**City of Buffalo
City Council Meeting
March 11th, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM by Mayor Jager.

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Steckler, Haseleu, Lawson; Guests present: Sherrif Jahner, Deputy Dehn, Nick Gludt, and Auditor Richman.

Motion to approve minutes from February 12th by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

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

Moore Engineering –

* Motion to approve the replacement Rural Development Agreement between City of Buffalo and Engineer for Professional Services for the Sanitary Sewer Improvement District #2023-1 contingent upon RD and attorney approval by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.
* Discussed estimated yearly payments depending upon a 40% or 45% grant provided, still will be moving forward with special assessments which is still within the special committee organization.

Cass County Deputy Dehn – reviewed 16 calls for service in February

Sheriff Jaher provided a presentation on the state of the Cass County Sheriff’s office which covered; budget, employees, total calls for service in 2023 was 23,000, Cass County Jail is at max capacity, and types of crimes against person/property/society.

Park Board – taking Easter basket service orders and looking into storm damage fixes for their fence.

Library Park Board, Historical Society, Daycare – no known updates

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of $1,333,000 wastewater treatment improvement warrant series 2024 by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

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

* BEK $45.10; Cass County Reporter $143.90; Cass Rural Water $1,973.34; Cardmember Service $338.82, $151.17; City of Fargo $14; Fat Man Trash $3,908.91; Keith’s AC/Heating $13,488; ND One Call $2.60; Xcel $128.74, $91.24; Ottertail $33.67; $1,550.70; ND Dept of Enviro Quality $141.83; payroll for Richman, Berger, and Jager.

Junk Ordinance – Ohnstad Twichell is currently assigning an attorney for Hanson properties. More will be known at an upcoming conference meeting during the week of March 18th.

Motion to shut off the water for account 77 if they do not follow through with payment in full of sewer, water, garbage bill by end of day on March 15th by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Cats – Sheriff’s office will not pick up cats, domestic or feral.

Motion to set the Spring Clean Up dates of May 14th – 16th (back up dates May 7th – 9th pending Fat Man Trash schedule) with 6 20-yard roll offs by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Motion to approve hall rent waiver for blood drive hosted by BankNorth on May 15th by Haseleu, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

Motion to approve hall rent waiver request by Buffalo Township tax equalization meeting on April 10th by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

New air conditioner and heating units have been installed; power will need to be supplied to the condenser in the backroom. Buffalo gaming will reimburse the City for the expense from Keith’s AC/Heating.

Motion to accept the RDO Proposal Quote in the amount of $15,500 for a used 2016 Bobcat 3400 with about 1/3 of the funds coming from the city’s portion of the RV Park Fund, 2/3 financed through BankNorth over 3 years by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Discussion held regarding the Public Works Director position offer has been revoked. Steckler will provide the mowing over the summer and Jager will continue monitoring sewer/water use and reporting until further notice.

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

Tax Equalization Meeting is Monday, April 8th @ 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM by Lawson, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

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Harmony Richman, Auditor