

Minutes of the meeting of the Buffalo City Council held on July 11, 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 (excused), City Engineer Mike Janecek, Police Chief TJ Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the minutes of the June 06 & 15, 2022, council meetings.
- Payment of claims
- Clerk Report

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input-

Mayor Rodriguez reported:

Circus- The circus is coming to town on Aug 1, tickets can be purchased online or at city hall. The shows are at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. The circus will be held at the Terry Adam's Memorial Park at the diamond closest to Dodge Street. They will come into town that morning, set-up the tents and then take them all down that day. The proceeds will be used for future park improvements; i.e., splash pad, new band stage, new playground equipment.

Buffalo Days - Thanks to Brandy, her family, friends, volunteers, the Police Department, Public Works, Judy/Tanna, and firefighters for everyone's help.

Buffalo Boys and Girls Baseball teams both won the championship games for their leagues. Congrats to them.

Railroad - We are still working with the railroad on the quiet zones and any other improvements we can make to the crossings. The stopped trains that block our crossings have improved in the last couple of weeks.

Complaints about yards - We have received many complaints about resident's property for long grass, weeds, tires, sticks piled up, etc. Once we receive a complaint, then we determine if the resident's yard is or is not compliant with the ordinance. If it is not compliant, then the resident will receive a letter to take care of the issue. Then that person might identify another resident that has issues with their property. If residents have bulk items (except tires, appliances, and some other items), then they should call city hall for them to arrange a bulk pickup, which is a separate truck from the regular garbage truck. Please let city hall know what the item is and if it will take one or two people to lift it into the truck.

Pancake Breakfast - We made about \$700 from the pancake breakfast, so we will distribute half to park board and half to community development, since there was one member of each of

those committee's that helped. Thanks to Montpelier Fire Department for use of their pancake machine.

Discussion & Decision

Street Scape Janecek reported that they have been making great progress with the civil and electrical engineering but that the landscaping was a little behind due to unforeseen personal circumstances. Janecek also reported that he had discussions with Clerk regarding the parking on the south side of HWY22 from Elm Street to Maple Street. Clerk had reported that after conversations with the IDOT the only way to allow parking in this area would be to make the south side with curb and gutter similar to the north side further east between Franklin and Dodge and asked a ballpark number and/or if it was possible. Janecek explained that he talked with the railroad and that their survey records were not very detailed and were extremely outdated documents. Therefore, the costs associated with the survey to see if it would even be possible could be quite expensive and was unsure if the council wanted to proceed. Janecek also reported the estimated costs for the curb and gutter in this area would add approximately \$515K to the street scape project.

Drainage Issue Hacker Street Janecek said that he had met with Josh regarding drainage issues on Hacker Street to the north of the parking lot maintained by the city. He explained that he thought the issue could be solved for less than his costs for engineering.

Golf cart/UTV

Clerk explained that she added this to the agenda after a conversation with Chief Behning regarding the state laws and the need to amend our codes.

Discussion from the public was heard regarding the new state rules for UTV's and ATV's. Chief Behning answered their questions and Councilperson Berg requested the rules be posted on the City FB pages. Residents requested that the golf cart ordinance be amended to allow travel on Dodge and Jefferson Streets.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to amend the ordinance to read that golf carts can travel on Dodge and Jefferson Streets and remove the UTV regulations and follow the state requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Dollar General

Mayor Rodriguez reported that she had met with Bob Kautz and he showed interest in moving forward with the sale. She explained that she was working with IDOT and that legislators had been contacted. Teel said that he felt everything should be used to get the Dollar General in Buffalo because of the benefit the community. Rodriguez explained that she thought they were doing what they could do and that her conversations with Overland Group indicated that they were only interested in the lot of Kautz. Teel requested a meeting of the whole with Dollar General. Teel also stated that he doesn't like to use the word but that the only option may be to use eminent domain to get the entrance for the property at Kautz.

Comp Time Union Contract

Mayor Rodrigues explained that there was an issue in the union contract for the definition of how comp time is handled at the fiscal year end. At this time the union hadn't come to a conclusion.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Berg to table the issue until further information is provided. Motion carries unanimously.

Inclusive Play Equipment & Band Shelter

Clerk explained that the Park Board received two grants for two separate projects and were looking for approval to spend their match portion on those projects. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the park board to expend their match portion of \$16,690 for inclusive equipment and \$20,050 for the band shelter. Motion carried unanimously.

Tabled items- No Action Taken

Leachate Disposal Scott County Waste Commission

Water Tower Painting

Resolutions

Motion by Teel and Seconded by Berg to approve Resolution 2022-36 for the SRF Loan Payment. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve resolution 2022-37 the approval of Linwood Road Crossing. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Report-

- Set up fences and tables for Buffalo Days
- Ground down 7 stumps at the terry Adam's Memorial Park
- Ground down 2 stumps at the community center 7 and 4 at the Cemetery
- Installed cold patch asphalt around town that needed repaired
- Started mowing roadway ditches with skid steer
- Started trimming tree limbs back from power lines
- Installed new handicapped sign on 4th Street
- Installed signs at Terry Adams memorial park, posting no vehicles beyond this point

- Performed repairs to drinking fountain at Terry Adams memorial park
- Removed fence from cemetery
- Working on locating a new truck for replacing the 2006 F-250 plow truck. Ordering a truck seems to be very difficult if not impossible with no deliver date. I'm tracking down available trucks by calling and searching dealerships for trucks.
- Identified a need to upgrade some 100 amp services to 200 amp to accommodate Buffalo Days

Police Department Report

911 Hang-up – 3
 Abuse/Abandonment/Neglect - 1
 Accident Personal Injury -2
 Accident Property Damage - 2
 Alarms – Burglary – 1
 Animal Problem – 2
 Assist Other Agencies –6
 Business/Residence Check – 36
 Civil-1
 Damage /Vandalism/Mischief -2
 Disturbance – 4
 Domestic Disturbance/Violence – 3
 Harassment Stalking/Threat-1
 Public Service – 46
 Suspicious – 13
 Theft (Larceny)-4
 Traffic Hazard – 13
 Traffic Stop – 22
 Trespass/Unwanted Person – 2
 Warrant Service –2
 Total 168

Fire Report

We Spent 61.5 -man hours responding to thirty-six emergency calls in June,

28- EMS Calls
 2-Structure Fire
 1-Vehicle Fire
 1-Grass Fire
 1-Vehicle Accidents
 1-Boat Rescues

2-Misc. calls

167 Total Emergency Responses for 2022

Training: Eight members spent 24-man hours doing regular crew duties. Fourteen members spent two hours training on aerial ladder operations and rescue boat operations.

Park Board

Teel asked about the concrete at the west end park and the flag poles. Ferkel explained that they were going to do the flag poles but the railroad has the crossing tore out so they can't get over there with the truck to pour.

Community Development

No updates, will be scheduling a meeting to begin Rural Housing Assessment

Community Center

No updates.

Cemetery

No additional updates were provided.

Ordinances

539 Water Rates - Water Rate Increase – Motion by Teel and seconded by Moore to approve the second reading to increase the water rates. Motion carried unanimously.

540 Sewer Rates – Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the second reading to increase the sewer rates. Motion carried unanimously.

541 Cemetery Fees- Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to increase the rates for the cemetery lot purchase to reflect the increase from the Iowa Insurance Division for the annual report review second reading. Motion carried unanimously.

542 Residential Parking- Motion by Berg and seconded by Teel to approve the second reading of ordinance 543 removing the residential parking space at 624 Front Street. Motion carries unanimously.

543 Regular meeting schedule- Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the first reading of the ordinance to amend the council meeting date to the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to waive the second and third readings since the next two meetings will fall on the second Monday due to events and holidays. Motion carried unanimously.

544 Handicap Parking – Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the first reading of the ordinance to amend Handicap Parking removing 217 3rd Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Future meetings

Next Regular Council Meeting August 8, 2022

Park Board July 20,2022 6:00pm

Motion by Teel and seconded by Berg to move into closed session per Iowa Code 388.9 at 7:13pm to discuss competitive information.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Teel and carried unanimously to move from closed session at 7:39pm.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Teel to move forward with what was concluded in the closed session. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 pm by Miller, seconded by Moore and carried unanimously.


Sally Rodriguez, Mayor

Tanna Leonard
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VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
3E Electrical Engineering	lift station generator hinges	\$47.08
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	\$105.00
ADVANCED Business Systems	new copier	\$3,804.00
ADVANCED Business Systems	contract copier	\$139.49
ADVANCED Business Systems	new copier	\$140.32
AFLAC	aflac	\$291.50
Altorfer Inc	skid steer hose couplings	\$424.39
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	DEF	\$113.94
ASSURED PARTNERS	add continental cement	\$50.00
BABE'S TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	\$65.00
Bi-State Regional Commission	membership dues	\$275.50
Bison Ridge Kennels	board manny	\$250.00
BLUE GRASS FEED & SEED	mole killer	\$21.59
BRUS CONSTRUCTION	black dirt	\$225.00
BUJALSKI, JOSHUA	josh/Dakota food reimbursement	\$91.32
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	\$19,056.00
Buffalo, City of	utilities	\$454.10
COURTESY FORD	F-350 truck bulb	\$6.39
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	\$38.00
DANIEL CLIFTON	deposit refund	\$100.00
DAWN WHITTINGTON	deposit return	\$100.00

Econo Signs	street signs	\$751.37
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,193.96
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,010.69
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$2,768.39
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,037.67
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,354.84
FORTE CREDIT CARD	FEES FOR PROCESSING ECHCK	\$33.75
Gierke - Robinson	tape	\$213.65
HARLAND BRANDY	mileage	\$36.19
IA ABD	Buffalo Days License	\$12.50
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IA CHILD SUPPORT Recovery Unit	CHILD SUPPORT	\$126.51
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Iowa Workforce Development	unemployment	\$144.21
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ILLINOIS CASUALTY	Buffalo Days	\$438.00
Interstate Batteries	batteries	\$1,143.65
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	\$9,642.93
ITRON	software	\$2,376.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	Rich and Jerry allowance	\$737.72
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	uniform allowance Josh Ferkel	\$164.98
Kiesler Police Supply	vest for TJ	\$269.93
Linwood Mining & Minerals	rock	\$163.92
LL PELLING CO.	cold patch trucking	\$180.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE	streetscape engineering	\$35,884.67
McCullough, William	professional services	\$742.50
MEDIACOM	internet, phone	\$2,087.86
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	\$650.00
MENARDS-Davenport	painter	\$757.43
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	air hose reel	\$234.96
MID AMERICAN	line locator	\$7,917.69
MID AMERICAN	line locator	\$37.37
MIDAMERICAN TECHNOLOGY	line locator	\$5,070.00
Panther Uniforms Inc	uniform allowance TJ	\$326.45
Petty Cash	change for TOMRV	\$1,000.00
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY	pvc fitting	\$4.14
PS3 Enterprises Inc	park toilet	\$178.00
QC Analytical Services	WWTP operator	\$6,033.00
Quad City Times	proof of June meeting	\$859.73
R.P. LUMBER	door knobs	\$97.22

REBECCA DOWELL	deposit return	\$100.00
Republic Companies	posts	\$1,305.60
Republic Services #400	trash and recycling	\$7,119.90
ROB SAND, AUDITOR OF STAE	annual FY2021	\$6,079.09
Resale Power Group of Iowa	electricity	\$58,867.36
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	\$963.07
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Water Sales Tax	\$841.82
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	\$850.42
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	\$967.83
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF	booking fees	\$100.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	Judy's notory	\$30.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	magnifiers	\$2,121.78
SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB	glove testing	\$87.65
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	ACH Bank Charges	\$42.82
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Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAXES	\$2,444.00
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TC AUTO	2006 F-250 repairs	\$1,565.95
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY	cpv repair water filter	\$3,213.06
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY	plc memory chip float repair	\$1,986.90
Uniform Den	uniform allowance for Dakota	\$391.00
Utility Equipment Company	backflow preventer	\$1,229.46
VERIZON	phones	\$446.96
Visa	lawnmower clutch	\$651.93
Waste Commission of Scott Co	railroad ties	\$158.46
WEX BANK	fuel	\$4,261.72
DAKOTA WILSON	food allowance training	\$19.06
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3phase deposit refund	\$625.98
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Zimmer & Francescon Inc	chlorine meters	\$109.50
Accounts Payable Total		\$217,206.34

General Fund	\$82,618.53
Buffalo Days	\$463.00
COMMUNITY CENTER	\$1,725.01
Road Use Tax Fund	\$4,215.26
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$20,625.47
Savings - Police Equip	\$431.83
Water Utility Fund	\$11,934.71
Sewer Utility Fund	\$14,986.92
Electric Utility Fund	\$80,120.79
Storm Water Utility Fund	\$84.82
TOTAL FUNDS	\$217,206.34

Revenues June

General Fund \$81,343.73
Buffalo Days \$5,500
Community Center \$1,680
Road Use Tax \$20,622.08
Employee Benefit Fund \$651.78
Local Option Sales Tax \$21,287.70
Community Development \$600.00
Water Utility \$14,933.02
Sewer Utility \$16,102.62
Electric Utility \$40,954.78
Storm Water Utility \$541.67

Revenues May

General Fund \$36,064.12
Community Center \$4,594.00
Road Use Tax Fund \$13,507.22
Employee Benefit Fund \$2,659.37
Local Option Sales Tax Fund \$21,287.70
Community Development \$ 1,800.00
Debt Service Fund \$50,000
Water Utility Fund \$ 13,805.79
Sewer Utility Fund \$15,967.89
Electric Utility Fund \$41,167.84
Storm Water Utility Fund \$448.48