City of Buffalo Council Meeting Minutes
Date: October 13, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Buffalo City Hall

Minutes of the City Council Meeting called to order by Mayor Rodriguez on October 13, 2025 at 6:00pm. Present council members Mary Moore, Sean Roman, Austin Miller (excused), Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, and Trent Adams. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Police Chief TJ Behning (excused), Fire Chief Doug Anderson (excused), City Engineer Mike Janecek and Attorney William McCullough.

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

Public Input -

Mayor Rodriguez stated the following:

She thanked the folks for painting the park concession stand and the equipment/soldiers at the memorial on the beach. S. Roman stated that Troy had completed the concession stand by himself.

Clean-up week is Oct 11-18, 2025, for Buffalo residents to take items to the landfill for free.

Cemetery clean-up is Oct 15-22, 2025, so be sure to take off items by Oct 15 and then can place it back on Oct 23, 2025.

I appreciate everyone's patience with the software change to the utility billing, as it has been a challenge and time consuming for Tanna and Judy. They have been having many training sessions and meetings to learn and work out all the issues with the transition.

Thanks to the Fire Department for their participation at the school for fire prevention week.

The city has been receiving complaints about speeders and folks not stopping at stop signs in town. Also, many kids on scooters/bikes are not stopping at stop signs. With it getting dark earlier, it makes it harder to see the kids and we want everyone to stay safe.

Budget Amendment Hearing

Motion by R. Teel-Vanderpool and second by S. Roman to open the floor for public hearing regarding the amendment of the FY25-26 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

The clerk explained the reason for the amendment and clarified that the funds were being expended through loans and would not affect taxes for this year.

Motion by R. Teel-Vanderpool and seconded by T. Adams to close the floor for comments. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion & decision:

Cub Scouts-Sand – Mayor Rodriguez explained that R. Teel-Vanderpool had received a request. Teel-Vanderpool said that the Cub Scouts are working on a project leveling headstones at the St. Peters Cemetery and had requested sand from the beach or the city. Ferkel explained that he was already contacted, and they had already picked up the sand from the city pile that was obtained from the State property to the west of town. No action taken.

Tony Follis Halloween Event- Mr. Follis has requested the same road closure that he has annually for a Halloween party on trick-or-treat night. Motion by T. Adams and second by R. Teel-Vanderpool to approve the request. Carried unanimously.

Brad & Karen Peterson- The Peterson's purchased a home in town and will need to restore the home before it is inhabitable. They requested to say in their camper on the property this fall until weather permits, and then again in the spring as weather permits and they finish up the work. Motion by T. Adams and seconded by M. Moore to approve Peterson's request. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by T. Adams and seconded by S. Roman to approve the purchase of Salt from Compass Minerals in the amount of $90 per ton. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by T. Adams and seconded by M. Moore to purchase the salter and plow from Future Line for $23,684.25. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rodriguez opened the sole bid from Mullanack Builders for $63,800. Clerk noted the amount exceeded expectations and financing would need to be reevaluated. Motion by S. Roman to table; seconded by T. Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Streets Projects Overlay, Enfield, Intersections

Motion by T. Adams and seconded by S. Roman to approve Mike Janecek to put out for bid the Street Overlay project. This project includes replacing eight intersections with concrete and asphalt resurfacing of the following:

Intersections

- 5th & Frankin
- 4th & Franklin
- 3rd & Franklin
- 4th & Hacker
- 3rd & Hacker
- 4th & Jefferson
- 4th & Washington
- 2nd & Dodge

Resurfacing

- Oak from Front Street to Ash Street
- Franklin from Front Street to 5th Street
- Hacker from Front Street to 5th Street
- Jefferson 4th to 600 BLK
- Washington from Front Street to 5th Street
- Clark from Front to 4th Street
- 4th Street from Dodge to Franklin

Curbing Gutter and Resurfacing

- Enfield Drive

Resurfacing

- Franklin St from Enfield Drive to 5th St
- Hacker St from Enfield Drive to 5th St

Motion carried unanimously.

Street Scape- M. Moore, proposed that she would like to see another section of the Street Scape put out for bids. S. Roman questioned if the second phase needed to be an extension from Maple Street, since the third phase completion will address drainage issues on several properties. Motion by S. Roman and second by T. Adams to check engineering and the phase order requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the proposed idea of having vending machines in the park. Suggested looking into City of Davenports contracts with vendors before proceeding. Clerk will obtain samples.

Motion by S. Roman and seconded by T. Adams to approve the Buffalo Halloween parade route on October 26 at Noon. Leaving Terry Adams Memorial Park across 5th Street, left on Washington, right on 4th street, left on Franklin Street, left on Second Street, left on Dodge, and ending back at the park. Motion carried unanimously.

Camera System Phase Update - S. Roman motioned and T. Adams seconded the motion to approve the Parks $4,947, City Hall $1,549, and Gym camera $2,084 conversion for a total of $8,580 with 50% down. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by T. Adams to approve the easement for the Outing Club. Motion seconded by M. Moore and carried unanimously.

Motion by S. Roman and seconded by T. Adams to approve the sale of the Dodge Charger and that the funds shall be put back in the police reserves. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by T. Adams to give Officer Dakota Wilson a promotion to Seargent with a $1.00 per hour raise. Motion was seconded by S. Roman and carried unanimously.

Fourth Officer Employment Posting, motion by S. Roman and seconded by T. Adams to post job applications for an additional Full Time Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rodriguez noted that Chief Behning requested this agenda item due to the rise in electric vehicles operated by youth. Council may consider setting guidelines. Chief Behning emphasized the importance of acting before the holidays, when such vehicles may be purchased as gifts. Ordinance member S. Roman stated that he would get with Chief Behning and work up something for the next meeting.

Tabled Items -

Construction of new public works building - T. Adams motioned to take off the table, seconded by S. Roman. Motion carried unanimously. Josh Ferkel provided a new plan with areas marked out for use indicating funding uses. S. Roman motioned to remove this item from the table indefinitely and discuss it during the next budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

- Resolution 2025-34: Adopt Budget Amendment
  Motion to approve: Roman, seconded by Adams
  Motion carried unanimously

- Resolution 2025-35: Sales Tax
  Motion to approve: R. Teel-Vanderpool, seconded by Adams
  Motion carried unanimously

Committee Reports

- Public Works: Report Provided
- Police Department: No questions.
- Fire Department: Asked that the Chief provide more details in the report, similar to what was previously provided.
- Park Board: No issues reported.
- Finance/Ordinance Committee: No updates.
- Community Development: No updates.
- Community Center: Remodel and roof discussed.
- Cemetery: No updates.

Ordinances

- Ordinance 582: No Alcohol on City Property – Third Reading
  Motion to approve: Roman, seconded by Adams
  Motion carried unanimously.

- Ordinance 583: Boat Dock Regulations and Rules- Second reading
  Motion to approve: Roman, seconded by Adams
  Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meetings

- Next Regular Council Meeting: November 10, 2025 at 6:00 PM

- Park Board Meeting: October 22, 2025 at 6:00PM

Motion by Moore and seconded by Adams to close the meeting at 7:01pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Sally Rodriguez

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Attest: Tanna Leonard, City Clerk

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A & A AIR COND & REFRIG	Ice Machine Rental	105.00
ACLARIAN LLC	purchasing, payments, billing, AR	1,273.75
ACLARIAN LLC	annual ERP SaaS sub. prorated	6,000.00
ADVANCED Business Systems	copier	172.99
AFLAC	aflac	233.20
All American Concrete	final payment streetscape	84,037.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	new hose for brush cutter	1,442.75
ASSURED PARTNERS	Audit for WC	1,322.99
Bi-State Regional Commission	dues 10/1 12/31	283.75
Elan Financial Services	rototiller	3,085.90
Central States Funds	HEALTH INSUR.	4,018.50
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CERTASITE	fire monitoring	1,679.40
Buffalo, City of	utilities	621.01
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	Gen. Legal Notice	237.35
CRAWFORD COMPANY	a/c for pw office	4,905.00
CRESTLINE SOFTWARE, LLC	implementation, training	4,662.50
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	70.50
DAHL FORD	Josh's truck	45,700.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3,332.09
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3,127.60
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	3,505.75
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company	street lights & hot stick	3,196.00
GENESIS PSYCHOLOGY	eval for Emily Anderson	400.00
HAWKINS INC	chlorine bottle rent	70.00
Humane Society of Scott	cat trip from front St.	60.00
IA CHILD SUPPORT Recovery Unit	CHILD SUPPORT	54.81
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Iowa DNR	Annual water use fee	115.00

Iowa Utilities Board	FY 2025 4th quart. assessment	248.00
Iowa Workforce Development	unemployment	52.16
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IAMU	4th quarter safety training	613.00
Iowa One Call	Iowa one call	20.80
IPERS	POLICE IPERS	8,299.45
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JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	spot light for 2026 F-350	119.00
Kiesler Police Supply	glocks	3,030.24
MARTIN & WHITACRE	buffalo streets engineering	7,090.61
Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott	checks	289.38
McCullough, William	attorney fees	1,125.00
MEDIACOM	phones and internet	1,186.09
MEGHAN MARTIN	BAC cleaning	605.00
MENARDS - MUSCATINE	spray paint for soldiers brush	113.83
MESSENGER MOTORWORKS	bedliner and graphics Ford 350	773.00
METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOL	electric meters	2,368.76
MID AMERICAN	sewer	2,808.00
MID AMERICAN	street light	77.00
Midland Scientific Inc	lab supplies	144.98
Midwest Wheel	running boards fire extinguisher back-rack	1,224.81
Olderog Tire Service	steer tires for electric truck	1,096.78
Panther Uniforms Inc	TJ pant, polo, shirt, patches	245.94
PITTSBURGH PAINTS CO.	paint for Terry Adams park	175.00
PS3 Enterprises Inc	park toilet	493.00
Quad City Times	Ordinance 580	554.80
QUILL	paper	204.39
R.P. LUMBER	hardware for playground equip	9.71
REGALIA	solar light, batteries	303.65
Republic Services #400	trash	19,471.20
Resale Power Group of Iowa	electricity	100,848.38
SAFE BUILDING LLC	September inspections	350.00
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	1,326.19
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Treasurer, State Of Iowa	Sales Tax	2,308.33
SCOTT COUNTY RECORDER	registration for Kubota	41.00
SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF	booking fees	50.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS	paint for cannon	200.85
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	chain saw oil	72.66
S.J. Smith Company	safety glasses, earplugs	243.94
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	STATE TAXES	1,440.86
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TITAN MACHINERY	brushcutter manifold	521.20

TRUCK COUNTRY	2014 Spartan actuator kit	4,401.64
UnityPoint-Occupational Med.	Derrickson drug test	42.00
WEX BANK	fuel	2,695.40
WINSOR GROUP CONSULTING	3-phase refund	625.98
Scott County Family Y	camp for 10 kids	1,290.00
Accounts Payable Total		349,735.28

General Fund	119,134.91
COMMUNITY CENTER	1,603.10
Road Use Tax Fund	4,117.72
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	86,242.60
2024 Bond Proceeds	3,828.98
Water Utility Fund	6,678.92
Sewer Utility Fund	10,453.28
Electric Utility Fund	116,322.64
Storm Water Utility Fund	1,353.13
TOTAL FUNDS	349,735.28

Revenues

July
General Fund $25,597.19
Buffalo Days $5,000.00
Community Center $3,119.94
Road Use Tax $12,847.15
Employee Benefit $2,043.55
Local Option Sales Tax $29,060.26
Community Development $947.68
Savings Police Equipment $157.95
2024 Bond Proceeds $8,093.69
Water Utility $25,372.18
Sewer Utility $16,936.11
Electric Utility Fund $49,014.45
Storm Water $669.92

August
General Fund $35,710.89
Community Center $ 4,237.37
Road Use Tax $ 13,448.69
Employee Benefit $494.71
Local Option Sales Tax $21,116.52
Community Development $ 6,227.50

Savings Police Equipment $ 158.06
Debt Service Fund $ 185.73
2024 Bond Proceeds $ 8,099.73
Water Utility $ 27,174.66
Sewer Utility $ 18,500.69
Electric Utility Fund $72,946.98
Storm Water $1,066.92