

**CITY OF BUFFALO**  
**329 Dodge ST. P.O. 557**  
**BUFFALO, IOWA**

DATE:1-30-2026

TO: Council

FROM : Public Works Director

REF: Monthly Report for January 2026.

1. I am officially the Operator in charge of Buffalo Water Supply passing my last certification on 1-7-2026.
2. Removed snow from city streets, sidewalks, bike path and parking lots and salted.
3. Hauled rock from Linwood to stock rock pile.
4. Hooked up 10' snowplow and tested.
5. Checked lift stations and generators.
6. Dropped off multimeter to quad city safety to be calibrated.
7. Installed new heater in lift station at WWTP.
8. Performed training : The ergonomic solution to back breaking tasks.
9. Cleaned debris from storm drains.
10. Blew down boiler at bac and checked chemical feed tank level.
11. Performed monthly bacteria samples.
12. Inspected Fire extinguishers in all city buildings.
13. Inspected smoke detectors in all city buildings.
14. Inspected emergency lighting in all city buildings.
15. Inspected furnace filters in all city buildings.
16. Investigated window at BAC tattoo room and sealed up from leaking in cold air.
17. Replaced electric meter at 1102 W front street.
18. Repaired sections of old boat dock.
19. Installed slats in salt yard fence, less than 100 feet until completed and more slats needed.
20. Replaced hydraulic fluid in Kubota rtv and changed hydraulic filters.
21. Repaired soffit gap allowing in birds at BAC.
22. Replaced burnt out lights at BCC.
23. Repaired gutter at BCC.
24. Put out 28 door hangers
25. Performed cremation burial on 1-13-26
26. Read meters 1-15-26
27. Removed salter from 2026 plow truck to clean salt from inside of bed and cleaned the truck
28. Broke up salt pile.
29. Cleaned skid steer inside and out and greased.
30. Checked heat tape at water tower piping.
31. Installed new heater motor at Library.
32. Greased backhoe and replaced bad grease zerks
33. Performed cremation burial 1-28-26.
34. Work on digger truck to get PTO to engage to perform cremation.

35. Shut off water service to one resident on 1-28-2026.
36. Purchased two traps for trapping moles.
37. Trapped one mole on 1-14-26.
38. Repaired landscape roller to roll down mole mounds at large park.
39. Replaced map at cemetery.
40. Installed resident parking only sign at 209 5<sup>th</sup> street.
41. Submitted Annual water use report for 2025.
42. Coordinated with Hawkins to pick up 7 empty chlorine bottles from water plant and load.
43. Purchased furnace filters and emergency exit sign for BCC.
44. Purchased garden hose for boiler room to replace broken one.
45. Removed bat from BAC bathroom in gym.
46. Submitted Water MOR report for December.
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48. Reserved hotel room for water conference.
49. Registered for 51<sup>st</sup> annual water conference February 9-11.
50. Investigated high water usage at a home that was the cause of a toilet running.
51. Started Weekly work list for mayor. I'm required to email the mayor no later than 10:00 am every Monday with a list of significant tasks for the week and times city employees will be out of the city and a follow-up email on Fridays annotating what was completed and by who. Also, I was informed that my council report was insufficient and needed to show more tasks and show that city employees are being gainfully employed. Requested by Mayor Sally Rodriguez 1-25-2026.

Thanks,

Josh Ferkel  
Public Works Director.