

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

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

Motion by Moore and seconded by Buffington to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Ferkel asked to have the minutes from February 28, 2023 be rewritten. He would like to add more of what was said when people left the room to talk to the union representative. Mayor Rodriguez said she would have to speak to the attorney on how to move forward with that.

Public Input

Brittany Meade spoke about Fun Night at the elementary school on April 28th, 2023. Asking for volunteers and raffle items. Money raised will go right back into the school. She stated that they just spent \$14,000 on a new electronic sign to replace the old one outside the school. If anyone wants to volunteer, please contact her at bmeade2021@yahoo.com.

Holli Thornton talked about the coffee/food truck she is managing. She would like to park her truck on city property during special events or just for the weekend. The company donates part of their money to special causes and even offered to donate to Fun Night at the elementary school. Council let her know that at this time she can come to city hall and apply for a solicitors license until they can get a new ordinance passed pertaining to food trucks.

Holli Thornton asked if they could look into a stop sign on 3rd and Jefferson. Too many people are driving too fast down Jefferson and the kids are always out and someone is going to get hurt. Sgt. Bujalski replied that in some cases if you ask to have a stop sign put in, another one might have to come down. He would look into it and also make sure the officers were patrolling that area in the early and late evenings.

Mayor Rodriguez reported there was damage at the park. The concession stand had glass broken and the dugouts had spray paint. The cameras are operational at the park.

Mayor Rodriguez reminded folks that 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.

Mayor Rodriguez announced that Ragbrai was going through Buffalo on July 29, 2023. Buffalo is the last town before they hit Davenport where they will finish their ride by dipping their tires in the Mississippi. Mayor Rodriguez asked if anyone was interested in being the point of contact for Ragbrai to coordinate the event.

Mayor Rodriguez stated that she volunteered to teach Junior Achievement to Buffalo School 2nd graders. She stated it was a fun event and would encourage anyone to volunteer.

Dollar General

The representative was not available to join the meeting. Teel asked for Mario's number so he could call and talk to him about finding a new place to put Dollar General. Mayor Rodriguez stated that it has been determined that the original site is not interested in having the Dollar General and she had discussed with Continental on using some of their property, but they were not interested in selling to Dollar General. The Dollar General stated that they would want property on Front Street, but they were not interested in the old OxyChemical property.

Fire Truck Bid Opening

Motion by Miller to give the fire department one week to look over bids. Seconded by Teel. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Pavilion Excavation Bids

Ferkel was only able to get one bid, that was from McCleary. Ferkel stated that he had contacted other companies, but they either could not do the work or did not return his request. Motion by Teel to use McCleary Excavation for \$5185. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Resignation Public Works

Motion by Teel to accept the resignation of Zach Carson. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Posting For Full Time Public Works Employee

Motion by Teel to have Ferkel post the public works position, with the posting/salary to be the same as the previous post. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Designation For Acting For Chief Behning

Motion by Teel to have Sgt. Bujalski take over Chief Behning's job while he is out for six (6) weeks at his rate of pay. Seconded by Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

Audit

Audit was not released. Motion by Teel to table. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried unanimously..

Railroad

Mayor Rodriguez informed everyone that the railroad had been in town to work on the crossing. They cleaned up the mess from the work, as they had mud on the highway. They also contacted another business owner about his crossing but she was still working with them on the boat ramp crossing.

Flood

Mayor Rodriguez stated that she and Ferkel attended a meeting with the Emergency Management folks about preparing for the flood. The next update is schedule for March 23. These folks can assist us with the use of the sandbagging machine, pumps, etc. Ferkel is getting the salt storage ready for salt. He put down rock for better access. He will be getting more salt and looking into fixing the fence separating the storage shed and the houses for better privacy.

Spruce Street Survey

Motion by Teel to remove the berm and fence on Spruce Street. Also to have Attorney McCullough send a letter to the Quarry to replace their fence, in conjunction with the berm being removed. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Leachate

The study for the leachate is not complete yet. Motion by Miller to table. Seconded by Teel. Motion carried unanimously.

Water/Sewer assessment

The assessment is not completed yet. Motion by Teel to table. Seconded by Berg. Motion carried unanimously.

Walk Bridge

Motion by Teel to accept the easement agreement. Seconded by Buffington. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Transportation Projects

Motion by Berg to have Janecek engineer the street project of Dodge Street, running from Hwy 22 to 6th street. Add curb and gutters where needed. Start with using the street money. Seconded by Buffington. Motion carried unanimously.

Beach Pub Liquor License

Motion by Teel to pass the liquor license for the Beach Pub. Seconded by Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Commission Resignation – N. Buchanan

Motion by Teel to accept the resignation of N. Buchanan from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Seconded by Buffington. Motion carried unanimously.

Take Home Policy

Motion by Teel to send back to the Ordinance committee. Seconded by Buffington. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming event coordinator

Mayor Rodriguez announced that Ragbrai will be coming through Buffalo on July 29, 2023. They are looking for someone to volunteer to be the event coordinator.

Budget

Tanna was not available to discuss the budget. Motion by Berg to table. Seconded by Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

ARPA (Covid) Funds

Mayor Rodriguez asked for this to be added to the agenda but was waiting on the amount left. She stated that previously, the council members had wanted some of the money to go to the businesses. Some of the money has already been used on other items. Motion by Miller to table this until they find out exactly how much is left in the fund. Seconded by Teel. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Hydrants

Attorney McCullough reviewed documents and came to the conclusion that we can terminate the contract agreement. Ferkel will look into other companies to find out how much it will cost. Mayor Rodriguez suggested using ATE funds to pay for the hydrants, but Teel stated that would be a stretch to use for police/fire items. Berg stated that the fire department was the only ones that would use the hydrants. Motion by Berg to terminate the agreement. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried unanimously. Ferkel will obtain quotes for the next council meeting.

Tabled Items

Water Tower Painting

Motion by Moore to keep the water tower painting on the table. Seconded by Teel. Motion carried unanimously.

Nuisance Code

Motion by Berg to remove the nuisance code off the table. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried with Teel voting "no". Berg said the code is great the way it is, just needs a few fixes. He also wants whoever is supposed to enforce this code, to enforce. Sgt. Bujalski reminded the council that he had sent out letters previously and had a great response, only having to tow two (2) vehicles. Motion by Teel to change the ordinance to authorize the Mayor, Public Works and Police to bring these nuisances to city hall where letters can be sent out and to eliminate certified mail. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried with Buffington voting "no".

Resolutions

2023-11 Motion by Teel, seconded by Miller to receive full-time benefits. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-12 Motion by Teel, seconded by Miller to approved outdoor service area for Beach Pub. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-13 Motion by Teel, seconded by Miller to approve mowing grass and weed fees. Motion carried with Buffington voting "no".

Public Works Director provided the following update in the packet:

1. Repaired and replaced damaged cable going to park camera.
2. Performed 3 burials.
3. Plowed and salted several times.
4. Continuing to add rock at the salt storage area to support flood efforts/sandbagging.
5. Power moped BAC gym weekly.
6. Continuing to remove old elm tree debris from storage area.
7. Cleaned out storm drains in town.
8. Posted on indeed and locally for part time mower position.
9. Place combination locks on park electrical cabinets that support buffalo days.
10. Put flags out for Presidents Day

Buffalo Fire Chief provided a report for the packet.

Spent 41 man hours responding to 34 Emergency calls in February,

26-EMS Calls

1- Structure Fire

0- Vehicle Fire

1- Grass Fire

2- Vehicle Accident

0- Boat Rescue

4- Misc. Calls

58 – Total Emergency Responses for 2023

Training: 6 members spent 24-man hours doing regular crew duties. 15 members spent 2 hours going over Medics Ambulance.

Police Department

911 Hangup	7
Accident Personal Injury	1
Accident Property Damage	2
Administrative Duties	1
Alarms-Burglary	3
Animal Problems	9
Assault	1
Assist Other Agencies	5
Burglary/Home Invasion	1
Business/Residence Check	92
Civil	1
Disturbance	3
Domestic Disturbance/Violence	5
Fraud/Deception	1

Harassment/stalking/threat	5
Noise Complaint	1
Property-Lost/Found	2
Public Service	15
Shots Fired-Investigation	1
Suicidal Person	4
Suspicious	8
Theft (Larceny)	4
Traffic Hazard	14
Traffic Stop	40
Trespass/Unwanted Person	1
Warrant Service	1
Welfare Check	3

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Park Board Committee

Open Gym March 18, 2023 from 5-7 pm

Cemetery

The Committee is on hold until spring.

Finance ordinance Committee

No updates

Community Development

No updates

Community Center

No updates

Ordinances

552-Electric Disconnect. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller. Carried Unanimously.

553-Water Disconnect. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller. Carried Unanimously.

554-Sewer Disconnect. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller. Carried Unanimously.

555- Grass Mowing Updates. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller. Carried Unanimously.

556- Adding no tents to places of abode. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller. Carried Unanimously.

557-Allowing discharge of a firearm under certain circumstances. Motion by Berg and seconded by Buffington. Moore voted yes, Miller voted no, Teel voted no.

Motion by Teel to go past 8:00 pm. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meetings

Regular Council Meeting April 10,2023 @6:00 pm

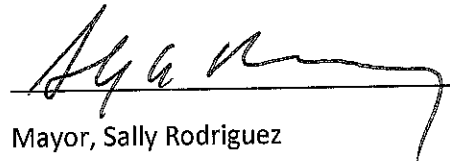
Park Board Meeting March 22, 2023 @6:00pm

Streets Committee March 17, 2023 @ 3:00 pm

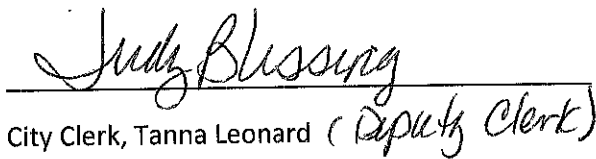
Personnel Committee March 22, 2023 @ 4:30 pm

Ordinance Committee March 23, 2023 @ 5:00 pm

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



Mayor, Sally Rodriguez



City Clerk, Tanna Leonard (Deputy Clerk)

CLAIMS REPORT		
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	522.60
7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	35.71
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	105.00
ADVANCED Business Systems	copier	44.27
ADVANCED Business Systems	printer contract	52.45
AFLAC	aflac	233.20
Americal Industrial Door	fix BAC door lock maindoor	130.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	F-350 Brake Caliper	58.00
BABE'S TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL	65.00
BRIAN CARSTEN	fuel	44.00
BUJALSKI, JOSHUA	food allowance	14.65
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	3992.00
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Buffalo, City of	utilities	340.58
Davenport, City of	indoor firearms range	75.00
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	28.00
Duck Creek Tire & Svc Inc	tires	348.07
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3114.67

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IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3499.72
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3118.00
Electric Pump	lift station pump replaced	1765.00
FARMTEK	chlorine parts	221.21
Hach Company	operating supplies	524.93
Tom Harland	easter egg hunt	1000.00
HARSCO	rock for sand area	468.06
HAWKINS INC	chlorine	1620.00
Humane Society of Scott	boarding fees	150.00
Iowa Workforce Development	unemployment	
IOWA BEVERAGE	alcohol	910.40
IMFOA	Tanna Membership	70.00
IPERS	IPERS WH	8249.70
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J&M Displays	fireworks	11000.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE	streetscape engineering	17436.25
McCullough, William	attorney fees	855.00
MEDIACOM	phone and internet	1083.72
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	450.00
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	buildinglights	133.19
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL	meters	1134.33
MID AMERICAN	sewer	6694.75
MID AMERICAN	sewer	3228.79
Midland Scientific Inc	operating supplies	212.67
MPH INDUSTRIES, INC	2 standard radar	4478.00
Panther Uniforms Inc	uniform allowance-Rich	110.00
PS3 Enterprises Inc	park toilet	170.00
QC Analytical Services	operator	657.00
QUAD CITY TESTING LAB	testing of electric equipment	860.00
Quad City Times	property tax levy	257.39
R.P. LUMBER	screws	8.49
Republic Services #400	garbage	7338.60
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	970.19
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	water sales tax	706.99
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	1677.18
Scott County Library System	semiannual taxes	23269.50
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF	booking fees	75.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	alcohol	1954.42
SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB	lineman gloves	2349.17
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	Ach Fees	33.29
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	Service Charges ACH	33.29
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE WH	1972.92
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STOPSTICK, LTD	stop stick kit	1010.00
SUNSET LAW ENFORCEMENT	horn	928.80
TC AUTO	2020 ford oil change	723.49
TOUGH RUGGED LAPTOPS		5566.66

UNITYPOINT HEALTH	EMR class	968.28
VERIZON	phones	446.73
Visa	pallet jack	1127.87
WEX BANK	fuel	2942.23
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3 phase deposit refund	625.98
Zimmer & Francescon Inc	chlorine parts for repair	1771.45
Accounts Payable Total		149520.43

General Fund	85044.03
Buffalo Days	11000.00
COMMUNITY CENTER	3629.96
Road Use Tax Fund	2330.38
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	14515.00
Water Utility Fund	9574.54
Sewer Utility Fund	11298.70
Electric Utility Fund	12125.61
Storm Water Utility Fund	2.21
TOTAL FUNDS	149520.43

REVENUE

General Fund	61,715.53
Community Center	4759.00
Road Use Tax	13,446.46
Employee Benefit	185.87
Local Opt Sales Tax	24,820.38
Community Development	6,205.10
Water Utility	13,125.58
Sewer Utility	14,955.99
Electric Utility	47,954.26
Storm Water Utility	244.75
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