City of Buffalo
City Council Meeting
February 10th, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM by Mayor Jager.

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Steckler, Peterson, Haseleu, Lawson
Council members absent:
Guests present: Auditor Richman, Jodi Shepardson, Sheriff Jahner, and Deputy Dehn

Motion to approve January 13th, 2025 minutes by Lawson, seconded by Haseleu. MCU

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

Moore Engineering – no project updates

Park Board next meeting is on January 12th.

JDA still working with Moore Engineering and attorneys on plotting and platting land. Hopefully will be able to post “for sale” on the lots in the spring.

Cass County Sheriff Report presented by Sheriff Jahner on the state of the county and covered the following among other statistics:

* Has remained under budget since 2019. 2025 Budget is $29.4 million – jail is higher portion of the budget. 2024 budget was $27.8 million; included increase in staffing and jail pod addition.
* Has 242 employees and 140 sworn officers.
* Had 48,003 calls for service for 2024, an increase of more than 5,000 calls since 2023.
* Spent 246 hours in 2024 in Buffalo

Deputy Dehn covered the 6 calls for service in January.

CBHPC Update from Liane: still working on the grant for 2024 and the application for the 2025 application is due on Friday, February 14th for $45,000 designated for the window improvements.

Library – no updates

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

* BEK $152.08; BND $537.50; Cass County Reporter $264.40; Elan Financial $131.02, $166.03; City of Fargo $14; Fat Man Trash $3722.78; Kasowski Tire and Service $134.52; Midwest Pest $161; ND One Call $3; Xcel $249.95; Ottertail $1518.18; Ottertail $39.44; Workman’s Comp $250; Sweeney Control $959.83; USDA $31,808; payroll for Richman, Berger, and Fry.

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 March meeting.

Junk Ordinance – no updates

Late SWG bills –

Motion to close the City of Buffalo BankNorth checking account ending in 182 and savings account ending in 257 because these have become dormant and to avoid account fees and move the combined funds of $121.21 to the general account by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Motion to approve the Cass County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu. MCU

Motion to approve a $100 donation to the Maple Valley Post Prom committee by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

Next City Council Meeting is Monday, March 10th @ 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 PM by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

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Harmony Richman, Auditor