

City of Buffalo

City Council Meeting

November 8th, 2021

Mayor Jager called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Dostert, Lawson, Steckler, Kasin; Guests present: Auditor Richman, Adam Grieger, Marsha Snyder, Gabby Ketterer and Michelle B.

Motion to approve minutes from October 11th, 2021 by Steckler, seconded by Dostert. MCU.

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

Moore Engineering – Friday, November 12th will be the last day for Kavin Berub, we will be assigned a new engineer.

Council reviewed

JDA, Library and Daycare – No updates

Park Board – Done for the year only a few

Historical Society- Had annual meeting and elected two new officers. There will be an organizational meeting coming soon.

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

- Buffalo Food Market \$3.98; BEK \$44.43; Cass Rural Water \$1820; Cardmember Services \$707.94; Camas Sand and Gravel \$2959.20; City of Fargo \$14; Cass County Reporter \$76.54; Cass County Government \$1000; KGR \$110.08; MR Sign \$169.43; ND Sewage Pump and Lift \$943.42; Tim's Plumbing \$420; Ottertail \$163.48; \$866.31; Waste Management \$2482; Xcel \$30.67; Payroll for: Andel, Howitz and Richman

Motion to approve the hall rent waiver for the Buffalo Food Market's Craft Event on November 16th, 2021 by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Motion to approve the hall rent waiver for the Daycare Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser on November 13th and 14th by Kasin, seconded by Dostert. MCU.

Motion to approve the hall rent waiver for the Vitalant Blood Drive sponsored by BankNorth on January 20th by Dostert, seconded by Kason. MCU.

Motion to approve the 2022 Beer and Liquor License for Old 10 Saloon by Kasin, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

Motion to approve the Special Event Beer and Liquor Off Site Permit for Old 10 by Lawson, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

On Friday, November 5th, pump #1 has had some trauma at the lift station, it is unsure what has caused pump #1 to fail; however, it is 10 years old. A quote has been discussed from ND Sewage Pump and Lift Station which would include 2 new pumps and installation at \$18,370.00. Would like to find out if we can keep one of the old pumps, rebuild next year and keep as a backup for the future. Need to determine if the cost estimate includes a required core. Financial options discussed included reviewing direct payment through the SWG funds, emergency funds and a bank financing options for 2, 3 or 4 years on either a \$20,000 (3.65%) or \$14,000 (3.35%) loans.

Motion to move forward with a \$14,000 loan for a 4 year note at a rate of 3.35% and the remainder of the bill for the lifts through ND Sewage Pump and Lift Station quote from the Sewer Fund by Steckler, seconded by Kasin. MCU.

Motion to accept the ND Sewage Pump Company's offer of a Annual Maintenance Inspection for the Wastewater Pump Station as outlined within the agreement at a cost of \$525 by Kasin, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

Howitz will be gone for about a month in December. Meters will be read in November; however, meters will plan to be estimated for December and probably January.

Discussion held regarding the Late SWG accounts; account #45 bill will be sent to the property owner as the tenant is not paying.

Next City Council meeting will be Monday, December 13th @ 6:30PM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:46 PM by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Harmony Richman, Auditor