by Buffington and seconded by Teel to hire candidates 1 and 3 for the Part Time Ground Keeping position, at \$15.00 per hour including IPERS. Motion carried unanimously.

Scott County 2022 pavement markings

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to accept the proposal from Scott County for pavement markings. Motion carried unanimously.

Insurance Renewal

Motion by Miller and seconded by Moore to go with option 3 for the renewal of Insurance with EMC and BSC Insurance for cyber coverage. Motion carried unanimously.

Railroad Merger

Mayor Rodriguez explained that she has been working and meeting with members of the railroad and fellow agencies regarding the railroad merger. The merger would increase rail traffic by up to 14 trains and possibly more to 20 trains per day. She has been working with Bi-State and neighboring affected cities. Meetings with legislators have occurred and are scheduled for future concerns. Detail in the conversations includes, track blocking, crossing accessibility, quiet zones, and cleanup after tree trimming.

Tabled Items

Alec Williams – Jefferson Street

Motion by Miller and seconded by Berg to remove Alec Williams – Jefferson Street from the table for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rodriguez asked Director Ferkel if there were any updates. Ferkel stated that he had sent one of his guys to the area to investigate issues. There were reports of power outages and issues but none that had been reported during the issues, so that they could be investigated. Ferkel suggested that he could have an engineer perform a load survey.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to deny the request by Williams to pay for the costs of the independent electrician. Motion carries unanimously.

Resolutions

No action taken of resolution 2022-14, data had not been provided for the Cyber Security Policy update therefore the document was not ready for approval.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve resolution 2022-15 to waive E-Check Fees. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Buffington and seconded by Teel to approve resolution 2022-16 Part time Ground Keeping Job Description. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Berg to approve resolution 2022-17 alternate for Community Development Committee. Motion carried with Ted voting "no".

Motion by Buffington and seconded by Teel to approve resolution 2022-18 to accept the proposed Budget as presented during the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve resolution 2022-19 the proclamation for Junior Achievement. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Report-

- Performed 2 burials
- Repaired BAC gym walls and painted
- Received 2 poles and pedestals for speed cameras
- Salted 2 times in the month of February
- Trimmed tree limbs in cemetery along Jefferson St.
- Replaced broken window at BAC gym
- Consolidated sandbags and rolls of plastic
- Continuously monitoring well number #1
- Set up the skid steer and sandbag attachment for news channel 8
- Received our skid steer mower attachment

- Created a new job title for mowing employee's and lowered the body index scores to Light-Medium from Medium - Heavy to help with getting employee's

Police Department Report

911 Hang-up 3
 Accident Personal Injury – 2
 Accident Property Damage 3
 Alarms – Burglary – 4
 Animal Problem – 7
 Assault – 1
 Assist Other Agencies – 6
 Business/Residence Check – 62
 Civil – 1
 Disturbance – 4
 Domestic Disturbance/Violence – 3
 Fraud/Deception – 1
 Harassment Stalking/Threat -1
 Noise Complaint-1
 Public Service – 25
 Suicidal person -2
 Suspicious – 8
 Theft (Larceny)-1
 Town Check-5
 Traffic Hazard – 12
 Traffic Stop – 34
 Trespass/Unwanted Person – 1
 Total 187

Fire Report

We Spent 66 -man hours responding to thirty-one emergency calls in February,

20- EMS Calls
 2-Structure Fire
 0-Vehicle Fire
 0-Grass Fire
 3-Vehicle Accidents
 0-Boat Rescues
 2-Misc. calls

60 Total Emergency Responses for 2022

Training: 5 Members spent 25-man hours doing regular crew duties. 14 members spent 2 hours training on Rope Rescue and patient extraction.

Park Board

Troy Hass reported that they are working on several projects at the park board, but the focus is a splash pad. They would be hosting an education training/meeting on March 22, 2022 at 5:00pm

Community Development

Berg reported that they hosted the public meeting for the street scape introduction, and it went better than planned. They were still working on some concerns as Janecek indicated during his update. They would be meeting again soon to finalize the YMCA camp program for partial days throughout the summer.

Community Center

No updates, except that the next meeting was March 21, 5:30pm

Cemetery

No additional updates were provided.

Ordinances

537 Outdoor Furnace requirements

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 537. Motion carried with Buffington voting "no".

Future meetings

Next City Council meeting April 04, 2022 6:00 pm

Park Board March 23, 2022 6:00pm

Buffalo Community Center March 21, 2022 5:30 pm

Water /Sewer/Solid Waste March 14, 2022 6:00pm

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


Sally Rodriguez, Mayor
Tanna Leonard, City Clerk

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	725.40
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	105.00
ADVANCED Business Systems	copier contract	127.51

AFLAC	aflac	233.20
Alexis Fire Equipment Company	2003 Tanker	1,795.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	1995 dodge battery	226.67
Behning, TJ	uniform shirts	87.16
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	15,064.00
CEOLA ROSENBERGER GILMORE	return deposit	100.00
Chemsearch	bac boil chem	798.64
Buffalo, City of	utilities	300.70
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	25.75
Double H" Entertainment "	music for 80s party	250.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	2,833.88
ELISSA NEEDHAM	deposit refund	100.00
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company	caretaker 2	220.00
Grainger	slings & shackles	177.92
Hach Company	lab supplies	747.24
HARLAND BRANDY	mileage	73.35
Tom Harland	Easter Egg Hunt Donation	500.00
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HEARTLAND FIRE & SECURITY	lift station monitoring	323.40
Hempel Pipe and Supply	filter diaphragm	158.75
IAMU	dues	3,125.00
IOWA BEVERAGE	alcohol	125.60
IMFOA	yearly membership Tanna	70.00
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	7,102.58
KATIE MOELLER	deposit refund	100.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE	streetscape engineering	39,517.63
McCleary Excavating Co.	main break Jefferson & front	12,292.80
MEDIACOM	internet/phone	957.93
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	450.00
MENARDS-Davenport	pencil, tape measure, blade, bits	450.02
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	plywood for gym	571.39
MID AMERICAN	Washington	13.90
MID AMERICAN	BAC	6,112.82
MID AMERICAN	sewer	1,730.90
PS3 Enterprises Inc	part toilet	170.00
QC Analytical Services	operator	4,279.00
Quad City Spring	2006 plow repair	236.75
Quad City Times	proof of Feb minutes	486.29
R.P. LUMBER	nails BAC	14.27
REGALIA	flags	120.75
Republic Services #400	trash	7,119.90
Rock River Electric INC	air compressor repair	415.00
Resale Power Group of Iowa	electric purchase	32,997.26

Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	1,049.23
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Selco	main break Jefferson & front	8,000.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	pop	1,210.94
SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB	gloves testing	147.29
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAXES	1,837.00
TRUCK COUNTRY	tanker truck	10,172.97
UNITYPOINT HEALTH	BLS ECARDS	140.00
Utility Equipment Company	main repair parts	632.36
VERIZON	phones	447.03
Visa	stamps	642.22
Visa	mailing gloves	48.82
WESTRUM LEAK DETECTION	leak detection	820.00
WEX BANK	fuel	1,944.08
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3 phase deposit refund	625.98
Accounts Payable Total		180,242.26

General Fund	52,729.08
Community Center	2,967.93
Road Use Tax Fund	3,251.78
Community Development	37,920.03
Water Utility Fund	27,880.87
Sewer Utility Fund	10,283.50
Electric Utility Fund	43,438.06
Storm Water Utility Fund	1,771.01
TOTAL FUNDS	180,242.26

Revenues December
General \$66,352.93
Community Center \$3,861.00
Road Use Tax Fund \$11,710.32
Employee Benefit Fund \$1,823.62
Local Option Sales Tax \$21,300.62
Water Utility \$13,960.17
Sewer Utility \$14,093.21
Electric Utility \$38,805.16
Storm Water Utility \$1,015.47

Revenues January
General \$9,822.34
Community Center \$9,474.00
Road use Tax \$13,329.41
Employee Benefit \$282.40
Local Option \$ 21,281.73
Water Utility \$14,725.96
Sewer Utility \$ 16,075.10
Electric Utility \$ 46,559.43
Storm Water Utility \$475.85