

City of Buffalo
City Council Meeting
September 8th, 2025

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

Council members present; Mayor Jager, Peterson, Haseleu

Council members absent: Lawson, Steckler

Guests present: Jeff Ebsch and Auditor Richman

Motion to approve August 11th minutes by Haseleu seconded by Peterson. MCU

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

Moore Engineering –

- Roughly around 2000 feet of force main left as of September 8th with the air release valve installed.
- Motion to approve the Change Order #1 for time extension of 12 calendar days with a substantial completion date of September 17th and final completion date of October 1st by Haseleu, seconded by Peterson. MCU
- Motion to approve contractor's application for payment #1 in the amount of \$211,369.50 by Peterson, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.
- Contingency grant funds will remain and discussion held regarding approval of the lift station panel, locator and other options that may be viable.
- Annual Questionnaire due to the DWSRF to qualify for future potential DWSRF Funding and included in the questionnaires for water main replacement and lead line replacement.

Council reviewed 37 calls for service for the month of August.

Park Board – Harvest meal is scheduled for September 24th at the Community Center from 5:30PM to 7P1m.

Buffalo Historic 1916 School

- 2024 CLG Grant Project – Work continues with the graphic designer on the website for the Historic 1916 Buffalo High School. We are compiling the long history of the school, as well as the restoration story from the last 25 years; and locating necessary vintage and current photographs. The approved federal grant funds for the CLG Grant are \$5078 and the Buffalo Historical Society will provide a match of \$3730.
- 2025 CLG Grant Project – The 2025 CLG Grant contract was certified and signed by Jim Jager for the City of Buffalo and the ND State Historic Preservation Office in August. We are now able to proceed with the window weatherizing and restoration of all twenty windows on the main level of the Buffalo High School. Geray Construction from Moorhead is scheduled to begin work on the project this fall. The total federal grant funds are \$28,245 with a required match of \$19,026.

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

- BEK \$152; Cass County Reporter \$87.10, Cass Rural Water \$2609; Elan Financial \$84.56, \$130.63; City of Fargo \$56; Fat Man Trash \$2874.61, \$724.48, \$3722.78; Kasowski Tire and Repair \$231.49; Maple Valley Ag \$24.23; Moore Engineering \$16241.40; Midwest Pest \$96; ND One Call \$28.50; Tim's Plumbing \$212; Xcel \$41.94, \$35; Ottertail \$1095.88, \$432.45; Vector Disease \$1122.50, \$1122.50; payroll for Richman, Berger, and Fry.

Junk Ordinance –

- Boyer's – A certified letter will be sent with the following - As of August 15th, 2025, your property has currently accumulated \$22,500 in fines and will continue to accumulate \$500 assessment per day until your property listed above is no longer in violation of the Junk Nuisance Ordinance. The fines will be added to your property taxes during the October City Council Meeting. Boyer's did not attend September meeting as requested in the August letter.
- No new information on Hanson properties.

No late SWG accounts to review at this time.

Motion to approve the 2026 City of Buffalo Budget by Peterson, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Motion to approve Restricted Permit for Buffalo Wildlife Club by Haseleu, seconded by Peterson. MCU.

Motion to approve Hall Rent Waiver requested for Buffalo Food Market for October 12th for their annual pork dinner by Peterson, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Next City Council Meeting is Monday, October 13th @ 6:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM by Peterson, seconded by Haseleu. MCU.

Harmony Richman, Auditor