

**City of Buffalo**  
**City Council Meeting**  
**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

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

Council members absent: Lawson

Guests present: Jodi Shepardson, Kayla Lawson, Liane Stout, Cynthia Carter and Auditor Richman

Motion to approve July 14th minutes by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu. MCU

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

Moore Engineering – we have not heard anything regarding start dates.

Park Board – did the color run with about 40 people, cornhole just finished with 10 teams participating, flowers are in full bloom, new trees and grass are being established. The ball park has been sprayed for cicada killer wasps with maintenance spraying which seems to have been improving the situation.

HPC

- 2024 CLG Grant: Goal was to complete a brochure; however, the plan has been deviated and include a website rather than brochure for longevity purposes. Preservation announced the new website [www.buffalond1916.com](http://www.buffalond1916.com).
- 2025 CLG Grant: The ND State Historical Society has awarded the 1916 Buffalo High School \$28,245 in grant funds with \$19,026 in matching funds.
- Is looking for new Historic Preservation Commission members to the board, if interested, contact Liane Stout.

Buffalo Historic 1916 School – sends a great thank you to the City of Buffalo for supporting the Shuffle events hosted at the school which hosted around 250 people.

JDA

- The grocery store is applying for the ND Grocery Store grant, they are asking for an expansion (i.e. product, services, online shopping/ordering, coffee/café).
- Discussion held regarding the recording of house addresses to the parcels of the Bison Addition. If the water/sewer can be hooked to the parcels there are very different price points if they cannot be hooked up.

Council reviewed 40 calls for service for the month of July.

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

- BEK \$152; BND \$6525; Camas Sand and Gravel \$2202.40; Cass County Reporter \$61.68; Cass Rural Water \$2434.50; Elan Financial \$485.82, \$586.20; City of Fargo \$14; Fat Man Trash \$3722.78; Kasowski Tire \$455.53; Moore Engineering \$773.75; Midwest Pest \$65; ND One Call

\$13.50; Xcel \$35, \$35; Ottetail \$481.89; \$1072.14; Wade's Service \$80.85; Vector Disease \$1122.50; payroll for Richman, Berger, and Fry.

Junk Ordinance –

- Boyer's - A Violation of Public Nuisance Ordinance ONLY WARNING letter was sent on May 16<sup>th</sup>, a Violation of Public Nuisance Ordinance warning of accumulated \$7,500 in fines (May 15<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>) was sent on July 21<sup>st</sup> with an invite to the August 11<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The Boyer's did not attend. A second Violation of Public Nuisance Ordinance of accumulation of \$15,000 in fines will be sent on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- No new information on Hanson properties.

Reviewed Late SWG bills late fees will be added on August 16th for those who are still late 2- and 3-months in.

Cynthia Carter at 402 Front Street would like to have the "boxelder tree" removed from the alley. Previous owner did not want the tree removed; however, there has been some damage from this alley tree. City will work towards helping remove this tree.

Motion to waive the late fees for account 73 to bring account balance back to \$0 as account holder has kept to the payment plan by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

Motion to approve hall rent waiver's for Cornell Township Budget Hearing and Buffalo Township Budget Hearing to both be held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8AM and 6PM, respectively, by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu.

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

2026 Budget Public Hearing is Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM by Steckler, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

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Harmony Richman, Auditor