

Minutes of the regular council meeting held July 10, 2023 at 6:00pm. Present council members Joe Buffington, Austin Miller, Ted Teel and Mary Moore. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Police Chief TJ Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, Deputy City Clerk Judy Blessing and Tanna Leonard were present as well.

Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m. by Mayor Rodriguez.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Consent agenda**

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

### **Public Input**

Dave Stickrod asked if the newly appointed council member term would fulfill Brandon's term or if it would be on the ballot in November. Attorney McCullough explained that the vacant seat would only be until the end of the year and would be voted on in November.

Bonnie Wingate addressed the council about the length of time that fireworks are allowed to be set off. She explained that fireworks are not a huge deal to her but that it lasting for four days seemed excessive. She also brought with her a grocery sack full of detonated firework debris that she picked up from her yard. She asked if council would consider reducing the period fireworks are permitted. Wingate also addressed the safety issues with fireworks so close to homes.

Judy Hammons also asked that council reconsider the period that fireworks are allowed, she explained that they are coming from all directions and it's difficult with pets.

Mayor Rodriguez thanked Brandy and the Buffalo Day crew for all of their hard work planning and staffing the event. It seemed like everything went smoothly and the community enjoyed the event. The Fire Department did a great job with the fireworks.

She also reported that the corporate games were held in June and they thanked the community for allowing them to host their event at the beach. The turnout was a success.

Rodriguez said that she had contacted the representative from the railroad to see the issue regarding the trains parked for long periods of time along the tracks. The representative did not get back to her until this week because of the holiday and said that would check to see what is going on.

Tim Guizar reported that they would be having another RAGBRAI meeting and were still looking for volunteers to help for the event.

### **Appointment of Council Member**

Mayor Rodriguez explained that Council Member Brandon Berg resigned from his seat and that the council decided to appoint someone to fill his vacancy. Rodriguez asked if those that were interested in appointment would stand, introduce themselves, and explain why they wanted to be appointed to the vacant seat.

Rachel Teel-Vanderpool introduced herself as a resident that grew up in Buffalo and that she had deep roots in the community. She would like to see some improvements; she has been attending meetings and feels she has a good idea of things going on.

Sean Roman introduced himself as a newer resident in Buffalo, married into the Teel family. He is a retired detective from Moline, IL and has a good idea of how government runs and interacting with the public. He would like Buffalo to improve like LeClaire or Blue Grass but in its own unique way.

Brian Briggs introduced himself as someone that has lived in Buffalo most of his life. He would like to see things like the streetscape and other improvements in the community.

Tim Guizar introduced himself as a longtime resident with history in Buffalo from back to 1949 and really loves the community. He would like to see improvements and work with the other council members to improve the bad stereo type that Buffalo carries.

Dusty Chaplin introduced himself as growing up in Buffalo and is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department. He would like to see improvements in the parks and streets, and see development of housing and business.

Steve Sparbel introduced himself as growing up in Montpelier and living in Buffalo for the last 15 years. He would like to see some changes and that things seem stagnant. He would like to see more businesses, splashpad, and more improvements.

Teel explained that he was only approached by Steve Sparbel and promised to support his request for the vacant seat, and that was his motion.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion by Moore to appoint Rachel Teel-Vanderpool to the vacant position. Motion was seconded by Teel and carried unanimously with Teel abstaining as he is related.

Mayor Rodriguez gave Rachel Teel-Vanderpool her oath of office and she took her seat.

### **Community Development**

Angie Gadzik explained that the committee met and discussed funding options for the Street Scape. She explained that they are wishing to apply for TAP funding in the fall but need community guaranteed match. The committee is proposing that the council earmark \$150K for FY24 and \$175K for FY25 for match funds. Council discussed the balance of funds, street scape, and planned funds.

### **Resignation of FT Officer**

Sergeant Bujalski submitted a resignation as FT officer and requested to remain a PT officer moving forward, as he has accepted a different position.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to accept Bujalski's resignation and accept his request for PT employment. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Hiring FT Officer**

Motion by Miller and seconded by Teel to post for the FT Officer position. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Casey's Liquor License**

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the liquor license for Casey's . Motion carries unanimously.

### **CP Merger Agreement**

The agreement was discusses and it is a confidential agreement so not all points were discussed publicly. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to not accept the agreement as presented and request amendments for the amounts. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Tabled Items**

#### **Water Tower Painting**

#### **Spruce Street Berm**

Attorney McCullough stated that he sent a letter to the Outing Club to trim the trees and contact the city regarding the removal of the berm.

Motion by Teel to take the Spruce Street Berm item off the table for discussion. Seconded by Miller, carried unanimously. Ferkel said that they had reached out to him and they were trimming the trees and contacting their attorney to review the future care of the trees and berm. Tim Guizar reported that he talked to someone and they were cleaning out the fence line and repairing the area that had been in question. He also said they thought the berm was preventing additional washout along Spruce Street.

2023-36 Motion by Teel and seconded by Moore to approve a resolution allowing special permissions during the RAGBRAI event. Motion carries unanimously.

2023-37 Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve a resolution increasing mowing fees. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-38 Community Development Funds. Motion by Moore and seconded by Miller to approve a resolution earmarking match funds for the Street Scape Project. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-39 Rescind ARPA Funds. Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve a resolution rescinding the use of ARPA funds. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-40 Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve a \$1.00 increase for Brandy Harland and correct wages from the previous wage resolution. Motion carried with Rachel voting no.

**Public Works Director provided the following update in the packet:**

1. Repaired flagpole at memorial.
2. Removed rocks from beach.
3. Started trimming trees from primary lines.
4. set the park up for buffalo days.
5. Cut down brush on the south side of railroad tracks.
6. Cleaned out storm drains.
7. Mowed ditch along red ball road.
8. Filled in potholes with cold patch asphalt.
9. Replaced air filters for the bac roof top units.
10. Repaired boat dock ramp.

**The Buffalo Police Chief provided the following report:**

Arrests :2

1. OWI 3<sup>rd</sup> , eluding, speeding, open container, proof of insurance, careless driving, no drivers license.
2. Trespassing, public intox, harassment of public official

**Incident Type                      Number of Incidents**

911 hangup -13

Accident Personal Injury – 2  
Accident Property Damage – 2  
Alarms – Burglary – 2  
Animal Problem – 8  
Assist Other Agencies – 8  
Burglary/Home Invasion - 1  
Business/Residence check –72  
Disturbance – 11  
Domestic Disturbance/Violence - 3  
Drugs-2  
Fail to Stop Vehicle-1  
Fireworks-1  
Harassment/Stalking/Threat-2  
Juvenile Problem-1  
Missing/ Found Person-1  
Noise Complaint-1  
Property Lost Found-1  
Public Service - 34  
Suicidal Person – 4  
Suspicious – 13  
Theft (Larceny)– 4  
Traffic Hazard – 21  
Traffic Stop – 15  
Trespass/Unwanted Person-2  
Warrant Service-1  
Weapons/FireArms-1  
Welfare Check – 1

**Buffalo Fire Chief provided a report for the packet.**

Spent 75-man hours responding to 29 Emergency calls in June,

15- EMS Calls  
1- Structure Fire  
2- Vehicle Fire  
3-Grass Fire  
0-Vehicle Accidents  
0-Boat Rescue  
8- Misc. Calls

179 – Total Emergency Responses for 2023

Training: 6 Members spent 40 man hours doing regular crew duties.

16 members spent 2 hours training on our rescue boat.

**Park Board Committee**

No updates

**Cemetery**

No Updates

**Finance ordinance Committee**

Clerk reported that the committee met prior to the council meeting and reviewed June's Bank reconciliation summary.

### Community Development

No updates

### Community Center

No updates

Motion by Miller and seconded by Teel to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of Ordinance 559 for amending nuisance code for duties. Carried with Buffington voting "no".

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 560 for adding mobile food truck vendor requirements. Carried unanimously.

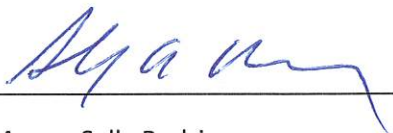

### Future Meetings

Regular Council Meeting August 14, 2023

Cemetery Meeting July 26, 2023 5:00 pm

Streets Meeting July 13, 2023 5:00pm

Motion by Moore and Seconded by Teel to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm

  
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Mayor, Sally Rodriguez  
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City Clerk, Tanna Leonard

### CLAIMS REPORT

7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	\$ 288.95
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	\$ 105.00
ADVANCED Business Systems	contract copier	\$ 54.00
AFLAC	aflac	\$ 291.50
Altorfer Inc	broken hose	\$ 140.91
American Industrial Door	post office door repair	\$ 278.29
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	skid steer parts AC	\$ 9.80
Bi-State Regional Commission	dues	\$ 276.00
BRUS CONSTRUCTION	black dirt	\$ 375.00
BUJALSKI, JOSHUA	food reimbursement	\$ 23.01
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	\$ 19,401.60
Buffalo, City of	utilities	\$ 503.78
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	\$ 28.75
DECCO	Dump Truck Purchase	\$ 32,000.00
DNER INC	fire extinguisher testing	\$ 397.76
Duck Creek Tire & Svc Inc	2017 Charger tires	\$ 722.32
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,218.89

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HAWKINS INC	chlorine bottles	\$ 70.00
IA ABD	Transfer License	\$ 24.38
Iowa League of Cities	dues	\$ 1,028.00
Iowa One Call	locates	\$ 18.20
Iowa Workforce Development	unemployment	\$ 475.53
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IAMU	dues	\$ 3,407.00
IOWA BEVERAGE	alcohol	\$ 144.90
IMEG	engineering for Water system	\$ 1,680.00
IMEG	Water engineering	\$ 2,484.00
IPERS	HEALTH INSUR.	\$ 399.20
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	\$ 10,013.28
IPERS	IPERS	\$ 10.06
IPERS	HEALTH INSUR.	\$ 10,422.54
JASON'S DISTRIBUTING	cups	\$ 339.49
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	allowance Derrickson, boots	\$ 601.96
Kirby Water Conditioning	salt	\$ 87.00
LL PELLING CO.	seal coating	\$ 60,276.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE	engineering for dodge St project	\$ 1,765.50
McCullough, William	attorney fees	\$ 1,035.00
MEDIACOM	phone and internet	\$ 1,140.68
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	\$ 650.00
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	sun shade accessories	\$ 900.28
MESSENGER MOTORWORKS	city seal for Kubota	\$ 100.00
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL	solar meters	\$ 201.16
MID AMERICAN	sewer	\$ 2,626.34
MID AMERICAN	streets	\$ 37.88
Nott Company	skid steer mower hose	\$ 202.40
Panther Uniforms Inc	pants for TJ	\$ 128.95
PILLAR EQUIPMENT	side by side tire	\$ 175.31
PS3 Enterprises Inc	park toilet	\$ 261.37
QC Analytical Services	operator	\$ 657.00
Quad City Times	June minutes	\$ 624.61
R.P. LUMBER	beach sign repair	\$ 22.48
R.P. LUMBER	nuts and washers	\$ 41.48
Republic Services #400	garbage	\$ 7,338.60
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	\$ 811.97
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Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	\$ 1,644.57
SANDRA SECHLER	deposit RAGBRAI DJ	\$ 250.00
SCOTT COUNTY RECORDER	registration/title for Kubota	\$ 34.00
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF	booking fees	\$ 25.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	alcohol	\$ 1,358.23
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	Bank Processing fee	\$ 41.98
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	mower repair	\$ 334.12

S.J. Smith Company	cutoff wheels	\$ 63.07
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	Service Charges ACH	
STANLEY CONSULTANTS INC	engineering	\$ 8,786.25
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAXES	\$ 2,414.41
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SUNBELT RENTALS, INC	power mop for gym	\$ 314.55
TITAN MACHINERY	skid steer mower repair	\$ 406.48
Treiber Construction Co	patch on highway 22	\$ 2,122.00
TRI-CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY	troubleshoot park cameras	\$ 365.00
VERIZON	phones	\$ 893.20
Vogel Traffic Services	pavement marking	\$ 1,139.60
Waste Commission of Scott Co	sandbag removal	\$ 8,141.04
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Waste Commission of Scott Co	pallets	\$ 72.00
WEX BANK	fuel	\$ 2,964.97
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	misc refund deposit	\$ 625.98
XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS	UV lamps	\$ 2,223.46
Accounts Payable Total		\$ 203,116.59

General Fund	\$ 158,994.21
COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 2,512.39
Road Use Tax Fund	\$ 1,938.73
Water Utility Fund	\$ 8,207.40
Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 20,451.94
Electric Utility Fund	\$ 11,009.71
Storm Water Utility Fund	\$ 2.21
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 203,116.59

#### Revenue June

General Fund	\$76,178.02
Buffalo Days	\$5,000.00
Community Center	\$ 2,419.75
Road Use Tax Fund	\$18,154.96
Employee Benefit Fund	\$679.04
Local Option Sales Tax Fund	\$24,921.78
Community Development	\$6,230.45
Water Utility	\$15,071.45
Sewer Utility	\$35,146.08
Electric	\$40,070.32
Storm Water Utility	\$606.37