

City of Buffalo

City Council Meeting

August 3rd, 2023

City of Buffalo Council Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM by Mayor Jager.

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Kasin, Steckler, Haseleu, Lawson; Guests present: Neil Hanson, Jay Lindquist, Kittie Curfman and Auditor Richman.

Motion to approve minutes from July 10th, 2023 by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

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

Junk Ordinance

- Hanson was in attendance and addressed **junk and debris** on property located at the elevator property and **junk and debris** on property located at 604 Pearl St. Has not completed any efforts towards clean up. Accrual of \$500 continues to be assessed at each property location and will continue to be assessed since June 26th until everything is cleaned up. There are still vehicles at the elevator that are licensed; however, operable capability of vehicles is unknown at this time.
- Curfman property **dilapidated and dismantled vehicles in an unconcealed storage space, tires, paving bricks, hazardous materials, dismantled small engines, junk, garbage, and an excessive amount debris** Vehicles have been removed and junk/debris has started to be cleaned up. A \$500 assessment per day penalty has begun to accumulate since June 26th and will continue to accumulate until the remaining junk/debris has been cleaned up.

Moore Engineering – Richman is meeting with RD on Wednesday to fill out the finance tab within the USDA Application.

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

JDA – the new website host with Municipal Impact is up and running.

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

- BND \$5675; Cass Rural Water \$1942.85; Cardmember Services \$386.86; City of Fargo \$14; Fat Man Trash \$4878.92; KGR \$134.05; Municipal Impact \$1459; ND One Call \$5.95; St ND Chem Lab \$198.60; Ottertail \$287.96; \$872.51; Wade's Service \$158.46 Payroll for Berger, Richman and Howitz

Reviewed late SWG – account #168 will be shut off.

Cats – letter has been sent to contain pet cats; a slight improvement has been noticed. Additional monitoring will continue for follow up.

Recycling – lids need to be able to closed in order to be picked up otherwise additional tote charges will be given to overfilled totes.

Motion to donate up to \$250 for ice cream treats for Nite to Unite on August 9th by Lawson, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

Motion to approve the 2024 preliminary budget to be levied to be between \$69,000 to \$70,000 by increasing the levied budget from 2023 by \$10,600 where 25% will be fulfilled by the levy and 75% will be fulfilled by the cash reserve by Kasin, seconded by Steckler. MCU.

Next City Council Meeting is Monday, September 11th @ 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:52 PM by Kasin, seconded by Lawson. MCU.

Harmony Richman, Auditor