

MINUTES
BUHL CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
BUHL CITY HALL
9/24/2025

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Matthews at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Councilors: X Kealy X Loeffler X Teska-Erickson X Towner
Mayor: X Matthews

Administrator: X Jeffries
Public Works Foreman: Pink
Attorney: Kearney
Engineer: Jamnick
Fire Chief: Lehman
Police Chief: Vukad
Finance Manager: X Thronson

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/COUNCIL ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

None.

4. BUSINESS:

A. Discuss, Evaluate, and Review Proposed 2026 Budget.

Finance Manager Thronson and Administrator Jeffries re-presented the preliminary 2026 budget for consideration by the City Council.

The preliminary 2026 budget was presented as follows:

The preliminary budget was presented to the City Council on September 16, 2025 at:

Total Revenues –	\$ 900,565
Total Expenses –	\$ 1,420,892
Preliminary Projected Shortfall -	\$ 521,000

General Fund Expense Line Items are presented as follows:

Department	Amount (\$)	2025 Amount (\$)	Change
<u>General Fund 101</u>			
City Council	21,415	22,670	(1,255)
Mayor	6,435	7,265	(830)
Administration	219,520	195,535	23,985
Elections	6,710	300	6,410
Finance	20,195	18,850	1,345
Legal	10,750	8,250	2,500
Personnel	1,200	1,200	0
Planning & Zoning	3,500	5,000	(1,500)
City Hall	119,675	121,155	(1,480)
Law Enforcement	95,790	93,125	2,665
Fire Department	43,495	31,450	12,045
Fire Station	17,365	14,926	2,439
Building Inspector	6,500	6,500	0
Street Department	367,400	329,634	37,766
Snow & Ice	41,115	41,448	(333)
Public Works Buildings	12,595	10,334	2,261
Recreation	27,000	24,606	2,394
Campground	2,875	1,995	880
Senior Center	14,395	11,310	3,085
Community Center	14,860	17,645	(2,785)
Lake Leander	805	980	(175)
Cemetery	3,365	3,514	(149)
Community Development	38,805	56,205	(17,400)
Unallocated Expenses	20,180	19,417	763
Retiree Insurance Reserve	6,000	6,000	0
<u>Library Fund 211</u>			
Library	59,487	59,917	430
Library Building	12,490	87,060	74,570
<u>Debt Fund</u>			
TIF – Artesian	0	0	0
Fund 309 GO Bonds	54,986	54,706	(280)
<u>Designated Capital</u>			
City Hall	0	0	0
Fire	3,500	3,500	0
Street	15,000	60,000	45,000
Mining Effects Projects	834	0	(834)
Capital – unallocated	6,000	0	(6,000)
Infrastructure	20,000	20,000	0

Informational only.

Discussion. Approve/Reject/Table.

General highlights included:

The cost increase for city-wide medical insurance is at 18.4% - highest increase ever seen in the last 15 years –

Street Department has some equipment which needs to be replaced –

- including but not limited to:

Grader tires (\$ 18K per set);
New mower (\$ 12K each).

Regarding the General Fund Expense departmental line items, these line items will be taken up individually in the upcoming additional City Council Budget Working Sessions, tentatively scheduled for:

October 16;
November 13;
December 11; and
December 16.

Potential City Council priorities identified included:

- 1) Campground;
- 2) City Hall Repairs;
- 3) Law Enforcement;
- 4) ATV regulation; and
- 5) Cemetery columbarium.


5. ADJOURN:

Working Session was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



James Matthews, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tony Jeffries, City Clerk