

Minutes of the City Council Meeting called to order by Mayor Rodriguez on September 14, 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, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, Attorney William McCullough, and city clerk T. Leonard.

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

Public Input -

A resident asked about the intersection at Oak and Maple, stating that it was still not fixed. The engineer stated that they are not done at that intersection and will be doing more work, which should take care of the issue.

A resident stated that the concrete at 3rd/Hacker is already cracking. The engineer/public work's director are aware of the issue and are working with the contractor to fix.

A resident stated that the attorney and one of the Iowa American water are on the rotary club together and it is a conflict of interest. The attorney stated that it is not a conflict of interest, that they do not discuss Buffalo or Iowa American water issues, just projects for the children in the community.

A resident asked why sidewalks were not made handicapped accessible during the street project. The sidewalks were not part of the street, but the council has on the agenda for the sidewalks for Jefferson for the kids.

A resident asked about the construction signs, when are they going to be taken away. The public works director stated that they were taken care of.

A resident stated that more gravel/dirt is needed to fill in from where the street/sidewalk construction sites. Engineer stated that there will be a punch list that the contractor will have to complete.

A resident asked if the asphalt is done for the roads. The engineer stated they are not done.

T. Teel asked that he be allowed to speak for the fire department agenda items. Mayor Rodriguez stated that he would be allowed to do that.

There were several questions about the water/wastewater issue, which we will post on the city page.

Mayor Rodriguez had the following for public input:

Had a visit with Linwood to meet the new President Steve Bohlkin and talk with Katie Eckstein. They provided me with a tour of the mines and their new contract with a roofing company. They also provided me with a couple of copies of Boulder's magazine, which is for kids about mining and they offered to pay for the subscription, if Buffalo Elementary would like the magazine for the kids.

John Deere reached out to me to see if I or any other council members wanted to participate in their feeding the communities meal-packing events.

ADT 250 - Only going to have a handful of riders coming through on Oct 2, around 3.

JA - JA is always looking for volunteers, if anyone wants to volunteer.

Discussion & decision:

Electric issue on Jefferson St - J. Ferkel stated he received one quote of \$30,185 for just the engineering and Intern is going to give him another quote without engineering. J. Ferkel recommended waiting for the quote. T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman, to wait for second quote. Motion carried unanimously.

Street Improvements Updates - M. Janack provided updates to current street project. Will go through the punch list to ensure everything is taken care of. Jefferson will be fixed around mid-Oct. Discussed putting in a culvert at Oak and Walnut, estimated cost would be around \$5,000-\$6,000. Ash street is done, just waiting on one item to complete. There are a couple of driveways that still need to be fixed. Micro surfacing is scheduled to be started around Oct 8. M. Moore motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve NTE \$6,000 for the culverts at Oak and Walnut. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency route sidewalk - Discussed having the handicapped accessible sidewalks for the emergency route for the schools. The engineer stated the estimated cost would be \$2-\$3,000 per corner. R. Teel-Vanderpool motioned, seconded by M. Moore, to approve completely the north sidewalks at 4th and Jefferson. Motion carried unanimously.

Water and Sewer Billing Deduct Meters - There was an error with 4 resident's deduct meter, where they were not charged for the water usage. S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams, to waive the charges. Motion passed unanimously.

Street Scape Project - The engineer stated that in Oct 25 the design and engineer was completed (\$240,000 and \$262,000) and for updated costs should add 4 percent for increase in costs for updated prices. No action required.

Utility Hearing Triana - Not in attendance, no action required.

Pay for Firefighter's training - The current budget allocated money for 25 firefighters to be paid for the online training, but no process on how this would be accomplished. The attorney, city clerk, and fire department will develop the plan and resolution for council review.

Annual Awards Dinner Fire Department - Chief Anderson stated they are going to have their annual awards dinner on the first Sat in Oct. and wanted permission to have alcohol at the fire station (there is an ordinance that states no alcohol on city property). T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Proceeds from 1998 Brush Truck - Chief Anderson asked that the money for the brush truck be transferred to the capital reserve. The truck was sold to his son for \$5050. T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Handbook - The attorney had some changes to the handbook. S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to table. Motion carried unanimously.

Loss Control Recommendations - Our insurance company conducted a loss control survey and flagged some electrical system concerns, roof condition documentation gaps, and a small number of safety issues. T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman, for J. Ferkel to obtain quotes for the electric issues. Motion carried unanimously.

Halloween Parade Trick or Treat - Discussed the dates/times for the parade and trick or treat, as well as the dollar amount for the candy. Mayor Rodriguez stated that she will take care of buying the candy for 'trick or treat. M. Moore motioned, seconded by J. Leonard, to have the parade on Oct 25 at 2:00pm and trick or treat on Oct 31, 5:00-7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Floor Cleaner Purchase - B. Harland stated that the community center needs a new floor cleaner, that will work better than what she currently has and will take less time to clean the floor. T. Adams motioned, seconded by S. Roman, to approve up to \$1,500 for a new floor cleaner. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Duty Ordinance - Discussed why the Fire Chief had to go to the Scott County Fire Chief's bi-monthly meeting. T. Teel and Chief Anderson stated that there is nothing in the Fire Chief's meeting that has to do with Buffalo. There is a \$100 membership fee for the Fire Chief's to go to the meetings. Discussed the monthly FD council report to have more information than a number for the total number of calls, to instead break out how many medic calls, accidents, fires, etc. T. Leonard stated it would be helpful for the fire department to explain more information about the fire department to help the residents and council. S. Roman motioned, seconded by J. Leonard, to take out the requirement for the Fire Chief/designated individual to go to the Scott County Fire Chief's Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Extension of Meeting - Motion by S. Roman, seconded by T. Adams, to extend the meeting for 30 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Tabled Items - None.

Resolutions -

2026-25 Appoint Park Board Members - S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

2026-26 Updated Handbook - No action on this resolution.

2026-27 Updated Community Center Operations Manual - Increased costs for the community center. S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports -

Public Works - J. Ferkel stated that the bucket truck has major damage and has to be transported to Missouri to be fixed and cannot be put on a trailer, as it would be too high. The company stated that they would want to see the bucket truck at the shop in Missouri. He and Chuck will drive down on Thursday, then drop off the bucket truck on Friday, then travel back to Buffalo.

Fire Department - Engine one has broken front springs, which will cost about \$6,000 to get fixed. This issue came up too late to be added to the agenda, so will be added to the next meeting agenda. Fire Chief asked about the budget info, which Mayor Rodriguez stated we are still dealing with the new software issues and hopefully, we will be able to get the information in the near future. Chief Anderson asked why there was not a second public input, T. Leonard stated that the former Mayor had taken out the second public input.

Ordinances -

593 - SUDAS - 3rd reading - S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

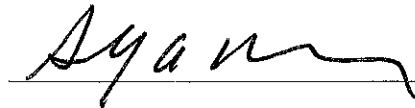
594 - Fire Chief - 2nd reading - S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve with discussed changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meetings -

Council Meeting - October 12, 6:00 PM.

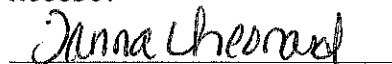
Park Board - September 23, 6:00 PM.

Adjourn - Motion by M. Moore, seconded by T. Adams to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Motion carried unanimously.



Sally Rodriguez, Mayor

Attest:



Tanna Leonard, City Clerk

Claims for Approval

Fund 1 - General Fund

ADVANCED Business Systems - fire department copier contract / copier contract - \$214.67 Alex Air Apparatus Inc - SCBA mask bag - \$481.73 ALLTEST - drug collection for Keel - \$20.00 Arnold Motor Supply - 2023 GMC air filter / 2023 oil change / oil filter credit - \$175.56 City of Davenport - property cleanup at 215 3rd - \$30.00 Elan Financial Services - postage, computer software, body cams, chair, BCC - \$2,317.19 EMC Insurance - restitution for Harrington - \$150.00 Hempel Pipe and Supply - 2" ball valve for shop - \$77.24 IA IL Termite & Pest Control - police pest control - \$55.00 John Deere Financial - blower and sprayer nozzle - \$438.98 Kirby Water Conditioning - salt for fire station - \$17.75 Lee Enterprises - council meetings, ordinances, hearings - \$1,230.26 Martin & Whitacre - engineering - \$297.82 McCullough, William - attorney fees - \$3,330.00 Mediacom - telephone and internet - \$31.38 Menards - Muscatine - tools, supplies, fence materials - \$321.04 Mid American - street lights, historical, police, BAC, Morton, fire, Washington - \$557.39 Midwest Wheel - gloves and electric cleaner - \$88.74 Panther Uniforms Inc -

uniform allowance - \$101.00 R.P. Lumber - crimp connectors - \$10.78 Republic Services #400 - garbage and recycling - \$20,476.48 Scott County Recorder - Kubota license / Polaris license - \$41.00 Scott County Sheriff - booking fees - \$75.00 Sinclair Tractor - mower blades, battery, PTO clutch, mower parts - \$1,030.80 TC Auto - 2023 F-150 tires, battery, oil change - \$938.25 Titan Machinery - backhoe hose repair - \$2,340.66 UnityPoint Health - drug testing - \$42.00 Verizon - phones and internet - \$647.31 Waste Commission of Scott Co - property cleanup - \$80.50 WEX Bank - fuel - \$4,237.42

General Fund Total: \$39,855.95

Fund 6 - Community Center Fund

A & A Air Cond & Refrig - ice machine rental - \$105.00 Amanda Sparks - deposit refund - \$100.00 Angelina Fenn - deposit refund - \$100.00 City of Buffalo - utilities - \$530.17 Culligan of the Quad Cities - conditioner rental - \$31.75 Elan Financial Services - postage, software, body cams, chair, BCC - \$530.14 IA IL Termite & Pest Control - BCC pest control - \$6.00 Janet Gillen - deposit refund - \$100.00 Josh Downs - deposit refund - \$100.00 Kamiel Sindt - deposit refund - \$100.00 Kevin Maas - deposit refund - \$100.00 Mid American - BCC - \$159.00 Noel Valenzuela - deposit refund - \$100.00 Stasia Remley - deposit refund - \$100.00 Tracy Lansing - deposit refund - \$100.00 Verizon - phones and internet - \$54.09

Community Center Fund Total: \$2,316.15

Fund 303 - 2024 Bond Proceeds Fund

Martin & Whitacre - engineering for Enfield, Franklin, Hacker - \$1,886.23

2024 Bond Proceeds Fund Total: \$1,886.23

Fund 600 - Water Utility Fund

ADVANCED Business Systems - copier contract - \$14.15 Crawford Company - install new water meter - \$710.40 Electric Pump - water plant service call - \$1,177.35 Hawkins Inc - chlorine bottle fee - \$80.00 Hempel Pipe and Supply - 2" valve for PRV pit bypass - \$114.42 Iowa One Call - locate notifications - \$41.60 Mid American - shop/well, WTP - \$35.33 Test Inc - water tests, PFAS, ecoli - \$1,597.00 Utility Equipment Company - water PRVs - \$1,502.94 Van Meter - 600-volt fuses - \$425.88 Visa - WW treatment tests, water D1 test - \$74.83 Zimmer & Francescon Inc - jumper line for PRV pit repair - \$2,016.00

Water Utility Fund Total: \$7,789.90

Fund 610 - Sewer Utility Fund

ADVANCED Business Systems - copier contract - \$14.15 Elan Financial Services - postage, software, body cams, chair, BCC - \$203.33 Menards - Muscatine - water, batteries, towels - \$31.93 Mid American - sewer - \$1,926.85 Test Inc - ecoli testing - \$250.00 Visa - WW treatment tests, water D1 test - \$259.33

Sewer Utility Fund Total: \$2,685.59

Fund 630 - Electric Utility Fund

ADVANCED Business Systems - copier contract - \$14.15 Canadian Pacific Railway - underground power to beach - \$150.00 INTREN - BAC pole replacement -

\$8,255.79 Resale Power Group of Iowa - electricity - \$113,735.10 Road
Machinery & Supplies Co - bucket truck hose repair - \$1,200.53 Winsor Group
Consulting - 3-phase refund - \$1,251.96

Electric Utility Fund Total: \$124,607.53

TOTAL BY FUNDS: \$179,141.35