

Minutes of the special meeting of the Buffalo City Council held on March 03, 2021. Meeting called to order by Mayor Sally Rodriguez, at 4:00pm. Present Judy Hammons (4:20pm), Ted Teel, Austin Miller, Trent Adams, Joe Buffington, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, Police Chief TJ Behning and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

Motion by Teel to approve the IT Contract with Fly a Kite Studios, seconded by Miller and carried unanimously. Motion by Teel to approve the \$300 invoice for Fly a Kite Studio for printer installation, seconded by Miller and carried unanimously.

Motion by Adams to approve the expenses recommended by the Park Board of \$500 (\$200 from youth sponsor account and \$300 from reserve checking account) and \$1,600 for Buffalo Youth Baseball (\$800 from the youth sponsor account and \$800 from the reserve checking account), seconded by Teel and carried unanimously.

Clerk discussed budget recommendations:

Tracking smaller projects within the General fund instead of transferring them into the Capital Projects fund accounts. This would allow the general fund to keep the funds that are being spent from the general fund account.

The union contract had not been negotiated and also speed camera revenues were not included. The small deficit would likely be covered by these changes.

Council asked the clerk to keep the funds separate for the Speed Camera because the cameras were not designed to be a revenue source but a safety measure. Clerk would set up proper accounts to track revenues and council would determine how those funds were used.

Increasing the costs for trash pickup to the resident. Currently the resident pays 21% of the costs and the remaining is picked up through property taxes. This would put the costs directly to the service being received. Council could lower the levy rate to account for these costs, use as additional revenue, or reserve to take on collection in house.

Increasing the sewer rate the average annual 3% on minimum and 2% on usage.

Creating an electric rebate program for electric customers.

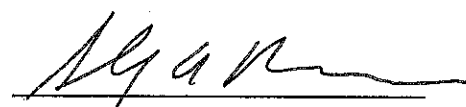
Motion by Teel to approve the budget for publication, seconded by Adams and carried unanimously.

There will be a hearing on March 23, 2021 at 6:00 for the public to comment on the budget.

Motion by Teel to approve the phone and internet contract not to exceed the amount of the Mediacom Contracts and with an email to council prior to signing the contract. Seconded by Miller and carried unanimously.

Motion by Adams to adjourn at 4:25, seconded by Miller and carried unanimously.

  
Tanna Leonard, City Clerk

  
Sally Rodriguez, Mayor