

City Council Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2025

Call to Order: Mayor Sally Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Present: Mayor Rodriguez, Council Members, Sean Roman, Austin Miller, Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, Mary Moore, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, Police Chief TJ Behning, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, and the City Clerk.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Teel-Vanderpool moved, Adams seconded, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Amendment Hearing:

Motion: Teel-Vanderpool moved to open the FY25 budget amendment hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comments were received.

- Motion: Moore moved, Adams seconded, to close the hearing at 6:05 PM. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion: Moore moved, Adams seconded, to approve the budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input:

- M. Moore stated that the new sidewalk looks good. Mayor Rodriguez noted that she had received several compliments on it as well.
- D. Mullanack requested that Jefferson Street be closed from Front Street to 3rd Street on August 30, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a fishing tournament. The Council, Police Department, and Fire Department expressed no issues with the request; however, formal approval will need to be placed on next month's agenda.

Monica Kurth, Iowa House Representative, and Cindy Winckler, Iowa Senate Representative, introduced themselves and noted that their legislative districts include Buffalo. They provided their contact numbers: Cindy – 563-940-1236, and Monica – 563-271-9332. Mayor Rodriguez stated that she recently had lunch with Representative Kurth and Senator Grassley's Regional Director to discuss several issues affecting Buffalo, including tariff costs, funding needs for the Police and Fire Departments, a study on county Fire Department services, and other challenges facing small towns. She remarked that during City Council meetings, residents are often encouraged to reach out to both state and federal legislators to share their perspectives on desired legislative action. Mayor Rodriguez also mentioned that she has invited both state and federal legislators to visit Buffalo to tour the water and sewer treatment plants,

explore the town, and meet local business owners. She added that she and others, including Representative Kurth, recently toured the Green America building at Continental.

- T. Leonard presented the Council with a new city logo, developed in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan. She discussed the appropriate process for implementation with the City Attorney.

Mayor Rodriguez thanked Eric Teel and Judy Blessing for their dedication and efforts in support of the baseball league. She also announced that Buffalo Days will be held on July 4–6, 2025. Additionally, she commended the Park Board for bringing in the band *Electric Shock* to perform at the park.

Discussion & Decisions

Residential Parking Request:

- Motion: Adams moved, Miller seconded, to reinstall the residential parking sign at 624 Front St. and incorporate necessary documentation in the next council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Rental License Issue:

- Motion: Roman moved, Adams seconded, to issue Chase Rath a civil citation and revoke his rental license due to unpaid fees totaling \$250. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Meter Violation:

- Motion: Roman moved, Adams seconded, to charge Mr. Teel twice the minimum fee for two months and require a \$296 payment for meter replacement due to a bypass discovered by Public Works. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Brush Truck Sale:

- Motion: Adams moved, Teel-Vanderpool seconded, to list the 1998 brush truck for sale at \$25,000 in the *Iowa Firefighters Magazine*. Motion carried unanimously.

Micro Surfacing:

- Motion: Adams moved, Roman seconded, to approve micro surfacing on 2nd St. for \$58,149.35. Motion carried unanimously.

State Auditor's Report:

- Mayor Rodriguez presented audit findings. No questions or action taken.

Streetscape Pay Request:

- Motion: Roman moved, Adams seconded, to approve the second pay request for streetscape in the amount of \$73,899.68. Motion carried unanimously.

Tabled Items:

Electrical Easement:

- Motion: Adams moved, Moore seconded, to remove the item from the table. Motion carried unanimously.
 - William McCullough found no easement records for the property adjacent to Elm St.
 - Motion: Adams moved, Teel-Vanderpool seconded, to notify the property owner of all dead trees violating the city code and direct the attorney to prepare a 75-ft easement agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

New Building Construction & Funding:

- Motion: Adams moved, Roman seconded, to remove from the table. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Awaiting feedback on funding options.
 - Motion: Adams moved, Moore seconded, to table. Motion carried unanimously.

Citywide Reserve Policy:

- Motion: Roman moved, Moore seconded, to remove from the table. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Further discussion planned during the Finance Ordinance Committee meeting.
 - Motion: Roman moved, Moore seconded, to table the policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions:

- Resolution 2025-23: Budget Amendment Approval
 - Motion: Adams moved, Moore seconded, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution 2025-24: Local Option Sales Tax Transfer
 - Motion: Teel-Vanderpool moved, Roman seconded, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
- Resolution 2025-25: Buffalo Day Event
 - Motion: Adams moved, Roman seconded, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports: Updates provided.

Ordinances:

- Ordinance 574: Sewer Rates
 - Motion: Adams moved, Trent seconded, to approve the third reading. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ordinance 575: Water Rates
 - Motion: Adams moved, Roman seconded, to approve the third reading. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ordinance 576: Electric Rates
 - Motion: Adams moved, Roman seconded, to approve the third reading. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ordinance 577: Recycling Rates
 - Motion: Adams moved, Roman seconded, to approve the third reading. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ordinance 578: Garbage Rates
 - Motion: Adams moved, Roman seconded, to approve the third reading. Motion carried unanimously.
- Ordinance 580: Solicitors Code
 - Motion: Adams moved, Roman seconded, to approve the first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meetings:

- Regular meeting: July 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM.
- Special council meeting: June 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM (Budget Amendment Hearing).
- Park Board meeting to follow.
- Finance Ordinance & Streets Committee: June 19, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

Adjournment:

- Motion: Moore moved, Adams seconded, to adjourn at 7:21 PM. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor, Sally Rodriguez

Attest: 

City Clerk, Tanna Leonard

7G DISTRIBUTING	alcohol	\$	314.10
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	\$	105.00
AFLAC	aflac	\$	291.50
All American Concrete	1st payment streetscape	\$	42,196.47
ALLTEST	test for Dreke, Roy, Jerry	\$	470.00
Altec Industries	new bucket electric truck	\$	261,940.00
BLUE GRASS AUTOMOTIVE	dodge ram brake repair	\$	298.76
Elan Financial Services	hose strainer, plug	\$	2,912.61
CBI Bank and Trust	Service Charges ACH		
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	\$	16,074.00
Buffalo, City of	utilities at BCC	\$	290.04
Davenport, City of	tree limbs from power line	\$	150.00
DIANA GUERRA	deposit refund	\$	100.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	\$	13,209.75
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company	power pole numbers	\$	917.00
HARLAND BRANDY	mileage	\$	47.04
HAWKINS INC	chlorine bottle rent	\$	70.00
HOMETOWN MECHANICAL	pm AC units and repair	\$	5,011.68
IA ABD	IA ABD Buffalo Days	\$	89.38
IA CHILD SUPPORT Recovery Unit	CHILD SUPPORT	\$	219.24
IA IL TERMITE & PEST CONL	BAC bug spraying April	\$	267.00
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	Jays training	\$	45.00
IOWA BEVERAGE	Alcohol	\$	338.40
INTOXIMETERS	mouthpieces, straps, cups	\$	415.00
Iowa One Call	Iowa one calls	\$	19.70
IPERS	IPERS	\$	10,834.59
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	uniform allow. Rich	\$	1,030.85
KATIE SIMPSON	deposit refund	\$	100.00
Kirby Water Conditioning	salt	\$	15.50
MARTIN & WHITACRE	streetscape phase 1 engineering	\$	6,311.09
McCullough, William	attorney fees	\$	843.75

MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	\$ 605.00
MENARDS-Davenport	grass grow items	\$ 97.75
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	grass growing items for BAC	\$ 381.72
MID AMERICAN	sewer	\$ 3,029.58
Midwest Wheel	drill bits	\$ 261.33
PLUMB SUPPLY COMPANY	prvs	\$ 1,184.81
PS3 Enterprises Inc	park toilet	\$ 246.50
QUILL	towels, paper, garbage bags	\$ 321.55
R.P. LUMBER	snips	\$ 118.78
Racom Corporation	radio for new engine	\$ 953.48
RHONDA DAFAULT	deposit return	\$ 100.00
Resale Power Group of Iowa	electricity	\$ 36,550.25
SAFE BUILDING LLC	may inspections	\$ 700.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Wet sales tax	\$ 1,854.38
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF	booking fees	\$ 50.00
State Revolving Fund	Bond Payment Sewer	\$ 24,604.46
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,766.53
TC AUTO	2023 Tahoe oil change	\$ 86.20
TEST INC	operator	\$ 1,373.00
TOM RAMIREZ	concert in the park	\$ 3,750.00
UMB BANK, N.A.	Attn: Trust Fees Depart.	\$ 151,574.38
VERIZON	phones and laptops	\$ 447.49
Visa	batteries	\$ 858.59
WEX BANK	fuel	\$ 2,957.63
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3 phase refund	\$ 625.98
Zimmer & Francescon Inc	chlorinators	\$ 1,883.60

Accounts Payable Total	\$ 601,310.44
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General Fund	\$ 47,891.65
Buffalo Days	\$ 89.38
COMMUNITY CENTER	\$ 5,033.10
Road Use Tax Fund	\$ 3,867.89
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$ 48,034.93
Debt Service Fund	\$ 27,679.33
2024 Bond Proceeds	\$ 100,000.00
Water Utility Fund	\$ 56,683.85
Sewer Utility Fund	\$ 6,755.56
Electric Utility Fund	\$ 305,272.71
Storm Water Utility Fund	\$ 2.04

TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 601,310.44
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January Revenues

General Fund \$44,745.20
Buffalo Days -\$54.41
Community Center \$1,435.99
Road Use Tax Fund \$13,973.23
Employee Benefit Fund \$781.12
Local Option Sales Tax \$31,253.11
Community Development Fund \$9,055.15
Savings Police Fund \$206.98
Debt Service Fund \$406.99
2024 Bond Proceeds \$8,139.32
Water Utility Fund \$23,166.61
Sewer Utility Fund \$16,518.16
Electric Utility Fund \$46,196.98
Storm Water Fund \$1,214.83
Total : \$197,093.67

February Revenue

General Fund \$53,544.67
Community Center \$2,722.94
Road Use Tax \$11,865.48
Employee Benefit Fund \$287.44
Local Option Fund \$42,628.57
Community Development \$11,772.57
Savings Police Equipment \$185.91
Debt Service \$149.77
2024 Bond Proceeds \$7,310.57
Water Utility \$20,277.72
Sewer Utility \$16,301.34
Electric \$49,143.36
Storm Water \$633.95
Total: \$216,874.29

March Revenue

General Fund \$85,826.84
Community Center \$3,865.06
Road Use Tax \$10,681.78
Employee Benefit Fund \$7,425.35
Local Option Sales Tax \$22,050.14

Community Development \$6,731.87

Savings Police Dept \$203.22

Debt Service \$3868.86

2024 Bond Proceeds \$8,047.56

Water \$21,919.22

Sewer \$16,819.52

Electric \$52,755.97

Storm Water \$595.87

Total \$240,791.26