

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

Tuesday, January 7th, 2020

6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Klarich at 6:00 P.M.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Councilors Lehman, Milich, Kuechle and Mayor Klarich. Also, in attendance: Gary Ross and Clerk Pervenanze.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was recited.
4. **REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS**
 - A. **Public Works:** No Report.
 - B. **Fire Ambulance:** Annual meeting was held.
 - C. **Engineering:** No Report.
 - D. **Attorney:** No Report.
 - E. **Long Range Planning and Zoning:** No Report.
 - 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 will attend the January 21st meeting.
 - J. **Clerk:** Clerk Pervenanze stated that CDBG presentations will take place in the next couple of weeks. The City is requesting funds for City Hall improvements. The City is still looking for rink attendants. The public works employees are cleaning off the rink & flooding as time permits.
 - K. **CIRSSD:** Meets on January 15th.

5. **COUNCIL ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** None.

6. **CITIZENS' FORUM:**

7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Minutes:

i. Regular Meeting December 17th, 2019

B. Claims:

i. Payroll #26	\$ 11,966.13
ii. PR December 2019	\$ 2,700.00
iii. PR Fire Meeting	\$ 1,730.00
iv. PR 12.01 Fire	\$ 50.00
v. PR 1 2020	\$ 11,442.08
vi. PR 1.01 2020	\$ 815.55
vii. A/P	\$ <u>89,795.56</u>
Total	\$ 118,499.32

Clerk Pervenaze clarified that PR 1.01 was for Lyle Pederson's HSA contribution per the union contract. Motion by Lehman to approve the above consent agenda. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **BUSINESS:**

A. Resolution 20-01. (Mayor Pro-Tem) Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Milich to approve resolution 20-01 appointing Councilor Lehman as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2020. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resolution 20-02. (Official Newspaper) Approve/Reject. Motion by Klarich to approve resolution 20-02, naming the Hometown Focus as the official newspaper for the City. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Resolution 20-03. (Designating Depositories) Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Lehman to approve resolution 20-03, designating the First National Bank of Buhl, Municipal Investors Corp (4M Fund), and BNY Clearing Service through Northland Securities as the depositories for the City & accepting assignment collateral. Supported Milich. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Resolution 20-04. (Certificated of Indebtedness) Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Kuechle to approve resolution 20-04, authorizing the Mayor & Clerk to sign certificates of indebtedness on behalf of the City. Supported by Lehman. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Resolution 20-05. (Weed Inspector) Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Milich to approve resolution 20-05, naming Mayor Klarich & Councilor Markas as the weed inspectors for the City. Supported by Lehman. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Resolution 20-06. (Elm Tree Board). Discussion. Approve/Reject. Mayor Klarich stated that the Elm Tree Board is a cooperative that shares equipment throughout the area. Motion by Klarich to approve resolution, 20-06, appointing Foreman Pink to the Elm Tree Board. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Resolution 20-07. (City Attorney). Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Lehman to approve resolution 20-07, naming Mike Kearney as the City Attorney. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Resolution 20-08. (Disbursement of Public Funds). Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Kuechle to approve resolution 20-08, authorizing the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, and Clerk to sign disbursements of public funds on behalf of the City, and authorizing the Deputy Clerk to sign disbursements in the utility account only. Supported by Lehman. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. Resolution 20-09. (City Engineer). Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Klarich to approve resolution 20-09, appointing John Jamnick & JPJ Engineering as the City Engineer. Supported by Lehman. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Resolution 20-10. (Polling Place) Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Kuechle to approve resolution 20-10, establishing the Sr. Center as the polling place for the City of Buhl. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously.
- K. 2020 Council Schedule. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pevenanze stated that due to the elections numerous changes needed to be made to the Council Schedule. Motion by Lehman to approve the 2020 Council schedule. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously. Schedules are posted around town.

- L. JPJ Invoice #3 CIP. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Mayor Klarich stated that this invoice is for engineering services as part of the CIP. Motion by Lehman to approve JPJ invoice #3 in the amount of \$30,383.47. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously.
- M. Library Board Appointments. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Mayor Klarich stated that preference for City Boards will be given to Buhl residents. Motion by Lehman to appoint Carol Pastore to the Library Board. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.
- N. BEDA Appointments. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Klarich to appoint Councilors Markas & Kuechle to BEDA. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously.
- O. Election Judge Appointments. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Lehman to appoint Kathy Anderson, Sharon Marks, Sherrie Henson, Cheryl Kivi, Carol Pastore, Dean Johnson, Jeff Jarrett, Dianna Thronson, and Ryan Pervenanze as election judges. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.
- P. Absentee Ballot Board Appointments. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Kuechle to appoint Dianna Thronson & Ryan Pervenanze to the absentee ballot board for the City. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Reports/Other Business:

- Councilor Lehman stated that the annual RAMS dinner was on December 19th. Governor Walz was the guest speaker along with local legislators.
- Councilor Milich stated that he attended a meeting with other City staff regarding the water tower. The City will be taking a hard look at what is going to be the most cost-effective method for water tower upgrades.
- Councilor Kuechle wants the public to be aware of snowbanks and kids playing in or around them.
- Mayor Klarich commended Councilors Milich & Markas for their work regarding the water tower. More information will be available throughout the year. Mayor Klarich reminded residents that garbage service in the City will remain unchanged. The recycling bins are located behind the bus garage. The City is also moving forward with their infrastructure project. Bids are expected to go out in February with the project starting later this year. Mayor Klarich also addressed the school and rumors that were started on Facebook. The City has not had any discussions about the County using the school for refugees. Those who started these rumors should be ignored. Regarding the

school, Mayor Klarich stated that the City is actively working with local legislators, Commissioners, and Gary Cerkvnik to bring a group in to utilize the school. Mayor Klarich also commented that the City was able to reduce the 2020 levy to a 4% increase compared to the 26% preliminary levy. The City will also be taking a hard look at all our assets including the Boy Scout Camp on Leander. Lastly, the Chisholm PD began patrolling Buhl on January 1st. Calendar parking will be enforced, and blight will be a priority this spring.

9. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Kuechle to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Lehman. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 P.M.



John Klarich, Mayor



Ryan Pervenanze, Clerk-Treasurer