

Minutes of the meeting of the Buffalo City Council held on February 07, 2022. Meeting called to order by Mayor Sally Rodriguez, at 6:00pm. All members with a "*" after their name participated electronically for the meeting. All other participants were in the Council Chambers. Present Mary Moore, Ted Teel, Austin Miller, Brandon Berg, Joe Buffington*, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, City Attorney William McCullough (6:15), Police Chief TJ Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson (excused), and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

Max Levy Hearing

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to open the Public Hearing on the Max Levy Hearing Notice.

Clerk Commented that the proposed maximum property tax for 2023 was \$909,609 dollars at a tax rate of 9.74190.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to close the Public Hearing on the Max Levy Hearing Notice.

Hearing to sell 229 Jefferson Street

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to open the Public Hearing on the sale of 229 Jefferson Street

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to close the Public Hearing on the sale of 229 Jefferson Street

Consent Agenda

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of the minutes of the January 03, and 19, 2022, council meetings. With the Clerk requesting to add the following to the Minutes of January 03,2022: Mayor Rodriguez administered Oaths to Austin Miller, Brandon Berg, and Mary Moore.
- Payment of claims
- Clerk Report

Motion by Buffington to approve the consent agenda with the amendment of January 03 meeting to add that Mayor Rodriguez administered oaths to the new council members. Seconded by Teel and carried unanimously.

Public Input- Mayor Rodriguez Commented the following:

Gym Rentals - Please remember to include our setup/cleanup time in your time that you use and pay for using the gym. Also, remember to clean up your mess, take out the trash (if you have food items), leave the bathroom doors open, turn off the lights and heat, and lock the door/padlock, or you may lose your deposit. Be sure to report any damage/issues to city hall, with pictures, to ensure you don't lose your deposit.

Water Leaks - When the well starts to go through more water, that may indicate there is a water leak in town. If the public works cannot find the leak, they have a company that will come in and assist

with finding the leak and the estimated gallons per minute of the water leak. Once the leak is located, public works will work with the resident/business to determine if the leak is the responsibility of the resident/business. If the leak is the responsibility of the resident/business, then they will be provided a timeframe to complete the work and if it is the city's responsibility, public works will fix the repair as soon as possible.

Larry Smith from the Food Pantry introduced himself and thanked the council and staff for allowing their program in their facility. He reported that they served 2,324 people last year or just over 700 families from Buffalo, Blue Grass, and Walcott areas.

Mayor Rodriguez also thanked him and his group for volunteering their time to keep the program available.

Discussion & Decision-

Engineering Updates

Street Scape- Mike Janecek explained that he presented the draft Street Scape plan to Community Development and that they are working on scheduling a meeting to meet with property owners and the public to hear comments on the draft.

Conservation Sewer Connections

No comments or updates were available.

Cemetery Mapping Project completed.

Pedestrian access to the food pantry

Christina McDonough from Scott County Health Department came and proposed a feasibility study for the walkability for the Buffalo Food Pantry.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the city to move forward with a feasibility study. Motion carried unanimously.

Well #1 & Well #2

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve Northway Well and Pump Co. for well #2 rehab in the amount of \$37,864.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Data Correlator

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve Josh Ferkel to rent a data correlator for less than \$2000, if necessary to track leaks. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Harland Easter Egg Hunt

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve \$500 for the donation of the Buffalo Easter Egg Hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

Alec Williams - Jefferson Street

Homeowner Alec Williams expressed his concern about the electrical transformer issue that he had last July. He felt that this issue was not his because the electrician did not find any issues. Josh Ferkel explained that he thought the City had looked into the issue and found no fault on their side. Mr Williams stated that he was still having issues with the lights flickering. Ferkel was going to investigate and report back any findings.

Motion by Buffington and seconded by Teel to table the electrical issue until next month. Motion carried unanimously.

Sadie Evans - Future Falcons

Jen Walker explained that she is the new coach representing Future Falcons and requested additional free gym rental dates. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to waive fees of 1.5 hours each week through the end of March. Motion carried unanimously.

Dollar General

Mayor Rodriguez reported that the waiver had been submitted to IDOT for the Dollar General entrance.

Fence, Signs, Examination Fees at Cemetery

Teel reported that the Cemetery committee met and discussed and decided that that they needed to determine the property lines for the cemetery. Motion by Buffington and seconded by Teel to have the cemetery surveyed to locate the property pins. Motion carried unanimously.

Part Time Seasonal Employees

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve Ferkel to put an ad for seasonal Part Time Mowers. Motion carried unanimously.

Outdoor Furnace/wood burner

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to send Outdoor Furnace/Wood Burner to the ordinance committee for review. Motion carried unanimously.

Corporate Games

Mayor Rodriguez reported that the corporate games were scheduled for this summer on June 8, 2022. They had 6 teams last year and are looking for the same this year. She talked to them about our Buffalo days and businesses in hopes they may return.

Park Board Event at Beach

Austin Miller reported that the Park Board was planning a Party on the Beach Labor day and Memorial Day. This will involve a DJ, games, food trucks and just having fun. Brandy Harland will take the lead on planning these events. They will talk to the businesses and let them know about the events. They will also look into possibly having one day at one end of the beach and the other at the other end of the beach, if it allows.

Flygt Lift Station Upgrade

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the bid from Electric Pump to purchase new Flygt Pump for both lift stations for \$14,065. Motion carried unanimously.

E-check Fee's

Clerk explained to council that to increase security for utility customers gWorks had moved to a different platform. The current platform did not have any fees for ACH e-Checks, however the new system would charge a fee of \$1.75 per transaction. If the City were to absorb the fees it would be .50 per transactions, a significant savings for customers.

Motion by Buffington and seconded by Teel to approve that the city absorbs the ACH e-Check fees for customer. Motion carried unanimously.

HMA or FRF Application for Flood Mitigation

Clerk explained that she was approached by the state to consider their application with FRF and HMA for flood mitigation and decide what funding to pursue.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to pursue the FRF funding. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve resolution 2022-2 for SENB Bank Depository. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve resolution 2022-3 for Blue Grass Bank Depository. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Moore to approve resolution 2022-4 to retain appointed employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Moore to approve resolution 2022-8 to accept Judy's Barge Inn outdoor service area. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Buffington and seconded by Teel to approve resolution 2022-9 to accept the proposed Max Levy as presented during the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve resolution 2022-10 the sale of 229 Jefferson Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Buffington and seconded by Miller to approve resolutions 2022-11 to increase the fees for re-inspection fee increases. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Buffington and seconded by Miller to approve resolution 2022-12 setting the public hearing for FY23 Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve resolutions 2022-13 adopting updated Fire Department Constitution.

Public Works Report-

- Hired Westrum Leak Detection to locate water loss twice in the month of January
- Hired McCleary Excavating for emergency repairs to water main break at Jefferson and Front St.
- Oversaw the repairs to two private water service repairs
- Repaired water main break at Main and 2nd Street
- Inspected storm drains for water infiltration
- Located a water leak at an unoccupied home that had a frozen water pipe spraying outside of the crawlspace and turned off water supply at curb box
- Receiving quotes to paint the water tower
- Performed snow removal and applied salt three times in the month of January
- 2006 F-250 was sent to Quad City Spring for plow repairs that we could not diagnose
- Met with IDNR to review MS4 permit
- Replaced door latch mechanism on 1995 Dodge Ram plow truck
- Replaced two plastic panels on 2010 Ford plow truck with metal panels to prevent further damage from plowing snow.

Police Department Report

Monthly calls for service: 190

Year to date calls for service: 190

Traffic report:

Citations: 2

PD Accidents: 2

PI Accidents: 1

Traffic Stops: 28

Vehicles Impound: 1

Arrests: 2

- 1-OWI 2nd
- 2-Driving While Revoked

Sgt. Bujalski attended monthly k-9 training

K-9 Deployments: 1 for Scott County

Fire Report

We Spent 58 1/2-man hours responding to thirty-one emergency calls in December,

30- EMS Calls

3-Structure Fire

0-Vehicle Fire

0-Grass Fire

0-Vehicle Accidents

0-Boat Rescues

0-Misc. calls

33 Total Emergency Responses for 2022

Training: 5 Members spent 25-man hours doing regular crew duties. 16 members spent 2 hours training on Emergency Driving Procedures.

Park Board

No additional updates

Community Development

The Committee met and discussed the draft Street Scape project, camp YMCA Program, and future public input movie.

Community Center

An update was provided that the facility had a fundraiser planned for February 11, 2022 and that every weekend in March.

Cemetery

No additional updates were provided.

Ordinances

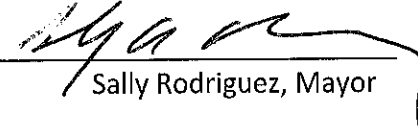
535 – Snow Removal Processes and Parking amending that the Mayor have authority to call a “snow emergency” and that only “no parking” snow emergencies affect the six major north and south streets that contain hills. Dodge Street, Jefferson Street, Hacker Street, Franklin Street, Utah Ave, and Valley Heights Road. These streets shall be designated as snow emergency routs and if a “snow emergency” is declared no parking shall be allowed on these streets.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 535. Motion carried with Berg voting “no”.

Future meetings

- Next City Council meeting March 07, 2022 6:00 pm
- Park Board February 23, 2022 6:00pm
- Community Development Committee February 10,2022 5:00
- Buffalo Community Center February 10, 2022 4:00
- Ordinance Committee Meeting February 10, 2022 3:00

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm by Teel, seconded by Moore and carried unanimously.



Sally Rodriguez, Mayor



Tanna Leonard, City Clerk

CLAIMS REPORT		
CENTRAL STATES FUNDS	HEALTH INSURANCE	21,842.80
REPUBLIC SERVICES	trash	7,119.90
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	7,789.92
STATE OF IA	STATE TAXES	2,082.00
SALES TAX	water sales tax	3,311.00
EFTPS PAYROLL	FED/FICA TAX	14,837.74
QUAD CITY TIMES	proof of jan minutes	225.76
GRAINGER	power mop	51.19
CHEMSEARCH	boiler chemicals	547.88
CULLIGAN	water	83.65

LINWOOD MINING & MINERALS	rock	617.57
MCCULLOUGH	attorney fees	1,185.00
ROCK RIVER ELECTRIC	water tower pressure transmit	350.00
PS3 ENTERPRISES, INC.	part handicap	318.00
HUMANE SOCIETY OF SCOTT C	boarding	200.00
AFLAC	aflac	371.70
CITY OF BUFFALO	utilities	293.20
KIRBY WATER CONDITIONING	salt	44.00
PANTHER UNIFORMS INC	TJ shirt and gloves	85.90
IAMU	dues	505.35
HEMPEL PIPE AND SUPPLY	plant repairs	949.52
LEONARD TANNA	medical savings	110.00
UTILITY EQUIPMENT COMPNAY	water main repair clamps	347.95
MCCLEARY EXCAVATING CO.	water main break help	1,105.50
QC ANALYTICAL SERVICES	operator	673.00
QUAD CITY SPRING	bolt kit, cutting edge	604.67
SJ SMITH COMPANY	cut off wheels	296.76
MIDWEST WHEEL	rubber cover	10.46
IA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	unemployment	23.06
ALL EQUIPMENT	air compressor repair	328.50
ALTORFER INC	street broom	1,722.00
BABES TERMITE & PEST	PEST CONTROL	65.00
FIRE SERVICE	HMAO,FF1	300.00
MID AMERICAN	BAC	6,306.41
SKARSHAUG TESTING LAB	EL Gloves	403.05
TITAN MACHINERY	mower	6,345.25
ADVANCED	printer service	226.26
VERIZON	phones	447.01
SOUTH EAST NATIONAL BANK	ACH Charges and Fees	107.70
PEERLESS SERVICE CO.	well #1 service call	1,920.00
VAN METER	water plant relays	337.66
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL	electric meters	1,351.20
RPGI	electricity	37,416.64
MENARDS	paper towels	83.66
MEDIACOM	internet/phone	962.45
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	pressure washer	649.70
SAFE BUILDING	jan re-inspect	120.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	fuel additive for winter	98.64
THE PRINTING STORE	golf cart permits	42.75
7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	55.30
JASON'S DISTRIBUTING	cups	237.28
SENB CARDMEMBER SERVICE	essentials of fire	1,256.36
DUCK CREEK	2010 f-350 tires	511.38
JUDY HAMMONS	Memorial-Reissue CK 1157	50.00
IBEV	alcohol	225.20
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	450.00
LOGAN CONTRACTOR SUPPLY	grinder	154.55
GWORKS	annual fee for UB_ACH	509.00

MARTIN & WHITACRE	streetscape surveying	30,031.88
SCOTT COUNTY RECORDER	registration renewal boat	41.90
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF	booking fees	25.00
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	210.00
WESTRUM LEAK DETECTION	water leak detection	1,400.00
ESSENCE CHEMICAL COMPANY	bac soap and wax	253.08
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3 phase deposit refund	625.98
VAN WERT COMPANY	water meter iron unit	1,573.66
R.P. LUMBER	pvc primer/cement	47.52
SCHEBLER	water truck panels	973.00
CRAWFORD COMPANY	Leak repair	335.00
MIDWEST FLOORING CONCEPTS	BCC floor w/loan	7,800.00
WEX BANK	fuel	2,385.25
JAY WILSON	fuel (missing card)	44.00
VENTURE BALLISTIC COMPOSS	ballistic shield, light	1,245.00
CORNHUSKER STATE INDUSTRS	street signs	182.00
	CLAIMS TOTAL	175,839.70
	General Fund FUND	67,624.46
	EMPLOYEE MEDICAL ACCT FUND	110.00
	COMMUNITY CENTER FUND	1,709.31
	Road Use Tax Fund FUND	4,214.68
	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND	29,686.58
	Water Utility Fund FUND	14,214.59
	Sewer Utility Fund FUND	8,403.90
	Electric Utility Fund FUND	49,054.35
	Storm Water Utility Fund FUND	821.83