**City of Buffalo
Tax Equalization Meeting
April 14th, 2025**

Tax Equalization Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM by Mayor Jager.

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Steckler, Peterson, Lawson
Council members absent: Haseleu
Guests present: Auditor Richman and Deputy Quittschreiber

Board of tax equalization reviewed the following pieces of data provided by Cass County:

* Median sales price countywide last year was $325,000 this does include Fargo and West Fargo.
* On average most properties saw a 3-4% increase throughout Cass County.
* Average days on the market for a house is 74 days, previous year average days on the market was 56 days.
* Prior year general mill was 50.52. Total revenue from property taxes if general levy stays the same would be $44,546.00 for Buffalo City.
* Cass County sent out 10 notices in Buffalo City to property owners in the City of Buffalo. To receive a notice your property needs to go up by 10% and 3,000 dollars. You can also receive a notice due to new construction, improvements made to a property due to a permit being pulled, a split from a larger tract of land, expiration of a new home exemption and an adjustment in value due to change in the market.
* 7 sales happened in 2024 that we are aware of. I have provided an attached document of the sales for you to review at your convenience.

Motion to approve the 2025 assessment roll except parcel #11-0100-12224-010 and #11-0300-12323-010 as read by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

Motion to adjourn the Board of Tax Equalization at 6:48 PM by Lawson, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

**City of Buffalo
City Council Meeting
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Meeting called to order at 6:49 PM by Mayor Jager

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Steckler, Peterson, Lawson
Council members absent: Haseleu
Guests present: Auditor Richman and Deputy Quittschreiber

Motion to approve March 10th, 2025 minutes by Lawson, seconded by Steckler. MCU

Motion to approve the agenda as stated with modifications and deviate as needed by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

SWG Late Discussion with the Boyer’s and a plan to get caught up and review the amended SWG ordinance. Will be able to pay in full by Friday, March 14th.

Deputy Quittschreiber reviewed 34 calls for service from March.

Moore Engineering – no updates yet.

Park Board – had a good turnout for the Easter Egg hunt, working on the dugouts and plan for planting trees this summer.

JDA – Moore Engineering has now plotted and platted the Ernie land.

Daycare – have broken ground.

Motion to approve the financial report and pay the monthly bills and include normal billing from Ottertail when it arrives by Lawson seconded by Peterson. MCU.

* BEK $154.46; Cass County Reporter $78.43; Cass Rural Water $1671; Elan Financial $165.46; City of Fargo $14; Fat Man Trash $3722.78; ND One Call $10.50; ND Sewage $525; Railroad Management $822.31; Xcel $155.08, $142.54; Ottertail $923.66, $1348.50, $32.70; RVS Software $405; TeamLab $950; payroll for Richman, Berger, Jager, Steckler, Lawson, Peterson, Haseleu, and Fry.

Junk Ordinance – no updates

Late SWG bills – discussed late fees, #126 will be shut off on 4/15 if does not show up by adjournment of this council meeting.

Motion to approve Main St closure from Wilcox Ave to 5th Ave Saturday, July 19th 7 AM to Sunday, July 20th at 2 AM by Lawson, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

Motion to approve VDCI authority to aerial spray for the 2025 season by Peterson, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

Motion to approve the hall rent waiver for the following by Steckler, seconded by Lason. MCU.

* Cornell Township Special Election April 10th
* Vitalant Blood Drive on May 21st
* American Legion Auxiliary on May 6th

Motion to approve TeamLab estimate of spraying rip-rap in wastewater treatment ponds twice for the 3 ponds across 5 acers using EPA-approved and applied by a licensed applicator for the cost of $975 by Steckler, seconded by Lawon. MCU.

Discussion held regarding options for grading roads as spring sets in.

Next City Council Meeting is Monday, May 12th @ 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 8:16 PM by Lawson, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

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Harmony Richman, Auditor