Minutes of the City Council Meeting called to order by Mayor Rodriguez on August 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Present council members Mary Moore, Sean Roman, Jesse Leonard, Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, and Trent Adams. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, Police Chief TJ Behning, Fire Chief Doug Anderson, Attorney William McCullough and City Clerk.

Motion by R. Teel-Vanderpool and seconded by T. Adams to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input –

A resident asked when it came to ordinance 594, Fire Chief Duties, that the ordinance be read.

Mayor Rodriguez had the following for public input:

The circus is in town Aug 12, 2026, with 2 shows.

There have been a few dog bites recently in town. Dog/cats should be registered with the city. There are currently only 15 dogs registered.

Thanked Cameron Cooley for donating the framed pictures of Buffalo property, that public works will hang in the council room.

Discussion & decision:

Electric issue on Jefferson St – J. Ferkel stated that there is an issue with some residents for electric issues, because the transformer has too many houses that it is trying to power. He is waiting for quote/plan from the company to present to council.

Street Improvements Updates – M. Janack provided updates to current street project. He stated that Jefferson is working to complete by Aug 18, 2026, depending on weather.

Pay Request #5 – T. Adams motioned, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool, to approve pay request #5. Motion carried unanimously.

Water and Sewer Billing Policies – T. Leonard discussed the difference between the billing processes for prorating for final bills when a resident moves out mid-cycle, as previous system prorated minimums. The current system does not, but it can if that is what the council decides. S. Roman motioned to prorate the final bill, seconded by M. Moore. Motion carried unanimously. Also, there is an unusual utility billing situation where a water service disconnection did not fully close, so limited water continued to pass, due to a broken curb stop. Motion by T. Adams, seconded by M. Moore, to waive the fees and send a notice to the resident to fix the curb stop. Motion carried unanimously.

Salt Purchase – Motion by T. Adams, seconded by S. Roman, to approve the salt purchase from Compass Minerals for $106.20 per ton. Motion carried unanimously.

Cleaning BAC – Discussed the different options to clean the BAC and the park bathrooms. Motion by T. Adams, seconded by J. Leonard, to put the cleaning requirements out for contract bid. Motion carried unanimously.

Globe Life Liberty National – T. Leonard stated that Globe Life Liberty National has some additional options for employees and wanted to know if the council would approve having the company come discuss the options with the employees. S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams, to approve the company to come discuss with the employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Variance Recommendation D. White – The variance committee approved the variance from D. White and unless the council had objections, then the approval from the variance committee is all that is needed. No action needed.

Tabled Items –

Sell Fire Truck – T. Adams motioned to take this item off tabled items, seconded by M. Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Anderson stated that he received a third bid for the firetruck for $5050, while the other two were for $5000. Chief Anderson stated that the third bid was from his oldest son. Motion by T. Adams, seconded by R. Teel- to accept the $5050 bid from the Chief's son.

Resolutions –

2026-22 Wage Increase Kinkennon – C. Kinkennon received his water treatment certification, and union contract states a .50 cent raise for certification. M. Moore motioned, seconded by T. Adams, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinances –

588 Solid Waste Rates 3rd reading – S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams, to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

589 Electric Rates 3rd reading – S. Roman motioned, seconded by R. Teel-Vanderpool to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

590 Water Rates 3rd reading – S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

591 Sewer Rates 3rd reading – S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

592 Recycle Rates 3rd reading – S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

593 SUDAS 2nd reading – S. Roman motioned, seconded by T. Adams to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

594 Fire Chief Duties 1st Reading – The ordinance was read out loud. Chief Anderson asked why he was not informed of the meeting and that it is a waste of time to go to the Fire Chief's meetings, as nothing in the meetings pertain to Buffalo. He stated that Buffalo has a different medical person that the rest of the fire departments, as it is it supervisor for Adam Sowell. It was discussed if the Mayor, Council or just the fire department currently has the approval for the appointment of the Fire Chief. Motion by T. Adams, seconded by S. Roman, to approve the first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Meetings –

Council Meeting – September 14, 6:00 PM.

Community Development – August 26, 5:00 PM.

Park Board – August 19, 6:00 PM.

Adjourn – Motion by M. Moore, seconded by T. Adams to adjourn at 7:01 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sally Rodriguez

Tanna Leonard

City Clerk Tanna Leonard

Claims

Fund 1 – General Fund

- ADVANCED Business Systems — copier contract — $13.20
- Altorfer Inc — skid steer repair visit #1, #2, #3 — $3,077.63
- Assured Partners — Insurance workers comp audit — $256.02
- Elan Financial Services — postage, chair, pop, safety vests, gaga mats, adobe — $1,376.06
- Flyakite Studios — city hall, gym, park camera; computer upgrades — $6,589.00
- IA IL Termite & Pest Control — pest control — $214.00
- J & J Access & Security — BAC door lock repair — $175.00
- John Deere Financial — uniform allowance, sprayer, nozzle, grease — $751.84
- Martin & Whitacre — engineering — $992.75
- McCullough, William — attorney fees — $6,056.58
- Mediacom — internet — $139.00
- Menards – Muscatine — soap, towels, water — $31.19

Mid American — utilities (various departments) — $402.11
PS3 Enterprises Inc — park toilet — $41.13
QUILL — mat for BAC hallway — $52.68
Rilco ENV, LLC DBA Enviromark — gloves — $328.00
Safe Building, LLC — July inspections — $150.00
Scott County Sheriff — booking fees — $75.00
TC Auto — 2023 Tahoe service — $177.16
Verizon — laptops and cellphones — $562.63
Vogel Traffic Services — pavement markings — $4,550.00
WEX Bank — fuel — $4,162.63

General Fund Total: $30,173.61

Fund 2 – Buffalo Days Fund

Illinois Casualty Company — liquor license — $461.00
PS3 Enterprises Inc — toilet rentals — $1,467.30
SiteOne — pest control — $42.70
Visa — pest control — $42.70

Buffalo Days Fund Total: $2,013.70

Fund 6 – Community Center Fund

A & A Air Cond & Refrig — ice machine rental — $105.00
City of Buffalo — utilities — $527.79
Elan Financial Services — postage, chair, pop, safety vests, gaga mats, adobe — $155.00
Mid American — BCC utilities — $198.00
Verizon — laptops and cellphones — $32.93

Community Center Fund Total: $1,018.72

Fund 147 – Community Development Fund

Menards – Davenport — flag light, solar light, edging — $277.26

Community Development Fund Total: $277.26

Fund 303 – 2024 Bond Proceeds Fund

CDMI Concrete — payment #3 — $89,994.48
Martin & Whitacre — construction engineering — $7,631.34

2024 Bond Proceeds Fund Total: $97,625.82

Fund 600 – Water Utility Fund

ADVANCED Business Systems — copier contract — $13.20
Assured Partners — workers comp audit — $42.67
Hawkeye Sewer & Water Construction — hydrant repair — $676.99
Hawkins Inc — chlorine bottles — $80.00
Mid American — utilities — $35.03
Tri-City Electric Company — well #1 control issue — $273.31
Van Meter — fuse reducers — $573.79
Van Wert Company — new water meters — $2,357.88

Water Utility Fund Total: $4,052.87

Fund 610 – Sewer Utility Fund

- ADVANCED Business Systems — copier contract — $13.20
- Assured Partners — workers comp audit — $42.67
- Certasite — lift station monitoring — $718.80
- Iowa One Call — locate notifications — $37.10
- Menards – Muscatine — soap, towels, water — $90.75
- Mid American — sewer utilities — $1,956.56

Sewer Utility Fund Total: $2,859.08

Fund 630 – Electric Utility Fund

- ADVANCED Business Systems — copier contract — $13.20
- Assured Partners — workers comp audit — $42.63
- Fletcher-Reinhardt Company — WR-189 connectors — $104.90
- IAMU — safety training membership — $643.00
- Resale Power Group of Iowa — electricity — $50,211.68

Electric Utility Fund Total: $51,015.41

Fund Totals Only

- General Fund: $30,173.61
- Buffalo Days Fund: $2,013.70
- Community Center Fund: $1,018.72
- Community Development Fund: $277.26
- 2024 Bond Proceeds Fund: $97,625.82
- Water Utility Fund: $4,052.87
- Sewer Utility Fund: $2,859.08
- Electric Utility Fund: $51,015.41

Total All Funds: $189,036.47