

Minutes of the regular council meeting held September 11, 2023 at 6:00pm. Present council members Joe Buffington, Austin Miller, Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, Ted Teel and Mary Moore. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Police Chief TJ Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, City Engineer Mike Janecek, City Attorney William McCullough, Deputy City Clerk Judy Blessing and Tanna Leonard were present as well.

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

Mayor Rodriguez requested a moment of silence for Patriots Day

Pledge of Allegiance

Consent agenda

Motion by R. Teel-Vanderpool and seconded by T. Teel to approve the consent agenda. Carried unanimously.

Public Input

Mayor Rodriguez thanked Lilly Leonard for donating all of her RAGBRAI lemonade stand earnings of \$560 toward the splashpad at the park. RAGBRAI members met with staff and presented a photo collage for Buffalo and several RAGBRAI memorabilia coins to distribute to volunteers. She thanked all those that volunteered to make the event successful.

Rodriguez said that Community Development hosted a Rock – N- Roll Bingo the previous Saturday and raised \$1,100 for the Street Scape Project. Mick and Molly had also organized the “Smok’n for BVFD” event Saturday and raised around \$6K for the department. Rodriguez thanked all those that donated and volunteered to make these events successful.

Street Projects – Dodge Street-Street Scape-Other

Janecek explained that he met with Ferkel and Art Bartleson and discussed adding curb and gutter for several resurface areas. He presented a cost estimate for adding curb to Oak, Franklin, Washington, and Clark Street for a total of \$185,180 for an opinion of probably cost, pricing does not include surveying and engineering. Motion by R. Teel-Vanderpool and seconded by Buffington to send the additions back to the Streets Committee for review. Motion carried unanimously.

Lift Station Pumps

Ferkel explained that he needed backup pumps for the west and east lift stations. He had provided bids. Motion by Buffington and seconded by Miller to purchase the pump and backup pump from electric pump, \$10,419.00 & \$8,143.46. Motion carried unanimously.

AC units for BAC

Ferkel explained that an air conditioning unit had gone bad at the BAC, and he had obtained quotes. Motion by Miller and seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to approve the quote for Hometown for \$9,300, but to wait to move forward until it is inspected by the insurance agent. Motion carried unanimously.

Generator for well #1

Ferkel explained that he doesn't have a backup generator for well #1, but he didn't have any bids submitted at the time. Motion by Buffington and seconded by T. Teel to table the generator purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

PFAS

Ferkel explained that PFAS is a “forever chemical”, that is being studied by the IDNR, and that well #1 has been being tested quarterly, for this chemical. During the last test PFAS levels increased. He also explained that they were waiting for well #2 tests results to come back. The result of the level of PFAS results in well #1 would require the city to mail out a letter to the customers regarding a health advisory.

Pest Control for BAC

Motion by Teel and seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to approve the bid from Iowa Illinois Pest Control for \$425. Motion carried unanimously.

Pole Replacement

Ferkel reported that he didn't have all the bids back for the pole replacement. Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to table the pole replacement until bids were obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Hydrants

Motion by T. Teel and seconded by Miller to direct Mike Janecek to prepare bids for the fire hydrant installation. Motion carried unanimously.

Garage Sale Date

Motion by T. Teel and seconded by Buffington to set the garage sale date for September 30, 2023. Motion carried unanimously. *Date changed after the meeting to October 07, 2023 due to a conflict with dates.

Trick or Treat Date

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to set the date for trick or treat for October 31, 2023, 5:00pm-7:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Utility Bill for Levesen

Motion by Buffington and seconded by Teel to approve the Levesen sewer reduction in the amount of \$47.93, due to an outdoor water leak where water was not treated by the sanitary sewer system. Motion carried unanimously.

Pole Buildings

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to send the topic for review back to the Ordinance Finance Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Firework Ordinance

Motion by Buffington to amend the ordinance for fireworks to coincide with Buffalo Days. Motion dies from lack of a second.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Miller to amend the ordinance to allow fireworks on the 3rd and 4th of July. T. Teel asked for a roll-call vote. R. Teel-Vanderpool – No, Buffington – Yes, Miller – Yes, Moore- Yes, T. Teel – No. motion carried.

Tabled Items

Water Tower Painting

Motion by Teel and seconded By Buffington to take the water tower painting from the table for discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Two vendors were present and explained the process. Motion by T. Teel to approve the Viking bid in the amount of \$359K to be signed when financing is completed. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

2023-43 Motion by Buffington and seconded by Teel to approve CD Transfers. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-45 Motion by T. Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve Budget Amendment #1 to Set Hearing Date. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-46 Motion by Buffington and seconded by Moore to approve a resolution repealing resolution 2023-46. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Department

1. Received fire hydrants.
2. Replaced bad pump and controls at west end lift station.
3. Replaced broken compressor at water treatment plant.
4. Replaced three valves on iron filter and water plant.
5. Put out flags for Labor Day.
6. AC projects at the water plant and post office are complete.
7. Removed broken tree limbs from park.
8. Raked beach for river circus.
9. Installed three pieces of playground equipment.
10. Backwashing iron filter daily.

T. Teel also asked Josh clarification on the reddish /brownish tint of the water was due to the use of well #2 within the system. He asked if they knew how long it would be down, and Ferkel explained that they were unsure at this time as they were waiting for test results to come back, to establish the best solution.

Mayor Rodriguez also asked Ferkel to explain to the council that he had sent out 22 letters regarding diseased or unsafe trees to residents.

Police Department Report

911 Hangup-4

Accident Property Damage – 1

Administrative Duties - 1

Alarms-Burglary – 2

Animal Problem – 10

Assault -1

Assist Other Agencies – 5

Burglary/Home Invasion -2

Business/Residence check –1

Civil – 1

Damage/Vandalism / Mischief - 1

Disturbances -12

Domestic Disturbance / Violence – 5

Missing /Found Person-2

Noise Complaint – 1

Public Service - 43

Suicidal Person – 2

Suspicious – 7

Theft (Larceny) – 1

Traffic Hazard – 6

Traffic Stop- 6

Trespass / Unwanted person – 5

Warrant Service – 3

Welfare Check – 2

Total - 147

Buffalo Fire Chief provided a report for the packet.

Spent 55-man hours responding to 26 Emergency calls in August,

17- EMS Calls

3- Structure Fire

0- Vehicle Fire

1-Grass Fire

0-Vehicle Accidents

0-Boat Rescue

5- Misc. Calls

245 – Total Emergency Responses for 2023

Training: 5 Members spent 25-man hours doing regular crew duties.

17 members spent 2 hours training on pumping and hydrant connection.

Park Board Committee

No updates

Cemetery

No Updates

Finance ordinance Committee

The clerk reported that the committee met prior to the council meeting and reviewed August Bank reconciliation summary.

Community Development

R. Teel-Vanderpool reported that they are working on the next event for fundraising, a comedy night on November 10, 2023.

Community Center

No updates

Streets Committee

Updates have already been discussed.

Ordinances

Motion by Teel and seconded by Buffington to approve the first reading of ordinance no. 561 with the following amendments:

ORDINANCE NO. 561

THE BUFFALO MUNICIPAL CODE IS AMENDED TO AND THE FOLLOWING:

TITLE II CHAPTER 3 – BARNDOMINIUMS

~~2.3-301 DEFINITION- A barndominium is a home built from a new or previously existing metal barn. Barndominiums are built with a metal post frame structure. A metal post frame structure uses posts which are driven into the ground. A Barndominium shall have a concrete slab foundation and the metal pole barn is framed and built on top of the slab foundation.~~

~~2.3-302- REQUIREMENTS-~~

- ~~1. Metal kit pole barns are not a part of the Building Code and are therefore~~ Barndominiums are required to have plans which are stamped and certified by an engineer to insure structural integrity. An Engineer must certify that the structure will comply with all Buffalo Municipal Codes.
- Barndominiums must have building specifications that are fully compliant with the RIC- Residential International Code and the current Energy codes, including the Electrical Code.

3. This type of home is required to have a minimum 1100 square feet of living space.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Miler and seconded by Moore to approve the first reading of ordinance 562 allowing Community Development to spend up to \$1,000 without prior council approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meetings

Regular Council Meeting October 09, 2023, 6:00pm

Streets & Sewer Meeting September 28, 2023, 6:00pm

Parks Committee Meeting September 20, 2023, 6:00pm

Motion by Buffington and Seconded by Moore to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm



Mayor, Sally Rodriguez



City Clerk, Tanna Leonard

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
424 WARNING SYSTEMS LLC	graphic pkg, LED modules	2,194.77
7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	497.50
7G DISTRIBUTING	7G	557.50
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	105.00
ADVANCED Business Systems	copier	46.22
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AFLAC	aflac	291.50
ALEX AIR APPARATUS INC	1/2' fiber cement shear kit	672.17
ASSURED PARTNERS	2023 Tahoe	1,827.00
BEACH PUB	rock n roll bingo	25.00
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY	wire crossing railroad fee	150.00
CENTRAL SERVICE & SUPPLY	4' diesel pump	42,868.48
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	3,808.80
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Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	14,812.00
CERTASITE	security monitoring system	1,138.20

Buffalo, City of	utilities	585.38
CLARKS LANDING	rock n roll bingo	25.00
CRAWFORD COMPANY	ac to post office not cooling	562.50
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	28.75
DNER INC	fire extinguisher testing	92.37
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3,172.26
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3,116.27
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3,026.48
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3,177.09
Electric Pump	check valves and bolts	2,578.48
FASTENAL	hardware for playground equip	20.02
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company	side cutters	98.60
FORTE CREDIT CARD	FEES FOR PROCESSING ECHCK	56.57
Gierke - Robinson	discharge hose	605.18
Grainger	air compressor pump	1,958.60
Hempel Pipe and Supply	flange kit & supplies	158.67
HOMETOWN MECHANICAL	water plant ac unit replacement	6,045.00
Iowa DNR	annual fee	339.40
Iowa One Call	Iowa one call	60.40
Iowa Workforce Development	unemployment	
IOWA BEVERAGE	alcohol	278.30
IMEG	sewer system assessment	3,087.00
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	10,302.92
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JANIE'S RIVERVIEW CAFE	rock n roll bingo	25.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	boots for Josh Ferkel	249.99
JOHNSON OIL COMPANY	rock n roll bingo	25.00
JUDY'S BARGE INN	rock n roll bingo	25.00
MARTIN & WHITACRE	street overlays	1,406.00
McCullough, William	attorney fees	1,850.00
MEDIACOM	phone, internet	1,163.36
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	650.00
MENARDS-Davenport	brush, water, paper towels	79.13
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	paint supplies	1,076.66
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL	3 phase meter	605.29
MID AMERICAN	utilities	1,913.08
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MISSISSIPPI INK	rock n roll bingo	25.00
PS3 Enterprises Inc	park	301.75
PS3 Enterprises Inc	park	244.07
QC Analytical Services	pfas tests	985.00
Quad City Times	proof of aug mins	460.12
R.P. LUMBER	toilet rebuild parts	110.40
RACHEL TEEL-VANDERPOOL	movie night candy	67.60
Racom Corporation	2023 squad starts on its own	131.25
Racom Corporation	boat radio	4,084.05
Raynor Door	commercial door spring fix	110.00
Republic Services #400	trash	7,557.30

Resale Power Group of Iowa	electricity	49,203.63
SAFE BUILDING LLC	reinspection's august	380.00
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	1,064.08
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	water sales tax	924.45
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	1,988.53
SCOTT COUNTY RECORDER	Polaris registration	41.00
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF	booking fees	25.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	alcohol	2,578.01
SHOPAHOLICS PARADISE	rock n roll bingo	25.00
SOURCENOW	ink	102.52
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	ACH Fees	41.77
SE National Bank-BUFFALO BR	Service Charges ACH	41.77
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAXES	2,498.12
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TC AUTO	2018 Tahoe brakes	1,462.13
TERRY'S BARBERSHOP	rock n roll bingo	25.00
THE JEWELLED-LEAF	rock n roll bingo	25.00
Uniform Den	Jay uniform Allowance	525.00
Utility Equipment Company	fire hydrants	52,817.86
VAN METER	lift station starter	251.16
Visa	air compressor and hoist	2,172.84
The Waldinger Corporation	fix beer cooler	493.00
WEX BANK	fuel	2,841.32
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3 phase deposit refund	625.98
Zimmer & Francescon Inc	iron filter parts	3,522.94
Accounts Payable Total		249,982.66
General Fund		51,897.62
COMMUNITY CENTER		3,849.42
Road Use Tax Fund		2,097.55
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT		772.60
PORT SECURITY GRANT		6,702.02
Water Utility Fund		68,889.16
Sewer Utility Fund		57,253.98
Electric Utility Fund		58,518.21
Storm Water Utility Fund		2.10
TOTAL FUNDS		249,982.66