

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

Tuesday, April 6th, 2021.

6:30 p.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** By Mayor Klarich at 6:30 P.M.

- 2. ROLL CALL:** Councilors Lehman, Carter, Markas and Mayor Klarich. Also, in attendance: Foreman Pink, Assistant Chief Erickson, & Clerk Pervenanze.

- 3. COUNCIL ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Motion by Lehman to add ordinance 21-02 to the agenda and move Item J Trailer Park Agreement up to item A. Supported by Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Minutes:

- i. Regular Meeting March 16th, 2021.
- ii. Special Council Meeting March 22nd, 2021.

B. Claims:

i. Payroll #7	\$ 12,786.56
ii. PR March	\$ 2,800.00
iii. A/P	\$ <u>44,936.66</u>
Total	\$ 60,523.22

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

5. BUSINESS:

- A. City/Trailer Park Agreement. Discussion. Approve/Reject. The Council discussed with Tom & Cassie Gibson the need for an agreement between the City and the owners of the Trailer Park. Items to be addressed include ownership, maintenance, access, connections, and billing. The Council commended the Gibson's on their upkeep of the trailer park. Motion by Klarich to direct the Clerk and City Attorney to work with the Gibson's to draft an agreement between the two parties to bring back to Council. Supported by Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Woodbridge/Whiteside Sidewalks. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze stated that letters were mailed to all property owners that outlined the cost difference between having sidewalks on one side or all sides of Woodbridge & Whiteside. Estimated additional costs were as follows: 25 ft lot \$190.50, 50 ft \$381, 75 ft lot \$571.50, and 100 ft lot \$762. The assessment hearing for this project will be held on April 20th at 6:00 P.M. at the Senior Center. This was an informational item.

- C. April 20th Council Meeting Change. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Lehman to hold the regular Council meeting on April 20th at the Sr. Center following the assessment hearing for the Woodbridge/Whiteside project. Supported by Markas. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Resolution 21-24 (Stubler). Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Markas to approve resolution 21-24 authorizing the sale of lot 3 and the north half of lot 4 to Carmen Seppa. Supported by Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Resolution 21-25 (Stubler). Approve/Reject. Motion by Lehman to approve resolution 21-25, authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents for the sale of the Stubler lot. Supported by Markas. Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Spring Cleanup Dates. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Carter to approve June 7th through June 10th as the spring cleanup dates for the City. Supported by Carter. Motion carried unanimously. Information will be posted around town and will be published in an upcoming newsletter.

- G. Grader Purchase. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze stated that the City received an updated quote that would apply 100% of our rental costs (\$27,500) towards the purchase of the grader the City is currently renting. Councilor Lehman questioned the City spending that amount of money on a

grader. Motion by Klarich to approve the purchase of the grader through McCoy equipment at a cost of \$167,480 and the subsequent financing through the First National Bank of Buhl. Supported by Markas. Lehman opposed. Motion carried.

- H. NEMMPA Dues/Membership. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze stated that the NEMMPA is a group of municipalities who purchase wholesale power from MN Power. The group is requesting dues to offset consultant costs for upcoming contract negotiations with MN Power. The goal of the group is to negotiate the best deal for the residents. Motion by Cater to approve the NEMMPA dues in the amount of \$1,000. Supported by Klarich. Motion carried unanimously.
- I. Confidentiality Agreement-MN Power. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze stated that the City is being asked to sign a confidentiality agreement with MN Power for upcoming negotiations. Councilor Markas stated that he had reached out to former Grand Rapids PUC General Manager Tony Ward and that Mr. Ward would be willing to provide assistance for the City. Motion by Klarich to approve the confidentiality agreement pending review by the proper consultants. Supported by Carter. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Lehman to direct the Clerk and Councilor Markas to discuss the possibility of Tony Ward representing the City of Buhl in negotiations. Supported by Markas. Motion carried unanimously.
- J. Recycling Bin Locations. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze stated the due to the sale of the school that City needs to begin the process of moving the bins and securing them. The two preferred options are down by the brush pile/old sewer plant or an area off of CR 125 by the water tower. Motion by Lehman to move the bins by the brush pile/old sewer plant. Supported by Carter. Motion carried unanimously. Fencing and security cameras options are being explored.
- K. Ordinance 21-02. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze stated that after consulting the Attorney and the Buhl/Chisholm PD they recommended adding language to an existing ordinance that states; It is unlawful for any person to stop, park on or leave standing any vehicle upon any street for a continuous period in excess of 24 hours. This new language will address issues of inoperable vehicles being left on City streets/alleys. Motion by Carter to approve ordinance 21-02. Supported by Lehman. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor's Comments:

- Councilor Lehman urged residents to do their part in being a good neighbor and respectful to others in the community.
- Councilor Carter would like to organize a group to clean up the junk that is left in the surrounding wooded areas of Buhl.

Mayor's Comments:

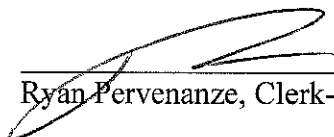
- Mayor Klarich stated that there was vandalism at the disc golf course. He urged those to contact the appropriate authorities when this is discovered.

Mayor's Comments

6. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Lehman to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Carter. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.



John Klarich, Mayor



Ryan Pervenanze, Clerk-Treasurer