

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

Tuesday, May 4th, 2021.

6:30 p.m.

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

2. **ROLL CALL:** Councilors Lehman, Carter, Markas, Kuechle, and Mayor Klarich. Also, in attendance: Foreman Pink, Engineer Jamnick, Asst. Chief Erickson, Chief McDowell, & Clerk Pervenanze.

3. **COUNCIL ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Motion by Lehman to add Library Board appointment to the agenda and eliminate Mayor's comments. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Minutes:

- i. Regular Meeting April 20th, 2021
- ii. Public Hearing April 20th, 2021

B. Claims:

i. Payroll #9	\$ 13,361.19
ii. PR April	\$ 2,350.00
iii. A/P	\$ <u>23,556.23</u>
Total	\$ 39,267.42

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

5. **BUSINESS:**

- A. Library Board Appointment. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Kuechle to appoint Linda Keller to the Library Board. Supported by Carter. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. CIP Update. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Engineer Jannick outlined the tentative schedule for the city-wide project. The City will be notifying residents on multiple platforms with updates. Clerk Pervenanze stated that the City has informed our Engineer, Buhl/Chisholm PD, and Casper Construction of complaints from residents regarding safety issues related to construction.

Area	Start:	End:
Hanna Location	5/11/21	6/3/21
Alley East of Mine St.	5/13/21	6/2/21
Alley East of State. St	5/24/21	6/17/21
Alley East of Forest St.	5/31/21	6/7/21
Alley East of Frantz St.	6/4/21	7/2/21
Mine St.	5/11/21	6/15/21
Culver Ave.	5/21/21	6/24/21
Jones Ave.	5/17/21	6/15/21
Mercer Ave. State to Mine St.	5/11/21	6/15/21
Mercer Ave. East of State St.	5/21/21	6/17/21
State St.	5/24/21	6/15/21
Pennsylvania Ave.	5/20/21	6/15/21

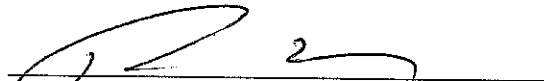
- C. Change Order #3 (Pennsylvania Storm Sewer) Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze stated that this change order involves a cooperative agreement between the City and St. Louis County for storm sewer replacement along Pennsylvania Ave. A cooperative agreement between the two entities will be coming before the Council in the near future. Motion by Lehman to approve Change Order #3. Supported by Klarich. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Pay Application #4 Whiteside Ave. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Clerk Pervenanze stated that this pay application dates back to 2017. The City was waiting on certified payroll reports from Tony's Construction to approve the pay application. The City finally received these reports. Motion by Lehman to approve pay application #4 in the amount of \$6,762.97. Supported by Carter. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Preliminary Engineering Report (Water Tower). Discussion. Approve/Reject. Engineer Jamnick outlined the PER for water tower. The report highlighted options and subsequent costs for addressing the deteriorating condition of the water tower. Options include a complete rebuild, refurbishing the existing tank, or converting to a ground storage/booster system. The least cost-effective option would be refurbishing the existing tank. Mayor Klarich stated that no final decisions have been made and the City is positioning itself to secure funding for the project. Motion by Carter to direct the Clerk to continue working with the Engineer & City consultants including placing this project on the MN project priority list and any other relevant steps that need to be taken to secure funding for the project. Supported by Kuechle. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Firehall Expansion. Discussion. Approve/Reject. Chief McDowell & Assistant Chief Erickson stated that the new firetruck arrived last week. Training with the fire department will be ongoing with new equipment. With the new truck space in the new firehall is at a premium. The hall was designed for expansion. Cost estimates for the approximately 1,500 sq ft expansion is \$243,000. The additional space would allow the department to adequately train volunteers, provide a shelter for the community in the event of an emergency, and provide room for new equipment. Grants are being explored and federal funding related to Covid is expected to be available for this type of project. Motion by Kuechle to approve the professional design services proposal from Architectural Resources Inc. for the firehall expansion. Supported by Markas. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Transfer of Funds (Grader). Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Kuechle to transfer \$75,000 from fund #401 Capital to Fund #101 General Fund for the down payment on the new grader. Supported by Carter. Motion carried unanimously.
- H. Transfer of Funds (Firetruck). Discussion. Approve/Reject. Motion by Carter to transfer \$200,000 from Fund #233 Ambulance to Fund #101 General Fund for the down payment on the new firetruck. Supported by Markas. Motion carried unanimously.
- Councilor Lehman stated RAMS Executive Director Steve Giorgi has submitted his resignation. He has done a fantastic job for the organization and there will be big shoes to fill.
 - Councilor Carter asked how often the City is appraised by the assessor. Clerk Pervenanze stated that this usually occurs every 2-4 years. Buhl was re-appraised this year. Councilor

Cater also inquired about the who handles the administration of building permits. Clerk Pervenanze stated that City staff handles the permit process and the inspections/review go through the building inspector. Building permits are required in the City and failure to obtain one will result in a \$100 fine in addition to the permit fee.

- Councilor Markas stated that Trent and he talked with Casper about constructing the sliding hill. They will continue to keep the Council updated. Clerk Pervenanze will investigate any liability concerns with this.

6. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Kuechle to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Carter. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.


Ryan Pervenanze, Clerk-Treasurer


John Klarich, Mayor