

**MINUTES
BUHL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BUHL CITY HALL**

Tuesday, January 21st, 2020

6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Klarich at 6:30 P.M.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Councilors Lehman, Milich, Kuechle and Mayor Klarich. Also, in attendance: Attorney Kearney, Police Chief Manner, Foreman Pink, John Mattonen-JPJ, & Clerk Pervenanze.

3. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**

A. Public Works: Foreman Pink reported that they have been busy with plowing & snow removal. The sidewalks on most streets will no longer be plowed due to the amount of snow. Foreman Pink also stated that the sander had broken down and they are in the process of fixing. Additionally, Foreman Pink acknowledged all of the requests from residents regarding the snow. The public works crew will help when they can, but residents are urged to be pro-active regarding the snow.

B. Fire Ambulance: No Report.

C. Engineering: Agenda Items.

D. Attorney: Agenda Items.

E. Long Range Planning and Zoning: Meeting will be held in the coming weeks.

F. Recreation Board: Looking for members.

G. Library Board: Minutes posted at City Hall.

H. BEDA: Meets the end of January.

I. Law Enforcement: Chief Manner gave an overview of the law enforcement agreement and Chisholm Police Department. Currently the Chisholm PD has 13 officers including an investigator and chief. Four more officers are in the process of being hired as well. Chief Manner addressed calendar parking, and stated the goal is to have residents in compliance and be fair & consistent. Chief Manner also expressed his department's goal to develop a relationship with Buhl residents and provide a high quality of service to

Buhl. Chief Manner welcomed comments and concerns regarding law enforcement services in Buhl.

J. Clerk: Clerk Pervenanze stated that early voting for the March 3rd Presidential Primary has started. The City could use a few more election judges. The City is also continuing to explore options regarding a sidewalk to Short Stop. The Clerk mentioned that there may be some grant options through the IRRR. Clerk Pervenanze also stated that the skating rink should be up and running in the coming days.

K. CIRSSD: Meets in March.

4. COUNCIL ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: 7E Library Board appointment. Motion by Kuechle to approve the agenda with changes. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CITIZENS' FORUM:

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Minutes:

i. Regular Meeting January 7th, 2020

B. Claims:

i. Payroll #2	\$ 11,414.51
ii. A/P	\$ 89,795.56
Total	\$ 100,305.59

Motion by Lehman to approve the above consent agenda. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.

7. BUSINESS:

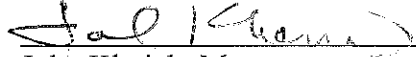
A. Resolution 20-11. (Election Grant) Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze stated that the City's current ballot counting machine will be incompatible with voting software after the 2020 election. The cost of a new machine will be \$5,260 with a grant covering half of the \$5,260. Motion by Kuechle to approve resolution 20-11. Supported by Klarich. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. RAMS Dues. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Mayor Klarich stated that he believes RAMS is a great advocate for the City & surrounding communities. Councilor Lehman stated that as the City's RAMS representative he is impressed by RAMS Executive Director Steve Giorgi and the time & effort he puts into the organization on behalf of the region. Motion by Milich to approve 2020 RAMS dues in the amount of \$700. Supported by Lehman. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Transfer of Funds. (Retiree Benefits). Discussion. Approve/Reject. Mayor Klarich stated that per the union contract the City must annually contribute \$4,000 from the General Fund and \$3,000 from each enterprise fund to the post retirement Internal Service Fund for retirement health care insurance premiums. Motion by Lehman to transfer \$4,000 from the General Fund and \$3,000 each from the Water, Refuse, and Electric Funds to the Internal Service Fund savings account. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. JPJ Bid Authorization. Discussion. Approve/Reject. John Mattonen from JPJ engineering updated the Council on the progress for the infrastructure. Bidding will take place in February with the project starting this summer. Motion by Lehman to approve the right of way map & certificate. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Kuechle to authorize JPJ to prepare the bidding package contingent upon final approval from the USDA. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Library Board Appointment. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Lehman to appoint Anita Vieu to the Library Board. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Reports/Other Business:

- Councilor Lehman stated that he has a RAMS meeting coming up with Commissioner Jugovich addressing the Board.
- Councilor Milich stated that the City is continuing to gather information regarding the water & use of frequency drives. Area mines use this process for water distribution and moving to this type of system would substantially lower costs for water distribution.
- Mayor Klarich stated that the City is continuing to work with the IRRR & others for the school. The City will also look into grant opportunities for a sidewalk to Short Stop and continue to coordinate efforts with the County. Mayor thank Councilor Milich for his efforts regarding the water and thanked Chief Manner for addressing the public and Council.

8. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Kuechle to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Lehman. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.



John Klarich, Mayor



Ryan Pervenanze, Clerk-Treasurer