

MINUTES
BUHL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
BUHL CITY HALL
04/04/2023

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

6:30 P.M.

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

2. ROLL CALL:

Councilors Hadrava, Kealy, Loeffler, Towner; Mayor Carter; Foreman Trent Pink;
Administrator Jeffries.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/COUNCIL ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

ADD Item 7.F: Acceptance of and Approval to Participate in the Department of Public Transformation's Activate Rural 2023-2025 Learning Lab for Cultivating Welcoming and Creative Places.

Motion by Kealy to approve the agenda as amended.
Supported by Loeffler.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

None.

5. CITIZENS FORUM:

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes:

i. Regular City Council Meeting – March 21, 2023 - Approved

B. Claims:

i. Payroll #3	\$ 2,350.00
Payroll #6	\$ 12,958.67
ii. Adjustment to A/P	\$ <7,407.41>
iii. A/P	\$ <u>33,790.22</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>41,691.48</u>

**Motion by Towner to approve the consent agenda.
Supported by Kealy.**

Motion carried unanimously.

7. BUSINESS:

A. Transfer of City Funds for Retiree Benefits.

Motion by Towner to approve transferring \$6,000 from the General Fund and \$4,500 from each of the Water, Refuse, and Electric Funds to the Internal Service Fund savings account.

Supported by Hadrava.

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

This is an annual amount for funding retirement benefits of former City employees; the total amount for 2023 is \$19,500.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approve Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training and Certification for City Staff.

**Motion by Kealy to approve CPR training and certification for three (3) City Public Works employees and two (2) City administrative employees for \$100 per participant.
Supported by Loeffler.**

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

Administrator noted that the cost to train and certify City staff has been reduced to \$75 each.

Amended motion by Kealy to approve CPR training and certification for three (3) City Public Works employees and two (2) City administrative employees for \$75 per participant.

Supported by Loeffler.

Training only, with no certification, will be \$25. Time limit is 2 years for certification.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Recommendation to Review and Consider Proposals for Portable Toilet Services for 2023.

Motion by Loeffler to approve the proposal of Jeff's Restroom Rentals for portable toilet services for 2023 in the amount of \$1,839.50.

Supported by Towner.

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

Boat Landing site recommended to be handicapped accessible rather than standard; discussion about vandalism issues at the beach being a concern;

Discussion to add \$35 to the pricing to reflect a handicapped accessible unit at the Boat Landing.

Amended motion by Loeffler to approve the proposal of Jeff's Restroom Rentals for portable toilet services for 2023 in the amount of \$1,874.50.

Supported by Towner.

Discussion regarding working cameras at the beach; the presence of beach attendants, and coming up with deterrents to vandalism.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approve Contract to Provide and Allocation of City Funds for All-Class Reunion Fireworks Display.

Motion by Towner to approve the agreement with J&M Displays to furnish all necessary fireworks display materials and personnel for a professional fireworks display in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Supported by Kealy.

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

The All-Class Reunion Committee will be reimbursing the City for these costs; the original motion will be amended to reflect this.

Amended motion by Towner to approve the agreement with J&M Displays to furnish all necessary fireworks display materials and personnel for a professional fireworks display in the amount of \$6,000.00; said amount to be reimbursed to the City by the All-Class Reunion committee.

Supported by Kealy.

Discussion regarding the City entering into this agreement in order to carry the insurance on this fireworks display.

Display will be in the same spot as last year.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Update on Status of Minnesota State 2023 Bonding Bill.

Informational only.

Administrator informed that the bill failed in the Mn Senate on March 16, 2023, and is currently stalled. Estimate is that it will be at least until late May until any further movement is expected to occur with this bill.

- F. Acceptance of and Approval to Participate in the Department of Public Transformation's Activate Rural 2023-2025 Learning Lab for Cultivating Welcoming and Creative Places.

Motion by Towner to acknowledge the Department of Public Transformation's selection of the City of Buhl to participate in its Activate Rural 2023-2025 Learning Lab for Cultivating Welcoming and Creative Places, to thank them for this opportunity, and to confirm the City's desire to participate in this initiative.

Supported by Kealy.

Discussion. Approve/Reject.

Councilor Loeffler will be the project lead; looking for participants to be a part of the core team. Now looking at the Library to be the central facility, and to gear toward a youth program.

The award amount is \$25,000.

Core team members will go to Granite Falls, MN on May 18 & 19.

Notice will be posted for soliciting team members.

Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Councilor's Comments.

Councilor Towner – Easter egg hunt was fantastic; 98 bags of candy handed out; 65-70 youth were there; the Knights of Columbus got the rest of the candy for their Ham Bingo. We (the Recreation Board) will do a spring clean-up (perhaps do it on Earth Day?), and the Boy Scouts will help, and they will earn a (merit?) badge for doing so. Looking forward to more movie nights in the good weather, also.

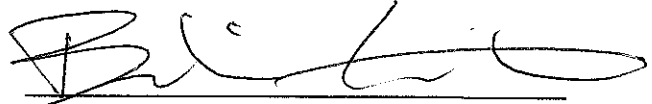
Councilor Kealy – Curling is done for the year; preparations underway for All-Class Reunion (June 29-July 1); actively looking for parade participants; Recreation Board is helping a lot with these preparations. Float registrations are now available through the Recreation Board.

- H. Mayor's Comments.

The first Working Session which was held immediately prior to this City Council meeting was refreshing; it was good to get individual opinions and thoughts on the table for discussion; this will make it easy to work together as a team.

8. ADJOURN:

**Motion by Hadrava to adjourn. Supported by Loeffler. Motion carried
unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.**



Brandin Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tony Jeffries, City Clerk