

Minutes of the regular council meeting held June 12, 2023 at 6:00pm. Present council members Joe Buffington, Brandon Berg (excused), 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 Buffington and seconded by Teel to approve the consent agenda. Carried by all.

Public Input

Patty Teel expressed her concern about the computer issues for online virtual attendance. She said that it is impossible to hear and sometimes doesn't work at all. She also expressed concern about stray cats and fox in her yard and that she was told that she could trap them but she doesn't have the time and doesn't think it is her responsibility. She asked if the city could contract with the Humane Society to trap the feral cats. Ms. Teel also asked when 3rd and Franklin Street would be repaired because it should be on the list with the other street work going on.

Rail Road

Andy Cummings, Sr. Manager Canadian Pacific Kansas City was available electronically. He discussed the differences between Private and Public crossings along with the requirements for horn blasting and safety measures. He also addressed "quiet zones", and the requirements needed for safety, including estimated costs of around \$400K per each crossing. With the merger, we would see an addition fourteen plus trains per day. The major increase will be with shipping containers hauling various material from grain fertilizers to construction material. Mayor Rodriguez explained that with Chief Behning's assistance and Mr. Cummings, there has been significant improvements on crossings being blocked for long periods of time.

Leachate Review

Jay Brady from Stanley provided an update to the board on the study of the wastewater treatment facility and the capability of the system treating the leachate substances. The study indicated the upgrades necessary for the treatment, and cost estimates. Brian Seals from the waste commission was present and is interested in working with the city to investigate the information thoroughly and to have further discussions partnering in the treatment. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to recommend the Sewer Committee review the information thoroughly and make a recommendation. Motion carries unanimously.

Mayor Rodriguez thanked Brian Seals and Bryce Stalcup for offering to investigate the project further and appreciated them for being great neighbors. She thanked them for all their support in the flood efforts with equipment and laborers that joined our teams' efforts. The community really appreciates their support.

Dodge Street Overlay

Mike Janecek reported that five bids were received on the Dodge Street overlay and Taylor Ridge Paving was the low bidder at \$153,407. Janecek had reviewed the bid and documents for accuracy and recommended that the council accept the bid. Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the bid from Taylor Ridge Paving in the amount of \$153,407 to begin August and completion by September. Motion carried unanimously.

Water and Wastewater Studies

Mike Janecek reported that all documents had been submitted and the documents were ready for review. Janecek said that Ferkel had asked for pricing on rate studies for the water and wastewater utilities. The prices came back at \$5,000

per each utility. The clerk explained that with the CIP documents and guidance from either Iowa Municipal Utilities or Iowa Rural Water Association she and Ferkel could prepare rate studies for a lesser cost to the utilities. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to have Ferkel and Leonard work on the rates and have a meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Bi-Laws

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to take no action. Motion carries with Miller voting "no".

Shell Expresslane Liquor License

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the liquor license for Shell Expresslane. Motion carries unanimously.

Clarks Landing Liquor License

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the liquor license for Clarks Landing. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Hydrants

Director Josh Ferkel provided a bid for fire hydrants from Utility Equipment Company. He stated the bid total was \$52,668.90 and he would need to get bids for installation. Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the purchase of fire hydrants for \$52,668.90. Motion carried unanimously.

Discharge Pumps

Ferkel explained that their backup pumps that they have are in their seventies and are difficult to obtain parts for. He needs to have a backup and would prefer a 6" but would settle for a 4" as it would pump as good as his old 6". Motion by Teel to use ARPA funds to purchase the 4" pump for \$40,064 after July 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Extrication Equipment

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve new extrication equipment purchase after July 1, 2023 for \$41,000 with \$25,000 from Buffalo Volunteer Firefighter donation funds and \$16,000 from the Fire Department equipment budget fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Raise for Seasonal Part Time

Ferkel said that his Part Time seasonal employees asked for a raise and so he requested it to be on the agenda. Council discussed with the employees and asked what they were requesting. Graham Vanderpool requested a \$1 pay increase. Council discussed and agreed to a pay raise.

Motion by Teel to grant a \$1 per hour pay increase for Steve Sparbel and Graham Teel-Vanderpool effective July 1 with the other union contract raises. No second, motion dies.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Teel to approve a \$1 per hour pay increase for Steve Sparbel and Graham Teel-Vanderpool effective to today June 12, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Purchase Dump Truck

Ferkel explained that he demoed a dump truck that DECCO owned to haul sandbags from the streets to the landfill and he thought it was a better truck than what we had. Teel asked if he had it in his budget and he suggested a loan until he can set funds aside. The clerk asked what departments he would be utilizing the truck in, and he stated streets and snow removal. The clerk said that street funds could be utilized for the purchase, but the council would be aware that those funds were set aside for street projects. If the dump truck is needed that would be up to the council to decide how those funds are spent. Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the purchase of \$32K for the dump truck from DECCO from his budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Buffalo Day Street Closure

Mayor Rodriguez explained that it was brought to her attention last year that it may be beneficial to only allow parking on one side of Dodge Street during Buffalo Days. Chief Behning and Chief Anderson both said it gets congested but they have been able to get through and haven't had any issues. No action taken.

Rates for Mowing

Clerk explained that she added it to the agenda for conversation because Ferkel and her were having difficulties tracking time and wages. Instead of utilizing the resolution that was passed in conjunction with mowing properties for the rate of seventy-five dollars per hour with a minimum of two hours, Ferkel was also including a previous equipment resolution. Ferkel asked if they could just have a flat rate for mowing yards but council said that since yard sizes varied it would be difficult to address. Ferkel presented a combined resolution and council agreed to have it on the agenda for the next meeting for consideration. The clerk noted that the original goal was to make fines enough for the residents to want to keep up on their mowing, not to financially burden them. Rodriguez said that utilizing Seasonal Mowers would allow the city to recoup their costs for mowing as well. Miller said that he wanted to make sure that we had all our city mowing caught up before we are out mowing properties in violation.

Tabled Items

Water Tower Painting

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to leave the water tower painting on the agenda as a tabled item. Motion carried unanimously.

Spruce Street Berm

Spruce Street Berm – Motion by Teel to take the Spruce Street Berm item off the table. Seconded by Berg, carried unanimously. Clerk said she followed up with an email to McCullough on June 09, but did not receive a response, Mr. McCullough was not present to update on the status. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to put the Spruce Street Berm back on the table. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

2023-27 Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the Buffalo Day resolution removing the addition of street closures, but allowing special activities within the community supporting Buffalo Days . Motion carried unanimously.

2023-28 Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the Central States Agreement for Health Insurance Audit. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-29 Motion by Teel seconded by Miller to approve the usage of ATE funds for the purchase of firearms and covering wage increases. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-30 Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the usage of \$23K in ARPA funds to cover wage increases for essential employees until the FY24 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-31 Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the FY24 wages effective July 1, 2023, adding Steve Sparbel and Graham Vanderpool for \$1 increases effective June 12,2023.

2023-32 Motion by Miller and seconded by Teel to set the date for the Budget Amendment hearing on June 29, 2023 at 6:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director provided the following update in the packet:

1. Removed sandbags with city equipment and hauled to the landfill.
2. Installed volleyball nets.

3. Removed flood debris from city beach and ditches.
4. Box bladed beaches to remove large rocks.
5. Mowed 9 yards in violation of city ordinances.
6. Repaired water main break on Front Street with the help from McCleary Excavating.
7. Ran Streetsweeper to pick sand left behind from sandbags.
8. Removed salter from 2020 F-350 and put into storage.
9. Leveled off grave sites and seeded.
10. Weed trimmed Elm Street ditch.

The Buffalo Police Chief provided the following report:

Arrests : 4

1. OWI 1st, open container, possession of weapon while intoxicated.
2. Theft 5th
3. Criminal Mischief 5th
4. Domestic abuse 3rd with injury, child stealing, felon in possession of firearm, obstructing 911 communication, theft 3rd

Incident Type	Number of Incidents
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911 hangup -12	
Accident Personal Injury – 1	
Accident Property Damage – 1	
Alarms – Burglary – 2	
Alarms – Hold up – 1	
Animal Problem – 5	
Assist Other Agencies – 2	
Business/Residence check – 34	
Civil – 3	
Damage/Vandalism Mischief – 1	
Disturbance – 5	
Domestic Disturbance/Violence - 4	
Missing/Found Person – 1	
Public Service – 21	
Shots Fired – Investigation -1	
Suicidal Person – 2	
Suspicious – 14	
Theft – 1	
Traffic Hazard – 11	
Traffic Stop – 12	
Welfare Check – 2	

Buffalo Fire Chief provided a report for the packet.

Spent 60-man hours responding to 32 Emergency calls in May,

- 19 - EMS Calls
- 2 - Structure Fire
- 1 - Vehicle Fire
- 2 -Grass Fire

1 -Vehicle Accidents

0 -Boat Rescue

7- Misc. Calls

150 – Total Emergency Responses for 2023

Training: 5 Members spent 24-man hours doing regular crew duties. 15 members spent 2 hours training on in a live burn trailer, and on May 23rd, 13 members spent 2 ½ hours training on vehicle extrication.

Teel thanked Dan Mullanack at MBI Builders for donating \$1500 towards the Buffalo Day Fireworks.

Park Board Committee

No updates

Cemetery

Teel reported that Steve Sparbel, his wife and him were going to spend a day at the cemetery resetting monuments on their pads, leveling and general monument maintenance.

Finance ordinance Committee

Clerk reported that the committee met prior to the council meeting and approved ATE expenditures, and reviewed May's Bank reconciliation summary.

Community Development

No updates

Community Center

No updates

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 557 allowing the discharge of a firearm under certain circumstances. Roll call vote, Miller-No, Moore-Yes, Teel-No, Buffington – Yes. Motion dies.

Motion by Teel and Seconded by Miller to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance 558 amending gender references in the code. Carried with Buffington voting "no".

Motion by Miller and seconded by Teel to approve the 3rd 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 2nd reading of Ordinance 560 for adding mobile food truck vendor requirements. Carried unanimously.

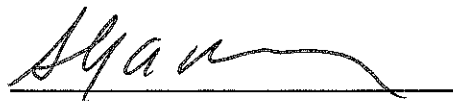
Future Meetings

Regular Council Meeting July 10, 2023

Budget Meeting Hearing June 29, 2023 6:00 pm

Cemetery Meeting May 18, 2023 6:00 pm

Motion by Moore and Seconded by Teel to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm



Mayor, Sally Rodriguez

Janna Leonard

City Clerk, Tanna Leonard

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	483.95
7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	211
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	105
ADVANCED Business Systems	printer contract	47.3
ALLTEST	dot physical	75
ANDY SCHWARZ FARMS LLC	flood sand trucking	1,215.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	mower oil filters	44.39
BRUS CONSTRUCTION	flood sand trucking	1,187.50
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	3,592.80
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Buffalo, City of	utilities	302.48
CORNERSTONE	west end park concrete	11,950.00
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	28
DNER INC	refill fire extinguisher	94.15
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3,303.67
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3,140.50
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	4,415.48
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	4,777.78
Electric Pump	lift station repair	458
FLYAKITE STUDIOS	server,camera install,firewall	814
FORTE CREDIT CARD	FEES FOR PROCESSING ECHCK	46.28
HAHN READY MIX	sand bunker blocks	1,145.00
HARSCO	sand storage flood area	417.2
HAWKINS INC	testing supplies	70
Hempel Pipe and Supply	flag pole repair	9.85
Iowa Workforce Development	unemployment	
IAMU	dues	556
IOWA BEVERAGE	alcohol	243.2
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IMEG	engineering	1,120.00
IOWA INSURANCE DIVISION	Cemetery Report	41
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	8,750.45
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JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	chain saws	91.91
Kirby Water Conditioning	salt	27
LOGAN CONTRACTOR SUPPLY	rolls of plastic	2,662.50
MARTIN & WHITACRE	dodge street project	7,965.75

McCleary Excavating Co.	flood sand trucking	4,312.50
McCullough, William	attorney fees	1,237.50
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	450
MID AMERICAN	sewer	4,128.99
PEPSI	pop	121.6
PS3 Enterprises Inc	park	261.37
QC Analytical Services	operator	657
Quad City Times	grass mowing	55.22
R.P. LUMBER	operating supplies	104.79
Republic Services #400	garbage	7,352.60
RiverStone Group, Inc	flood sand	13,595.70
Resale Power Group of Iowa	electricity	31,126.24
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SAFE BUILDING LLC	Rental inspections	750
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	920.95
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	662.17
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	1,583.12
Selco	road closed sign	215
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	alcohol	723.82
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	Service Charge	33.29
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Sports Depot Inc	uniforms	1,995.00
STANLEY CONSULTANTS INC	IEACHATE evaluation	6,833.75
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAX	2,149.77
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Utility Equipment Company	prv's	921.52
VAN METER	park cameras	435.69
VAN WERT COMPANY	water meters	1,416.56
VERIZON	phones	446.58
Visa	grass roller	961.76
Waste Commission of Scott Co	street sweeping debris	311.4
WEX BANK	fuel	3,151.86
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	refund on 3phase	625.98
Zimmer & Francescon Inc	frieght	22.13
Accounts Payable Total		182,985.68
General Fund		92,307.16
COMMUNITY CENTER		2,308.08
Road Use Tax Fund		1,621.42
Water Utility Fund		6,204.64
Sewer Utility Fund		15,287.43
Electric Utility Fund		65,254.95
Storm Water Utility Fund		2
TOTAL FUNDS		182,985.68

Revenue

General Fund 326,995.59

Community Center	7,470.45
Road Use Tax Fund	13,173.70
Employee Benefit Fund	51,307.93
LOST	16,550.25
Community Development	4,137.55
Water Utility Fund	12,041.54
Sewer Utility Fund	15,076.38
Electric Utility Fund	47,167.35
Storm Water Utility fund	405.32

\$494,326.06