

Minutes of the regular council meeting held February 13, 2023 at 6:00pm. Present council members Joe Buffington, Brandon Berg, Austin Miller, Ted Teel and Mary Moore. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Chief TJ Behning, Sgt. Bujalski, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, City Attorney William McCullough, City Engineer Mike Janecek, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, Deputy Clerk Judy Blessing, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard. Participants with a "*" behind their name participated electronically.

Meeting called to order at 6:01p.m. by Mayor Rodriguez.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Berg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Berg to open the floor to hear comment for the FY24 Max Levy.

Clerk answered questions relating to the levy.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to close the floor for comments for the FY24 May Levy.

Public Input

Patty Teel said that she would like to see upgraded equipment in the council room so that electronic meetings are easier to listen to from home.

Angie Gadzik requested that the city rethink the hunting rules in the community and amending the code for discharging a firearm.

Dave Stickrod made a complaint about scrapping ongoing at a property on Hacker Street with a trailer parked in the yard with flat tires.

Mayor Rodriguez reported U.S. Representative Miller-Meeks' representatives came to town to have a meeting to discuss issues in the city and just to establish a working relationship between the Representative and our city. They had never been to Buffalo and invited them back on a warmer day, to take a tour of Buffalo.

The Buffalo Community Information Page on FaceBook is not a city sponsored page. If residents see someone suspicious or someone doing something wrong, please call 911 or the non-emergency number, so that the officers can do their job.

The Quad City Corporate Games have used our beach the last couple of years for their tug-of-war event and that was scheduled to be held on Jun 6, but they would like to change that to Jul 22. They usually have 5-6 teams come into town and are here for a couple of hours.

Dollar General

The representative was not available to join the meeting.

Nuisance Ordinance

Teel stated that he thought the current nuisance ordinance has enough teeth in it to do what needs to be done to keep properties maintained.

Mayor asked if language had been amended to address the issues that we had with living in tents. Teel asked that the code stating that you could not use a camper as a place of abode, have tents added. Clerk would prepare ordinance for future meeting.

Computers & Cameras for PD

Chief Behning explained that he had priced cameras for the new squads and they were more than council approved. In the meantime, he was able to obtain better pricing within the expense limit council had previously approved.

Berg also brought up issues of speeding on Jefferson near the school and approached council about adding speed cameras. Chief Behning explained that there would not be enough traffic to justify the costs for the camera. He also explained that in the future he would have a portable LIDAR laser that his staff could use it at any location in the city.

Changing ordinances related to discharging a firearm

Council discussed amending the code for regulations relating discharging firearms. Council discussed how to regulate this and what other communities do. Motion by Berg and seconded by Buffington to refer the ordinance to the committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Updates BAC

Council discussed getting more tables for the BAC gym. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the purchase of 10 tables from Sam's as presented by Deputy Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Easter Egg Hunt

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve \$1,000 to donate to Tom Harland for the annual community Easter Egg hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Truck

Fire Chief explained that Alexis is completing the bid compliance rules and the bids will be due March 12, 2023. At that time, he will know the exact price for the new fire truck. His estimate is around \$700k there is \$360k in reserves for the purchase and is looking for ATE funds to make up the difference. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the ATE funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Seasonal Part Time Mowers

Ferkel asked permission to post on indeed, hiring of seasonal part time mowers. Teel asked if we could hire back previous employee from last year. Attorney stated that they could apply but that the position needed to be reposted. There was discussion regarding starting wages and considering increasing the wage.

Band Shelter Terry Adams Memorial

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the purchase of \$33,790 for the polygon structure upon extension request form RDA. Motion carried unanimously.

CDL Requirements

City attorney said that he was working with the union. Motion by Moore and seconded by Berg to table the discussion until next meeting. Motion carries with Teel voting "no".

Take Home Policy

Motion by Teel and seconded to Miller to have the ordinance committee to review the policy. Motion carried with Moore voting "no".

Community Center Loan

Motion by Miller and seconded by Berg to forgive the \$31,643.50 loan from Community Development to the Buffalo Community Center. Motion carried with Buffington and Teel voting "no".

Community Development Committee Organization

Berg explained that he asked to have this on the agenda because it has been brought up in previous meetings and he thought discussion would be good. Miller asked to discuss this topic as well because he thought that the council should be more involved with the decisions on the Street Scape project, and that it should be closer to the original plan of just sidewalks, and street lighting. No action taken.

Union Benefits for Part Time Officer

Mayor explained that Officer H. Wilson had met the criteria of minimum 32 hours per week after his 12-month review period, therefore making him eligible for union benefits.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve officer H. Wilson to receive all union benefits retroactive to his one-year hire date. Motion carried unanimously.

Clean up

Angie Gadzik volunteered to organize the clean-up with the Nahant Marsh. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to appoint Angie Gadzik to organize the clean-up. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to extend the meeting one half hour until 8:30pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Spruce Street Survey

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve option 2, set rebar monuments at each end of the south ROW and lath only as points on line. Prepare a plat depicting or work on monumentation \$4,500 total. Motion carried unanimously.

WWTP and WTP Engineering

Mike Janecek reported that Stanley would have a draft within 30 days and that IMEG is working on the Capital Improvement Plans and hope to be completed in 30 days, he would have an update at the following meeting.

Remodel at Buffalo Community Center Using Community Development Funds

Miller explained that he attended a meeting where Community Center Manager, Brandy Harland discussed future upgrades of the restrooms and kitchen. She was getting bids on the restroom updates at this time since she had funding for only one project. Miller would like to get both bids for the restroom or the kitchen remodel at the same time and seek funding from Community Development. Mayor Rodriguez and A. Gadzik expressed that bids would be a great idea,

so there would be an actual number involved. Ferkel suggested they also look at replacing the signs near Casey's that advertise.

Motion by Berg and seconded by Moore to approve Harland to get bids on the kitchen upgrades and present a plan to Community Development. Motion carried unanimously.

PD UTV Repair Update

Chief TJ Behning explained that council approved him to order a gas powered UTV but he explained that the order time is lengthy. He recommended fixing the UTV and ordering a new one at later date. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to utilize the ATE funds to fix our current UTV for \$3,092.91. Motion carried unanimously.

Candidate Signs

No action taken.

Walk Bridge

Rodriguez asked William McCullough if he had any updates on the walk bridge. McCullough explained that he just received the draft from her and hadn't had a chance to review it. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to table the walk bridge until next month. Motion carried unanimously.

Training for Jerry Keel

Ferkel requested to send Jerry Keel to training for CEU's at Kirkwood College for \$140.00. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve training for Keel. Motion carried unanimously.

Tabled Items

Water Tower Painting – No discussion

Resolutions

2023-5 Motion by Teel and seconded by Moore to approve to write off debt from utility accounts from deceased customers, and/or minimal amounts not worth the effort to collect. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-6 Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve a \$2.00 per hour raise for officer Dakota Wilson. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-7 Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the Max Levy Hearing as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-8 Motion by Miller and seconded by Teel to set the date for the FY24 budget hearing for March 13, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-9 Motion by Berg and seconded by Moore to approve a resolution permitting the Mayor to approve training for the departments. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director provided the following update in the packet:

1. Cleaned out storm sewer in Front of 1140 W Front Street
2. Getting quotes for park shelter project
3. Attended flood plain manager classes.
4. West end lift station generator is back in service.
5. Power moped BAC gym.
6. Utilized public surplus to sell the 2005 F250 plow truck for \$6,500.
7. Changed out 19 electric meters.
8. Repaired water main break on 2-7-23 at 329 Main Street under full pressure.

9. Broke 2 4" main valves on 3rd Street.
10. Had repairs done to blower controls at WWTP by Rock River Electric
11. Ordered 5 new hoses for composters at WWTP.
12. Started removing brush from salt storage area.

Mayor Rodriguez asked the status of the hydrants. Ferkel stated that he had a signed contract but was unable to make contact. William McCullough asked for Ferkel to send over the contract for review. Anderson reported that the hydrants would open but did not shut off.

Buffalo Fire Chief provided a report for the packet.

Spent 59 ½ man hours responding to 24 Emergency calls in January,

16-EMS Calls

- 1- Structure Fire
- 0- Vehicle Fire
- 0- Grass Fire
- 1- Vehicle Accident
- 0- Boat Rescue
- 6- Misc. Calls

24 – Total Emergency Responses for 2023

Training: 8 members spent 32-man hours doing regular crew duties. 23 members spent 2 hours on Driver Training and Communications.

Anderson asked William McCullough how to proceed with the work that hadn't been done at the Fire Department. McCullough explained that the letter had been sent and the next step would be to take them to small claims court.

Park Board Committee

No updates from the park board.

Cemetery

The Committee is on hold until spring.

Finance ordinance Committee

No updates

Community Development

No updates

Community Center

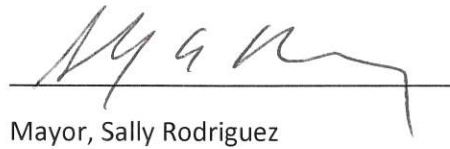
Preparing for events including the Fireman's Dance

Future Meetings

Regular Council Meeting March 13,2023

Park Board Meeting February 22, 2023 @6:00pm

Motion by Moore and seconded by Teel to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor, Sally Rodriguez

Tanna Leonard

City Clerk, Tanna Leonard

Claims

3E Electrical Engineering	west end lift station repair	1,770.00
7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	1,086.10
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	105.00
ADVANCED Business Systems	contract	89.15
AFLAC	aflac	233.20
ALEX AIR APPARATUS INC	compressor service	1,316.26
American Industrial Door	2 locks	571.38
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	brake pads	75.37
BABE'S TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	130.00
BEYOND TECHNOLOGY, INC	ink	149.57
BUJALSKI, JOSHUA	food reimbursement	29.19
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	19,960.00
Buffalo, City of	utilities	307.48
Culligan of the Quad Cities	salt	28.00
Design Studio	TJ Sign	150.00
Duck Creek Tire & Svc Inc	pw car tire	338.46
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	15,673.49
FORTE CREDIT CARD	FEES FOR PROCESSING ECHCK	43.73
GPM	compositor tubing	223.00
HARLAND BRANDY	mileage	41.30
HEATHER CLARK	deposit return	125.00
Humane Society of Scott	trip fees	50.00
Iowa One Call	Iowa one call	12.60
IMEG	engineering for WWTP	7,840.00
IPERS	IPERS	8,574.36
J&M Displays	fireworks	11,000.00
JASON'S DISTRIBUTING	cups	264.08
Kirby Water Conditioning	salt	27.00
Linwood Mining & Minerals	stock rock pile	1,212.71
MARTIN & WHITACRE	engineering ms4, general	3,402.66
McCullough, William	attorney fees	900.00
MEDIACOM	internet and phone	2,135.14
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	450.00
MENARDS-Davenport	stage construction	1,725.02

MENARDS - MUSCATINE	ice melt	476.70
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL	meters	1,134.33
MID AMERICAN	BAC	13,855.48
Midland Scientific Inc	testing supplies	528.70
PS3 Enterprises Inc	park toilet	170.00
QC Analytical Services	operator	1,233.25
QUAD CITY SAFETY	first aid & glasses	380.88
Quad City Spring	plow cables	119.38
Quad City Times	proof of DEC council	685.26
R.P. LUMBER	adhesive for stage floor	28.45
Republic Services #400	trash	7,338.60
Resale Power Group of Iowa	electricity	34,284.13
SAFE BUILDING LLC	RENTAL INSPECTIONS	150.00
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	1,688.98
SCHEBLER	boil condensate tank new	2,721.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	alcohol	870.39
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	Service Charges ACH	33.15
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAXES	2,141.71
STOPSTICK, LTD	stop stick kit	1,010.00
TC AUTO	2020 ford brakes	642.04
TOUGH RUGGED LAPTOPS	2 car computers	5,566.66
VERIZON	phones	446.73
Visa	stamps	754.99
WEX BANK	fuel	2,737.15
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3 phase deposit refund	625.98

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Accounts Payable Total 159,663.19

001 General Fund	65,870.00
002 Buffalo Days	11,000.00
006 COMMUNITY CENTER	4,830.72
110 Road Use Tax Fund	3,258.28
600 Water Utility Fund	11,013.84
610 Sewer Utility Fund	18,775.98
630 Electric Utility Fund	44,338.57
740 Storm Water Utility Fund	575.80

TOTAL FUNDS 159,663.19

Revenues January	General	99,291.30
	Community Center	4,830.00
	Road use Tax	11,647.21
	Employee Benefit Fund	299.18
	Local Option Sales Tax	20,706.24
	Community Development	16,196.27
	Water Utility	12,331.81
	Sewer Utility	16,419.77
	Electric Utility	46,277.91

Storm Water

397.99

228,397.68