City of Buffalo
City Council Meeting
November 11th, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Jager.

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Steckler, Peterson;
Council members absent:
Guests present: Brandon Haney (Midco), George (Tower City Township) Auditor Richman

Motion to approve November 11th, 2024 minutes by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU

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

Midco Franchise Agreement – Franchise for Buffalo expired on February 2nd, 2024, there is typically a 10-year renewal term. The big change is the free services outside of the city building would be going away. There is one free city building with the option of up to three city buildings. City would like to have the free service to the Buffalo Community Center, Buffalo Fire Hall and the 1916 Buffalo High School as the city buildings.

Motion to accept the Midco Franchise Agreement by Steckler, second by Peterson. MCU.

Motion to accept 2nd reading of the *Annexation Ordinance: An ordinance annexing the 2.00 acre parcel of land located in the northeast quarter section 25, township 140 north, range 55 west, Cass County, North Dakota* by Peterson, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

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

Daycare – has applied for a grant with Cass County Electric to go to a new building. The whole building has been put on hold; however, the state wants an outside appraisal.

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

* BEK $45.09; Cass County Reporter $203.78; Cass Rural Water $2074; Elan Financial $196.13; City of Fargo $14; Fat Man Trash $3722.78; Moore Engineering $2270, $165; ND One Call $18; Xcel $44.01; Ohnstad Twichell $2566; Ottertail $128.54; $1186.41; Tim’s Plumbing $180; Wade’s Service $211.70; payroll for Richman, Berger, Fry and Jager.

Motion to approve the 2nd reading of the amendments to Zoning Ordinance Section 3.10 Sewer, Water, and Garbage Billing by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

Junk Ordinance – no updates

Late SWG bills – No action will be taken with Late SWG Bills at this time

Motion that Topel’s water will be turned off at the next council meeting if not paid in full or appear in front of city council at the January 13th, 2025 council meeting by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

Cats – no updates and will be removed from unfinished business.

Midwest Assistance Program has provided the council a rate study for the Sewer, Water and Garbage accounts. This information was given late on December 18th. More will be discussed on this at the January meeting.

A letter will be drafted to Old 10 Saloon that city provided electricity will not be provided for private events hosted within the Old 10 building.

December City Council Meeting is Monday, January 13th @ 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

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Harmony Richman, Auditor