

City of Buffalo
City Council Meeting
February 9th, 2028

Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM by Mayor Jager

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

Council members absent:

Guests present: Fat Man Trash, Bill Price, Erik Gilbertson, and Auditor Richman

Motion to approve January 12th minutes by Steckler seconded by Lawson. MCU

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

Moore Engineering

- KPH Change Order #2 - \$64,543.75
 - New lift station control panel. Includes work from KPH, Sweeney and JDP Electric. You'll get the Insight system and 1 year of Insight SCADA Web site and cell service. After that it'll be \$45/month.
- Moore Amendment #2 - \$18,160.78
 - Design/construction/subcontractor coordination for change order #2 – new lift station control panel
 - Balance amendment for: Additional effort for BNSF Permitting and funding administration; Reduced fees for construction staking and topographic survey
 - These fees will be from remaining contingency funds, which are coming from the USDA RD grant. There will still be an estimated \$125,000 in grant funds remaining after these are taken into account and after all projected costs are paid. There was more than \$240,000 in contingency funds available at the beginning of construction because the bids came in so low.
 - In order for the grant to cover the gravel the work would likely need to be done as a change order with KPH. RD likely won't approve of gravel and grading outside of KPH's contract.

Motion to approve Moore Engineering Amendment #2 in the amount \$64,543.75 contingent upon approval from Rural Development USDA by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Motion to approve KPH Change Order #2 in the amount of \$18,160.78 contingent upon approval from Rural Development USDA by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Late SWG

- Price – is waiting for taxes to come in and has applied for some programs for assistance.

Fat Man Trash

- There has been an ongoing issue with all cities regarding overflowed garbage cans and lids getting cracked. If the garbage can is overloaded and the lid falls behind the can and the arms

come across is easy to grab/crack. The lids need to stay closed, so do not overload the garbage can.

- Spring Clean Up suggested dates May 19th – May 21st

Council reviewed 57 calls for service of which 28 were community orientated policing and 15 were building checks from January from Deputy.

JDA, Park Board, Daycare - no new updates

Motion to approve appointment of Allison Veselka and Rod Oppegard to Historical Preservation Advisory Commission by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

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

- BEK \$152.40; BND \$4796.98, \$435; Cass Rural Water \$2233.50; Fat Man Trash \$3992.29; Cass County Reporter \$92.84; City of Fargo \$14; Elan Financial \$17.50, \$562.60; Kasowski Tire and Service \$373.32; Moore Engineering \$2037.25; Midwest Pest \$161; ND One Call \$10.50; Ohnstad Twichell \$8500; Xcel \$138.52, \$121.77; Ottertail \$1673.99; payroll for Richman, Berger, and Fry.

Junk Ordinance – no action will be taken at this time

Motion that if account 126 does not follow through with letter of payment plan for half the bill paid on February 14th and the second half of the bill to be paid at the end of the month the water to be shut off by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Senate Bill 2027 Flood Plain Ordinance not required for our community. Would open up a flood policy opportunity for community members, if desired if this ordinance were in place. More information will be gathered from community members to see if this would be needed.

Discussion held regarding updated 911 address updates for several addresses and new addresses per the Cass County request.

Motion to approve the USDA Drinking Water and Wastewater 2025 Year End Reports by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Motion to approve the aerial spraying contract with VDCI by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

Motion to approve the reappointments to JDA for Carolyn Marcks and Flint Kasowski through December 31, 2028 by Steckler, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Motion to appoint an annual Buffalo Gaming license for the Buffalo Community Club by Lawson, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

Next City Council Meeting is Monday, March 9th @ 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM by Lawson, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

Harmony Richman, Auditor

