

MINUTES

BUHL CITY COUNCIL MEETING BUHL CITY HALL

Thursday December 12, 2025,

6:01 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** by Mayor Matthews at 6:01 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Matthews, councilors Denise Kealy, Renee Loeffler, Tanya Teska-Erickson, and Randy Towner. Also in attendance: Finance Manager Dianna Thronson and Clerk/Treasurer Rebecca Jaeger.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**
Towner motioned to approve agenda with no additions. Kealy supported. All in favor.
4. **BUSINESS:**
 - A. Discuss, Evaluate, and Review 2026 Proposed Budget and Work to Establish Final City 2026 Levy.
The council discussed on ways of lowering the Levy from 4.3% closer to 2.88%.
Thronson let the council know that the campground license was \$170 which brought the Levy total to 4.3%.
Councilor Kealy let the council know that she is unhappy with the previous decision to reduce the Gas and Oil fund from street and snow control by \$1,500. Mel Staffaroni and Cheryl Kivi spoke from the audience and asked why the street department was being looked at for reductions in budget and not the recreation department. Thronson stated that the increase in insurance costs made it difficult to reduce any more from the recreation departments budget.

Councilor Teska-Erickson asked if Essentia pays rent on the old fire hall. Thronson stated that in the contract signed in 2022 there was a stipulation that stated a financial review would take place after 2 years. The financial

review has yet to be done. Teska-Erickson stated that was something that should be completed in the future.

Towner mentioned that the city has future projects ahead and we don't want to fall to far behind with having a Levy to low.

Thronson will look into possible gas discounts from Cenex and the Buhl Shortstop.

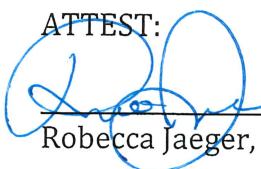
Teska-Erickson states that she doesn't think that the Levy at 2.88% is realistic. Adding \$1000 back into the street and snow removal fund would bring the total amount certified to \$447,920.

8. Adjourn:

Towner motioned to adjourn the Council Working Session. Teska-Erickson supported. All in favor. Adjourned at 6:36pm.

James Matthews, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca Jaeger, Clerk/Treasurer