

MINUTES
BUHL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BUHL CITY HALL
03/21/2023

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Carter at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Councilors Hadrava, Loeffler, Towner; Mayor Carter; Foreman Trent Pink; Attorney Mike Kearney; Administrator Jeffries.

Absent: Councilor Kealy

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/COUNCIL ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion by Towner to approve the agenda.
Supported by Loeffler.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Foreman Pink:

Attended Minnesota Rural Water Association (MRWA) Annual Technical Conference in St. Cloud; City of Buhl won the "Best Tasting Water in Minnesota" award; this water will now represent Minnesota in the national contest to be held in Washington DC in February 2024. Article on Buhl and its water history will be published in MRWA magazine soon; Buhl has never won this award before.

Streetlights on Jones Avenue – there is an underground wire fault creating the issue we have been experiencing; we need to wait until the spring thaw until repair can be completed.

Lyle Peterson is now back at work – the crew is back at full force.

Administrator Jeffries:

Related that the mayor was distributing Buhl water in the MN State Legislature when he learned that the water award has been won, and utilized the good timing to the City's benefit!

Extended congratulations to the MI-B High School girls' basketball team for their recent State Championship!

5. CITIZENS FORUM:

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes:

- i. Regular City Council Meeting – March 7, 2023 - Approved

B. Claims:

i. Payroll #5	\$ 13,026.70
ii. A/P	\$ <u>82,452.34</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>95,479.04</u>

Amend A/P by \$7,407.41; Total amended A/P \$89,859.75; Total amended total \$102,886.45

Motion by Hadrava to approve the consent agenda as amended. Supported by Towner.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution 23-17 Authorizing the City to Receive Funds from Northeast Service Cooperative for a Wellness Grant in the amount of \$300.00.

Motion by Hadrava to adopt City of Buhl Resolution 23-17 and to expend said proceeds in conformance with NESC suggested activities. Supported by Loeffler.

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

This is an annual amount awarded by NESC, which Buhl has received in the past. Resolution 23-17 read in its entirety.

Roll call vote: Councilors: Kealy – Absent; Loeffler – Aye; Hadrava – Aye; Towner – Aye; Mayor: Carter – Aye.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Recommendation to amend the 2023 Buhl Council Meeting Schedule to add a regular City Council Meeting following the currently scheduled Working Session on April 4, 2023 and August 1, 2023.

Motion by Loeffler to amend the 2023 Buhl Council Meeting Schedule to add a regular City Council Meeting following the currently scheduled Working Session on April 4, 2023 and August 1, 2023.

Supported by Towner.

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

Administrator explained that City Council meetings should be reserved for decisions, business, and actions rather than extended discussion. Working sessions will not have actions taken.

Working sessions set at 4:30 p.m.; City Council meetings will be at 6:30 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Mayoral Proclamation designating April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Motion by Hadrava to adopt the Sexual Assault Program of NSLC Mayors' Proclamation recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Supported by Loeffler.

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

Lots of information is contained in the packet; public referred to NSLC website to get information on these programs, at www.stopsexualviolence.org, or to call on telephone, at 218-780-7227. Also – Crisis Call number 218-749-4725.

It is a hard topic, and it happens more often than it should, that's for sure.

Councilor Loeffler works hand-in-hand with this organization.

Mayoral Proclamation read in its entirety.

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Notice of Advertisement for 2023 Summer Beach Attendants – Authorization for Staff to Publicly Post and Publish.

Motion by Hadrava to authorize staff to publicly post and publish a Notice of Advertisement for 2023 Summer Beach Attendants positions.

Supported by Towner.

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

It has been around 4 years since this was staffed; Foreman Pink indicated that vandalism is a problem (especially when not attended). Miscellaneous discussion of the fishing docks in the city.

Discussion regarding working alone or in pairs - suggested preference is in pairs if under 18 years of age.

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Notice of Advertisement for 2023 Public Works Department Summer Street Labor - Authorization for Staff to Publicly Post and Publish.

Motion by Hadrava to authorize staff to publicly post and publish a Notice of Advertisement for 2023 Public Works Department Summer Street Labor positions. Supported by Towner.

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

There already is interest in these positions.

Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Request to hold a concert at the old band shell for a First Lutheran Church fundraiser.

Motion by Towner to permit Sheila LaBarge to hold a concert benefitting the First Lutheran Church at the old band shell on July 14, 2023, at no cost, contingent upon obtaining and maintaining in effect a Release/Waiver of Liability. Supported by Hadrava.

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

Sheila LaBarge was in attendance and addressed the City Council; Power is needed for sound and food preparation equipment – this should not be an issue.

Performances will be on the ground level; speakers higher on the stage level.

Benches (and/or chairs) may be needed; City will attempt to provide.

Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Appointment of Sheila LaBarge to the City of Buhl Recreation Board.

Motion by Loeffler to confirm the appointment of Sheila LaBarge to the City of Buhl Recreation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2025, effective upon passage. Supported by Towner.

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

Thanks extended to Sheila LaBarge. With this appointment, the Recreation Board will be full. The Mayor thanked everybody for their contributions.

Motion carried unanimously.

- H. Appointment of Frank Fabish to the City of Buhl Long Range Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion by Towner to confirm the appointment of Frank Fabish to the City of Buhl Long-Range Planning and Zoning Commission for a term expiring December 31, 2025, effective upon passage.

Supported by Loeffler.

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

Thanks extended to Frank Fabish. With this appointment, the Long-Range Planning and Zoning Commission Board will be full – in fact, EVERY City board and commission is full. The Mayor thanked everybody for their contributions.

Motion carried unanimously.

- I. City of Buhl Water Infrastructure Improvements project: General Community Project Status Update.

Informational.

Administrator Jeffries indicated a submittal to US Congressman Pete Stauber's office had been accepted and is now being offered for inclusion in a federal appropriations bill. Similar requests were submitted to US Senators' Smith and Klobuchar offices.

Jeffries thanked the business community for their backing of the community and this project through offering Letter(s) of Support.

The Administrator also summarized the major points of the request(s). Additionally, he suggested rethinking the potential make-up of the parcels on the South Industrial Park, and that consideration of another residential development may be appropriate.

Jeffries also offered comments on how the bonding process may play out in any given legislative session year.

Motion carried unanimously.

- J. Comprehensive Plan Update Project Proposed Payment Schedule Status.

Informational.

Administrator Jeffries distributed a condensed summary of the content of the current comprehensive plan, as well as the plan itself. He additionally presented a summary of the contents of the current plan.

Jeffries also indicated that ARDC (the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission) indicated they would be amenable to a payment schedule with partial payments at the beginning, middle, and end of the process.

K. League of MN Cities Loss Control workshop additional information.

Informational.

Additional information was distributed to City Council members regarding the League of MN Cities Loss Control workshop content.

L. Councilor's Comments.

Councilor Hadrava – thanks to everybody, and especially Denise Kealy, for their efforts with the very successful 2023 Blarney Bonspiel!

Councilor Loeffler – congratulations to the MI-B girls' basketball team on their first ever State Championship! Congratulations to the bonspiel! Also thanks to all board volunteers!

M. Mayor's Comments.

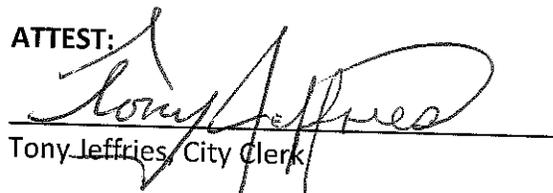
Congratulations extended to the MI-B High School girls' basketball team on their Class A State Championship! To the MI-B football team also!

8. ADJOURN:

Motion by Hadrava to adjourn. Supported by Loeffler. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Brandin Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tony Jeffries, City Clerk