

City of Buffalo
City Council Meeting
April 13th, 2026

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

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Steckler, Peterson, Lawson, Haseleu

Council members absent:

Guests present: Jaret Thompson, Kayla Lawson, Tiffany Levitt, Kelsey Hirsh, Auditor Richman

Board of tax equalization reviewed the following pieces of data provided by Cass County:

- Median sales prices countywide last year were \$305,000, which includes Fargo and West Fargo.
- On average, most properties saw a 3% increase throughout Cass County.
- The average days on the market for a house are 56 average days this year.
- Prior to this year, the general mill was 51.8. Total revenue from property taxes; however, general levy has been increased to 57.06 for 2026.
- Cass County sent out 10 notices in Buffalo City to property owners in the City of Buffalo. To receive a notice, your property needs to go up by 10% and 3,000 dollars. You can also receive a notice due to new construction, improvements made to a property due to a permit being pulled, a split from a larger tract of land, expiration of a new home exemption, and an adjustment in value due to change in the market.
- 3 sales happened in 2025 that the county is provided.

Motion to approve the 2026 assessment roll as presented by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Motion to adjourn the Board of Tax Equalization at 6:38 PM by Lawson, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM by Mayor Jager

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Peterson, Steckler, Lawson, Haseleu

Council members absent:

Guests present: Tiffany Levitt, Kelsey Hirsh, and Auditor Richman

Motion to approve March 9th 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.

Motion to approve the finalized 20-year Ottertail Power Company Franchise Agreement without the franchise fee by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

Park Board – received a check from Buffalo Gaming to help with costs for the RV Park expansion. Electric has been ran for the expansion. Next steps are to work on staking out the spaces for groundwork. A possible spring event will be hosted with more details to follow.

JDA – waiting to receive a bill from the grocery store to change over. Waiting for addresses and some additional pieces for bids before properties can be put out on market for sale.

Motion to approve 1st reading of the Ordinance Regulating Keeping of Domestic Chickens by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Motion to waive the building permit fee for the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Council reviewed 59 calls for service of which 30 were community orientated policing and 9 were building checks from March from Deputy Quittschreiber.

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

- BEK \$334.64; Cass Rural Water \$2012; City of Fargo \$14; Elan Financial \$212.48; FMJ Electric \$1955; Fat Man Trash \$3995.29; Moore Engineering \$22,022; ND One Call \$9; Xcel \$116.66, \$120.33; Ottertail \$1697.75; Railroad Mgmt; payroll for Jager, Lawson, Steckler, Peterson, Haseleu, Richman, Berger, and Fry.

Junk Ordinance – a reminder of May 31st, 2026, deadline will be sent to Boyers.

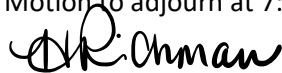
Reviewed Late SWG accounts – Account #126 has proposed a post-dated check for April 24th and May 8th. Council agrees to this plan as long as checks are in hand by April 17th.

Discussion held Community Family Forest Grant opportunity that was shared by the ND Forest Service. Richman will send follow up questions regarding grant offerings beyond this opportunity, Tree City vs. non-Tree City benefits, and Arbor Board requirements.

Discussion held regarding that Ottertail is currently in town to move city light poles to the south side of the road. Other current utility trucks are currently in town as the natural gas line needs to be moved to the opposite side of the road it is currently run before the Hwy 10 road project starts.

Next City Council Meeting is Monday, May 11th.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.



Harmony Richman, Auditor