City of Buffalo
City Council Meeting
August 12th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Mayor Jager.

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Lawson, Steckler, Haseleu, Peterson;
Council members absent:
Guests present: Nick Gault, Auditor Richman

Motion to approve July 8th minutes by Lawson, seconded by Haseleu. MCU

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

Moore Engineering – still working with railroad to obtain the permit.

Motion to approve *resolution approving plans and specifications for improvements in improvement district NO.2024-1 – Sanitary Force Main Improvements of the City of Buffalo* Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

Motion to approve *resolution directing auditor to advertise for bids* by Haseleu, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Motion to approve and certify the right of way map presented to council by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Motion to approve the legal services agreement between the City of Buffalo and Ohnstad Twichell attorney Sarah M. Wear by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Cass County Deputy Report – not provided

Park Board – corn hole was successful, looking at another block party in September.

JDA, Library, Historical Society, Daycare – unknown

Annexation – waiting for the abstract will need to create a title opinion before an advertisement can take place for public hearing.

Motion to approve the financial report and pay the monthly bills by Steckler seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

* BEK $45.32, BND $711.04 and $5600; Cass County Reporter $119.11; Cass Rural Water $2896.08; Cardmember Services $629.96, $219.26; City of Fargo $28; Fat Man Trash $3,722.78; Kasowski Tire and Service $193.69; Kent Jensen $550; Midwest Pest $161; Moore Engineering $8907.50; ND One Call $12; Xcel $88.02; Ottertail $324.09; $1091.38; Vector Disease Control $1,122.50; payroll for Richman, Berger, Shepardson and Jager.

Junk Ordinance – no new updates.

Late SWG bills – those who are on the late list will receive a phone call or in person visit from the mayor. Accounts #77 and #126 will have a shut office notice and blue paint at their shut off valve location.

Motion to approve the 2025 Preliminary Budget as presented by Lawson, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Motion to hire Harold Fry as the Public Works Director with a start date of September 1st by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Discussion held regarding moving the December council date, tentatively to December 16th or 18th.

Next City Council Meeting is Monday, September 9th @ 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM by Lawson, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

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Harmony Richman, Auditor