

## **City of Buffalo Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** November 10, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Location:** Buffalo City Hall

Minutes of the City Council Meeting called to order by Mayor Rodriguez on November 10, 2025 at 6:00pm. Present council members Mary Moore, Sean Roman, Austin Miller, Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, and Trent Adams. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Police Chief TJ Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, and Attorney William McCullough.

Motion by T. Adams and seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to approve the consent agenda, with a council member to approve the claims once they can be printed (due to the new software). Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Input -**

D. Mullanack stated that he had purchased the Lutheran Church and is looking to make it a daycare, but the inspection indicated that there would be more outdoor space required. He asked they would be interested in selling the city property by the church to give him outdoor space. The council stated they would not have an issue with that, so this will involve a real estate transaction, public hearing, approval of sale cost and will be added to the next council agenda.

Mayor Rodriguez stated the following for public input:

Thanked the residents/businesses for their continued patience, as the city works through issues with the new software for utility billing. Tanna and Judy are working hard to resolve the issues.

Thanked all the Veterans for their service for Veteran's Day.

Thanked all that participated and attended the Halloween Parade, there were many participants and good costumes.

### **Discussion & Decision:**

Mayers - Discussed the issues with noises, trailer with metal items, and traffic to a house that had been conducting business at their house in the past. There is an ordinance that would cover the metal scrap that Chief Behning said he would monitor and enforce.

Streets Projects Overlay, Enfield, Intersections - Engineer stated that he will have more info for the Dec council meeting.

Street Scape - Engineer provided an update and asked about a driveway for a resident, that was not previously identified, but there was a picture from 2008 that showed the driveway. S. Roman motioned, T. Adams seconded to allow the driveway, if the DOT had already approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Vending Machines Park - There was discussion about the vending machines in the park, which a portion of the proceeds would come to the city and the city would not be liable for any damage. S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to develop a resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rodriguez shared that the City received a request to donate funds to Davenport West Athletics, a program that includes youth from Buffalo. However, under Iowa State Code, donations are not listed as a permissible city expenditure unless they are tied to a contract or formal agreement that serves a public purpose. A letter was sent to the organization outlining examples of allowable agreements. While the City cannot make a direct financial donation, Mayor Rodriguez encouraged individuals to support the program personally.

Open Bids for Charger - Mayor Rodriguez opened the 2 bids for the charger. One was for \$1750 and one was for \$1600. A. Miller motioned, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to accept the bid for \$1750. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Department Report - There was discussion on the fire department report, which the last 2 council reports just stated 33. Council asked for more details and Chief Anderson stated he did not have time to provide more details and would provide a yearly report. A. Sowell stated that they already complete different spreadsheets but there is no way to take the info from those. However, there was a new system that was coming in January 2026, so that might make it easier to provide that report.

Winter Maintenance Agreement - The agreement is with the county to plow/salt the county roads for the winter. J. Ferkel stated that there has only been one time that the city has had to plow the county streets and he requested to be allowed to sign off on this next year, which he budgets for. T. Adams motioned, seconded by M. Moore to approve the agreement and to allow public works director to sign off next year. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Center Roof - Discussed how to move forward with the community center roof. T. Adams motioned, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to amend the contract for inspection of leaks and the cost to repair the leaks, with no payment or signed contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Council/Employee Training - Discussed the MLA and open records training for current, new council members and staff. S. Roman motioned, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to authorize the training for the new council member. Motion carried unanimously.

Tabled Items -

Bathroom Community Center - No funding, so no reason to take off the tabled items.

Resolutions -

Motion by T. Adams, seconded by S. Roman to approve Resolution 2025-38 Dakota Wilson Raise (for promotion). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by T. Adams, seconded by S. Roman to approve Resolution 2025-39, Waive late fees for Oct 21, 2025 and Nov 21, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by T. Adams, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to approve Resolution 2025-40 Absorb E-check fees. Motion carried unanimously.

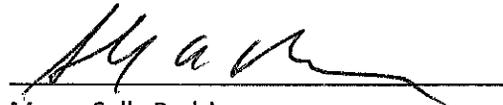
Ordinances

583 Boat Dock Regulations - 3rd Reading - Motion by T. Adams, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

584 Electric Vehicle Regulations - 1st Reading - Motion by T. Adams, seconded by M. Moore to approve with change recommended by the attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

Next council meeting is Dec 8, 6:00 pm.

Motion by M. Moore, seconded by T. Adams to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Mayor Sally Rodriguez  
Attest: Tanna Leonard, City Clerk

Electric Pump	New Mixer Installed	10,633.02
Electric Pump	New Pump	10,836.00
Menards-Muscatine	Privacy Slats for salt storage yard	2,350.36
City of Buffalo	Utilities	551.87
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company	Tool/Fuse's/Wire	1,581.00
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company	Step & Tool for new truck	555.00
Electric Pump	Pump Seal Indicators	2,820.00
Martin & Whitacre Surveyors & Engineers	MS4 Permit	1,083.95
Martin & Whitacre Surveyors & Engineers	Enfield Franklin Hacker	2,389.25
Martin & Whitacre Surveyors & Engineers	GO Bond	2,623.59
Chemsearch	Boiler Cartridge Filter	354.95
QC Analytical	Water Tests	693.00
QC Analytical	Certified Operator	750.00
QC Analytical	Tests	257.00
QC Analytical	Water Tests	205.00
QC Analytical	Certified Operator	666.00
QC Analytical	Water Tests	234.00

Sinclair	trimmer service	73.70
Dept. of Inspections	boiler inspection	135.00
Menards - Muscatine	spray gun & suction tube	176.12
Menards - Muscatine	light bulbs	94.92
Menards - Muscatine	file set	94.92
Menards - Muscatine	parking lot paint	354.82
Menards - Muscatine	parking lot paint	190.79
Menards - Muscatine	supplies for parking lot	57.06
Menards - Muscatine	paint return	(206.53)
Menards -Davenport	supplies & paint for parking lot	200.80
IA Ill Termite	BAC pest control	89.00
Dittmer Tree Service	tree removal 207 4th St.	2,050.00
Electric Pump	w/e lift station	875.75
R.P. Lumber	1" gate vale for steam pipe	15.99
Waldinger	inspect non working AC	159.00
IA Rural Water	membership	365.00
Compass Minerals	salt	4,563.90
Plumb Supply	1/4" copper tube	107.78
T&R Electric	repair 25 KVA transformer	806.91
T&R Electric	new 37 KVA transformer	1,506.91
T&R Electric	new 25 KVA transformer	1,206.91
CertaSite	chlorine detector service	352.38
Itren	Emergency pole replacement	3,556.62
Meg's Cleaning	BAC cleaning	605.00
Verizon	phones/laptops	417.50
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Column Software	Special Council Meeting	23.26
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Itron	software maintenance	2,936.64
Quill	software maintenance	39.75
Hawkins	Chlorine bottle rent	70.00
Sinclair	throttle cable for lawn mower	110.00
Rock River Electric	replace chlorine sensor & monitor	455.00
Utility Equipment	new water service tap	518.51
Menards Dav	garage door rollers	4.99
TC Auto	2020 Interceptor oil change	56.38
R.P. Lumber	acetone, solvent	42.98
Quill	multifold towels, toilet paper	75.66
Alex Air Apparatus	ratchet knob	52.13
Alex Air Apparatus	fire boots	800.54
Alex Air Apparatus	coats, pants, gloves	7,197.36
Legacy Fire Apparatus	Oil change on tanker	850.28
Legacy Fire Apparatus	Oil change on Engine 1, airbrakes	1,312.08

Legacy Fire Apparatus	Oil change on Engine 2	1,433.01
RPGI	electricity	38,453.39
PS3 Enterprises	boat ramp toilet	93.50
PS3 Enterprises	park toilet	153.00
R.P. Lumber	O rings	13.48
Kayla Holcomb	deposit return	100.00
Alexandria Garcia	deposit return	100.00
Nancy Reimers	deposit return	100.00
Lauren Teel	deposit return	100.00
Harland Brandy	mileage	24.30
McCullough	attorney fees	975.00
IA Utility Board	direct assessment	138.00
Advanced	copier contract	62.07
Mid American	street light	38.61
Winsor	3phase refund	625.98
Humane Society	animal pickup	60.00
Humane Society	boarding fees	140.00
Scott County Sheriff	booking fees	25.00
TC Auto	2023 Tahoe oil change, brakes	551.43
TC Auto	2018 Tahoe new battery, fix flat	357.05
Hawkins	chlorine bottles	60.00
Wex	fuel	3,373.11
All American Concrete	final streetscape payment	10,533.35
Kirby	BAC salt	53.00
Kirby	FD salt	28.00
R.P. Lumber	gate valve for steam	15.99
Visa	metal pallets for transformers	1,928.67

General Fund \$31,923.91

Community Development \$10,533.35

Capital Improvement \$5,012.84

Water \$ 5,620.29

Sewer \$10,533.35

Electric \$51,020.45

Storm Water \$398.00

Total \$130,968.29