

Minutes of the Buffalo City Council held February 3, 2023 at 5:00pm.

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm by Mayor Rodriguez

Present Joe Buffington, Brandon Berg, Mary Moore, Ted Teel, Austin Miller. Also present Chief TJ Behning, Sgt. Bujalski, Office Jay Wilson and Deputy Clerk Judy Blessing.

Chief Behning discussed the situation of Officer Dakota Wilson getting a job offer from UPS. Chief Behning discussed with Office Wilson the possibility of getting a raise if he would stay. Wilson was asked if \$1 would be enough and he answered "no". He was then asked if \$2 more would be enough and he said "yes". Chief Behning told the council that he would like him to stay. The town likes Officer Wilson, Chief Behning trusts him and he's a great employee.

Chief Behning discussed the options of letting Officer Wilson go and hiring a new officer. Hiring someone new would cost the city approximately \$32,000 -\$40,000. Keeping Officer Wilson will cost the city approximately \$5000. A new officer would take 16 weeks to train at the academy and 16 weeks riding with Sgt. Bujalski.

Sgt. Bujalski suggested that if they keep Officer Wilson, that he should be promoted to a corporal with additional duties.

Ted Teel asked what duties Officer Wilson would be doing besides what he does now. Sgt. Bujalski said he could share his duties of paperwork and ordering. Teel suggested that Chief Behning can decide what duties Officer Wilson will be doing.

Teel motioned to use ATE money to promote Officer Wilson to corporal and pay him \$2 more with more responsibilities. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Behning stated that this would not be a good time to lose an officer, as we may have an officer departing for another city police department.

Ted motioned to adjourn at 5:20pm. Seconded by Mary Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

Sally Rodriguez, Mayor

Judy Blessing, Deputy City Clerk