

City of Buffalo

City Council Meeting

April 24th, 2023

City of Buffalo Board of Tax Equalization Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM.

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Kasin, Steckler, Haseleu, Lawson; Guests present: Auditor Richman and Nolan Meidinger.

Overall county ag land went up 9.5% for all of Cass County, commercial property had some changes due to sales review with increases. County wide there was a market increase by about 10%; however rural county went up. Most residential properties increased between 8-9%.

Motion to approve the 2023 assessment roll as read by Kasin, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Motion to adjourn the Board of Tax Equalization at 6:45 PM by Stecker, seconded by Kasin. MCU.

City of Buffalo Council Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM by Mayor Jager.

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Kasin, Steckler, Haseleu, Lawson; Guests present: Auditor Richman.

Motion to approve minutes from March 13th, 2023 by Kasin, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

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

Moore Engineering – waiting for the assessment committee to meet.

Park Board, Historical Society, Library, JDA – no updates

JDA – is pushing for development on Ernie land. Jager and F. Kasowski met with Moore Engineer to come up with some possible options for water/sewer service with residential and commercial property. If Moore Engineering plots and pins is about \$25,000 to complete. Moore Engineering can draw up a map with a cost estimating of approximately \$5,000 to begin progress before finding a developer.

Daycare – looking for small business funding for upgrades

Motion to approve the financial report and pay the monthly bills by Kasin seconded by Lawson. MCU.

- Agrivalley Insurance \$3949; BEK \$44.43; Cass Rural Water \$1755.85; Cardmember Services \$107.74; CR Excavating \$1330; City of Fargo \$14; Cass County Reporter \$28; Fat Man Trash \$3969.11; KGR \$379.44; Maple River Repair \$1200; Moritz Excavating \$4785; OneCallNow \$32; Railroad Management \$772.86; RVS Software \$397; Ottetail \$91.21,

1563.52; Xcel \$337.65; Payroll for Haseleu, Jager, Steckler, Kasin, Lawson, Richman and Howitz

Junk Ordinance – Jager and Lawson will be going out this week to create a city-wide list and letters will be sent towards the end of the current week for violators.

Motion to send a Junk Ordinance Final Violation letter to Curfman immediately by Stecker, seconded by Haseleu. MCU

Reviewed late SWG no action will be taken at this time

Motion to approve Hall Rent Waiver for Buffalo Community Club for a Benefit for Arnetta and Tim Frueh on April 22nd by Steckler, seconded by Kasin. MCU.

Motion to approve Hall Rent Waiver for Buffalo Township Tax Equalization on April 12th by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Motion to approve Hall Rent Waiver for American Legion Auxiliary on May 3rd and BankNorth Blood Drive on May 22nd Steckler, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Motion to approve local permit for Freuh Benefit by Kasin, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Motion to approve Special Event Beer/Liquor permit for Red Trail Vineyard on July 15th at Historic 1916 Buffalo High School by Lawson, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

Garbage updates – discussion held regarding garbage rates for commercial accounts and individual commercial needs. The totes being invoiced is different than how many totes are actually physically in town, Jager will do an accounting again of physical totes to visit with Fatman about the discrepancies.

Motion to accept the 10-year contract for Maguire Iron, Inc by Kasin, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Pumphouse – we currently have a pump down assuming associated with water break on the north west portion of town. Watersmith has been out; however, will need to come back out for more investigation using positive pressure prime or if it is a seal issue.

Concern regarding ditches that have been dug due to water flow as well as ditch work from last fall along the north side of town. There will need to be some reshaping and grass seeding that needs to be completed.

Discussion held regarding possibly reviewing the nuisance ordinance to update some portions regarding chickens in town. Jager suggested that if council is going to review/update an ordinance to take a look at the entire ordinance for updating.

Next City Council Meeting is Monday, May 8th @ 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Harmony Richman, Auditor