

Minutes of the City Council Meeting called to order by Mayor Rodriguez on April 13, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Present council members Mary Moore, Sean Roman, Jesse Leonard, Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, and Trent Adams. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Police Chief TJ Behning, and Attorney William McCullough.

Motion by T. Adams and seconded by M. Moore to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Public Input - Motion by S. Roman, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool, to open the public input for the budget, at 6:02, motion carried unanimously. No members of the public had input. Motion by S. Roman, seconded by T. Adams, to close the public input, at 6:03 pm, motion carried unanimously.

Public Input -

A resident stated that there have been many people speeding up Jefferson. Chief Behning stated that the officers will be sure to patrol that area.

Residents from the senior housing are having several issues, looking for assistance. A member of the board was identified and will be contacted.

Mayor Rodriguez stated the following for public input:

Buffalo residents can take authorized items to the landfill for free, April 11-18, 2026.

Reminded folks about the park hours, where the park closes at dusk.

Herself and S. Roman taught JA at Buffalo Elementary school today, which is very rewarding and they are always looking for volunteers.

Buffalo Elementary School fun night is Friday, April 17, and they are looking for volunteers.

Thanked T. Harland and volunteers for all their work on the Easter Egg hunt.

Thanked all the participants for the park clean-up day.

Reminded folks to call 911, instead of posting on Facebook or trying to notify officers other ways.

Discussion & decision:

Liberty Tree Service Fence - Mayor Rodriguez stated that the city must wait for the insurance to provide info, so no need to discuss this issue.

Gould Electric Meter Reimbursement - Resident sent an E-mail about how high their electric bill was. The meter was tested and there were no issues found. The resident was not charged for the testing of the meter, as they did not ask to have the meter tested. The E-mail did not state what the residents were asking the council to do. Motion by S. Roman, seconded by T. Adams to take no action. Motion carried unanimously.

IMON Fiber Optics - The company representative asked if the city would survey the residents to see if there is interest in underground fiber optics, which would be at no cost to the city. If there is interest, then there will be

more discussion on the process. Motion by S. Roman, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Property Purchase - Mullanack - The property assessment for behind the Lutheran Church listed \$37,000. D. Mullanack stated that he wanted to review and come back to the council. Motion by S. Roman to table, seconded by T. Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Beach Pub Liquor - Motion by T. Adams, seconded by S. Roman, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Part-Time Mower - Mayor Rodriguez stated that there are interviews on April 16, 2026, so no further action required on this issue.

Street Improvement Updates - M. Janecek provided updates to the street improvement projects. Everything is moving along, slowed a little by rain; easements have been completed and once recorded then can move onto Enfield. The contractor cannot fill in dirt around new concrete, in order to let it cure, if need be, cones can be put around those areas. Also, there might be some changes to the seams, to make them not so steep. On Jefferson, the water can be added to the other side, at no difference in cost.

Ash Street/Elm Street Issues - M. Janecek stated that he reviewed the water retention issue at Ash Street/Elm Street and believe that it can be resolved at just over \$100,000. There is still money left from the original estimate/bid of the project. T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman, to move forward with the fix to Ash Street/Elm Street for \$100,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Sealcoating - J. Ferkel stated he is waiting for bids. T. Adams motioned, seconded by M. Moore, to table. Motion carried unanimously.

IDOT Street Agreement - J. Ferkel asked if there were changes, William McCullough stated that it hasn't changed. S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Garage Door Replacement Digger Derrick - M. Moore motioned, seconded by T. Adams, to approve Easter Iowa Overhead Door at \$2,249. Motion carried unanimously.

McClain Reconnect Fee - Resident may not have been able to come or provide info at this point. S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to table. Motion carried unanimously.

Park Fence Work - S. Roman stated that park board received bids to replace the fence at the ball fields. The park board has money in their budget. Motion by S. Roman, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to approve Decked Out, for \$5,225. Motion carried unanimously.

Backhoe Purchase/Backhoe Repair - Discussed the backhoe repair and if we use a pre-inspection list, J. Leonard was going to provide one to J. Ferkel. J. Leonard motioned, seconded by T. Adams, to approve repairing the backhoe at Titan Machinery, for \$30,208.01. Motion carried unanimously.

Pay Request No 1 Street Improvement - S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams, to approve the \$64,733.13 pay request. Motion carried unanimously.

Water Leak Water Treatment Plant - J. Ferkel stated that the water leak has been since Dec/Jan. The PRV failed and the valves are closed and can't be open. The PRV is leaking and can't shut it off. Pit is a hazard for a confined space. J. Ferkel said that Hometown, Crawford, and Ryan and Associates are supposed to give quotes. The water usage is 130-140,000 per day and the leaking water is after it has gone through the water treatment plant. S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams, to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Handbook - Mayor Rodriguez stated that there are still some changes that need to be made to this handbook. S. Roman agreed but wanted to put on the agenda to keep sight of it and work towards completion. S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams, to table. Motion carried unanimously.

Red Tagged Power Pole Replacement - J. Ferkel stated that a company was in town to inspect about 80 poles for CenturyLink and they mark them with red tags, if the utility poles have issues. The rest of the utility poles in town need to be inspected. T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman to put this out for bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Rich and Josh Training - Annual Wastewater Conference, July 27, 2026, tuition \$140, Kirkwood Continuing Education Training Center. Motion by T. Adams, seconded by S. Roman, to approve the training. Motion carried unanimously.

Electric Transmission Workshop Chuck - Spring Electric Distribution Workshop, May 13-15, 2026, at IAMU, Ankeny, IA, \$420. J. Ferkel and J. Keel have already had the training. T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman, to approve to send Chuck to the training. Motion carried unanimously.

Time clock update for final transition to new system eliminating duplicating efforts with two systems - J. Ferkel asked when the new payroll system will be up and running, to prevent duplication. Mayor Rodriguez stated that Tanna/Judy are working daily on issues with the new software and she will continue to monitor the progress.

Update on accurate accounting numbers for my department monthly budget report - J. Ferkel asked this added to the agenda to find out the status of the software for the budget. T. Leonard stated that the new software folks asked her not to do any additional entries, until they work through journal entry import issues.

Culpepper and Merriweather Circus - The last time the circus came to town, it was a great event and there were no issues. T. Adams motioned, seconded by M. Moore, to approve using Comm Development money to fund the cost upfront and to allow the circus to come to town. Motion carried unanimously.

Reliability Plan Update - Every year we must approve per IAB, no changes noted by J. Ferkel. T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Insurance Renewal - The workman's comp and property went up, insurance is \$187K and T. Leonard is still working with them to possibly lower the cost. T. Adams motioned, seconded by M. Moore, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Internet and Telephone Solution - T. Leonard discussed the agreement and the cost savings by going with the company. We will not have the tv option with the new carrier. J. Ferkel stated they would not have access to weather, but

the employees have a city cell phone. T. Adams motioned, seconded by M. Moore to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Buffalo Elementary School Steam Lab Camp - R. Teel-Vanderpool stated that the Community Development motioned to approve \$75 per Buffalo resident child, up to \$3,000, to attend the steam lab camp. S. Roman motioned, seconded by M. Moore, to approve the funding with the first priority to Buffalo resident children, then divided among the kids at Buffalo School (not residents). Motion carried unanimously.

Tabled Items -

A - Cost Estimate for PW and PD Building - T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman to take off the table. M. Janeck did a concept plan and said that J. Ferkel was working on the plan. Mayor Rodriguez stated that we need to figure out what we need to have in the building before we spend more money. T. Adams motioned, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to table. Motion carried unanimously.

B - Quotes for Micro surfacing on remainder of streets.

Resolutions -

2026-12 - Outdoor Service Area Beach Pub - S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

2026-13 - FY 27 Adopt Budget - S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

2026-14 - Reliability Plan - S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports - No questions on committee reports. J. Ferkel stated he has acquired his wastewater 2 certification.

Ordinances - None

Future Meetings -

Community Development - April 29, 5:00 pm.

Council Meeting - May 11, 6:00 pm.

Park Board - April 22, 2026, 6:00 pm.

Motion by Moore and seconded by Adams to Adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Mayor Sally Rodriguez

Attest:

Janna Chumak

City Clerk Tanna Leonard

City of Buffalo	utilities	374.33
Flenker Land Architecture Consultants	landscape engineering	22740.69
Mediacom	Telephone and Internet	1463.63
Republic Services #400	garbage and recycle	9735.60
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	35.25
Mid American	street light	38.67
Mid American	Washington	162.42
Mid American	BCC	154.00
Mid American	historical	136.33
Mid American	shop/well	183.77
Mid American	fire	841.36
Mid American	Morton	89.69
Mid American	police	88.89
Mid American	BAC	1757.58
Mid American	wtp	291.79
Mid American	sewer	1846.58
Petty Cash	Petty cash	73.00
J&M Displays	fireworks 2026	18500.00
	Microsoft, KB home, envelopes, Stat Padz, pens, adobe,	2032.61
Elan Financial Services		
John Deere Financial	Rich's work boots, Rich's uniform allowance	428.27
Visa	wipers, h2O tests, wwt training, jetter strainer,	1262.51
Menards - Muscatine	jetter repair parts	13.24
Itren	emergency pole replacement	3556.62
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company	transformer bracket tangent & dead end arm	1252.70
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company	guy guards and connectors	176.25
Gierke Robinson	generator rental for shell for power outage	3080.00
Gierke Robinson	generator rental/damage waiver shell outage	2310.00
Hach Company	lab supplies	120.87
Hach Company	lab supplies	878.64
Martin & Whitacre	Enfield, Franklin, Hacker engineering	4725.30
Martin & Whitacre	engineering for pw and police	2006.88
Menards-Davenport	outlet box for BAC	16.38
Menards-Davenport	mole traps	150.43
Quad City Times	special meeting 8-11-25	97.00
Quad City Times	council meeting 1-12-25	232.47
Quad City Times	special budget meeting 2-18-26	171.00
QUILL	batteries, folders, sticky notes	23.98

QUILL	center paper towels, soap, toilet paper, trash bags	130.27
R.P. Lumber	repair fuel lines to transfer tank	26.76
R.P. Lumber	fuse for hot water heater	10.99
Resale Power Group Of Iowa	electricity	37673.18
Resale Power Group Of Iowa	electricity	26239.61
UnityPoint Health	BLS ecards class	270.00
UnityPoint Health	cpr training for Keel	20.00
Menards - Muscatine	new fan and install parts for BAC room	194.39
Menards - Muscatine	jetter repair, wastebasket, padlocks	104.95
Menards - Muscatine	water heater for BAC	458.61
Menards - Muscatine	fuel hose fittings for generators for power outage	17.79
Menards - Muscatine	padlocks for generators	61.97
Menards - Muscatine	outlet for park	139.44
Culligan of the Quad Cities	conditioner rental	30.25
Meghan Martin	BAC cleaning	605.00
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	Behavioral Health-Morrissey	25.00
A & A Air Cond & Refrig	ice machine rental	105.00
Scott County Sheriff	booking fees	25.00
City of Buffalo	utilities	313.43
The Printing Store	golf cart stickers	85.50
Scott County Library System	semiannual taxes	25180.00
Regalia	flags	243.75
Canadian Pacific Railway	utilities under railroad	150.00
Kirby Water Conditioning	salt	53.00
Raynor Door	garage door repair	302.50
Van Meter	quad plex for power outage	308.83
ADVANCED Business Systems	copier contract	48.66
Assured Partners	Insurance	4178.30
WEX Bank	fuel, fuel for generators	7346.31
Republic Services #400	recycle, garbage	9735.60
Winsor Group Consulting	3 phase refund	625.98
Bi-State Regional Commission	membership dues	283.75
TC Auto	2023 Tahoe oil change	90.30
Crawford Company	checks on 3phase HVAC equipment for downed poles	786.00