

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

Tuesday, May 19th, 2020

6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Klarich at 6:30 P.M.
  
2. **ROLL CALL:** Councilors Lehman, Markas, Kuechle, Milich and Mayor Klarich. Also, in attendance: Attorney Kearney & Clerk Pervenanze.
  
3. **COUNCIL ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Stubler Lot. Motion by Lehman to add Stubler Lot as an additional agenda item. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.
  
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Minutes:

- i. Regular Meeting May 5th, 2020.

B. Claims:

i. Payroll #10	\$ 11,940.65
ii. A/P	\$ <u>83,527.31</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 95,467.96</b>

Councilor Kuechle requested clarification on the Praxair invoice. Clerk Pervenanze will report back at the next meeting. Motion by Kuechle to approve the above consent agenda. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **BUSINESS:**

- A. Covid-19 Preparedness/Reopening Plan. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze outlined the City's plans for re-opening and compliance issues relating to Covid-19 and the Governor's executive orders. Motion by Klarich to approve the City of Buhl's preparedness and reopening plans. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Resolution 20-19 Library Donation. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Lehman so approve resolution 20-19 accepting a donation of \$1,113 from the Arrowhead Library System. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Fire Department Engine 2. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Fire Chief McDowell requested authorization from the Council relating to the City's oldest fire engine. Motion by Lehman to authorize the Fire Dept. to store Engine 2 at the bus garage and authorize the solicitation of bids to sell the truck. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Summer Street Hires. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Kuechle to hire Christian Labarge, Maggie Kayfes, Natalie Mickelson, Abby White, and Alexander Benkusky as summer street hires. Supported by Markas. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Recycling Bins. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze stated that increasing the frequency of dumping the recycling bins will cost the City an additional \$350 per month and increase refuse utility rates roughly \$.75 per month. Motion by Markas to approve the increased recycling pickup in the amount of \$350 per month and subsequent refuse utility rate increase. Supported by Lehman. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. CIP Update/JPJ Invoice #6. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze stated that the City received authorization to go out for bids from the USDA. He thanked Congressman Stauber & his staff for expediting the approval. The tentative schedule would be to advertise for bids from May 25 until June 12<sup>th</sup> and award the project at the June 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Council Milich questioned what the reason for roughly \$2500 in additional charges on JPJ invoice #6 was. The Clerk will get clarification from the engineer before that portion of the invoice is paid. Motion by Markas to approve JPJ invoice #6 in the amount of \$11,250. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Water Tower. Discussion. Approve/Reject. The City is exploring options regarding the water tower. Options includes standard exterior & interior repair, ground storage tanks, frequency drives, among others. Councilor Milich & Markas are currently gathering information to bring back to the Council. The Clerk is also consulting with Minnesota Rural Water. Motion by Klarich to continue to investigate options for the water tower. Supported by Lehman. Motion carried unanimously.

- H. Stubler Lot. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze stated that the majority of the Stubler Lot that he purchased was unbuildable. Since the completion of the development the City had allowed contractors to fill in portions of that lot which never settled and was not clean fill. The request is to sell an additional 50 ft. Motion by Kuechle to sell the South ½ of lot 2 block 3 to Ryan Pervenanze. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. Leander Property (Closed Session). Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Klarich to close the open meeting. Supported by Markas. Motion carried unanimously and the Council went into closed session to discuss the appraisal report for the Leander property. Motion by Markas to open the open meeting. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously. No action taken.
- J. Buhl School (Closed Session). Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Kuechle to close the open meeting. Supported by Lehman. Motion carried unanimously and the Council went into closed session to discuss an offer for the Buhl school. Motion by Lehman to open the open meeting. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously. No action taken.

**Council Reports/Other Business:**

- Councilor Lehman stated that RAMS had a meeting over Zoom.
  - Councilor Kuechle inquired about the status of the City Hall roof. Clerk Pervenanze stated that Range Cornice has been here, and we are waiting to hear back.
  - Councilor Markas mentioned that signs will be going up shortly.
  - Mayor Klarich stated that the City will be monitoring the recycling & compost areas. Also, the cameras placed around town are a tool to address major crimes and not traffic violations. Access is extremely limited and proper channels would need to be followed.
6. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Lehman to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Milich. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

  
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John Klarich, Mayor

  
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Ryan Pervenanze, Clerk-Treasurer-Admin.