

MINUTES
BUHL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4/21/2026

Tuesday, April 21, 2026,

6:30 P.M.

1. CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Matthews at 6:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present were Mayor Matthews, and Councilors Kealy, Loeffler, Teska-Erickson, and Towner.

Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Jaeger.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

Motion by Councilor Towner to open the public hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Supported by Councilor Kealy.

Motion passes unanimously.

A. Second Read of Ordinance 26-02 An Ordinance of the City of Buhl to Regulate Vacant Lot(s) in the Stubler Pit and Damian II Additions

The Vacant Lot Ordinance allows the city to regulate the empty lots in the Stubler Pit and Damian II Additions. Instead of having to convey the lots back to the city, after 24 months the owners will pay a registration fee annually until their dwellings are built.

No comments from the public were made.

Motion by Councilor Towner to close the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Supported by Councilor Loeffler.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mayor Matthews stated that he would like to move agenda item B to the end of the agenda list.

Motion by Councilor Teska-Erickson to approve the agenda with the change of moving item 8. B to the end of New Business.

Supported by Councilor Loeffler.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Utilities Foreman Pink

Foreman Pink stated that Quality Flow had come to do service checks on each of the city's lift stations. The lower seal on the pump in the Damaian addition lift station has failed. Water is getting into the oil, and it hasn't affected the motor yet, but it will need to be repaired soon. The quote that the city received from Quality Flow totaled \$4,850. The price could change due to any other findings when the motor is taken apart. The cost is fairly expensive because Quality Flow will take the motor and take it apart replacing the seal and bearings.

Foreman Pink stated that Quality Flow also found that the guide pipes in the Seville lift station are rusting and the quote that was received for that work was a total of \$4,000. Foreman Pink stated that he had not looked at the guide pipes yet to see the condition of them and they may not need to be replaced at this time.

Councilor Loeffler asked what company Foreman Pink was talking with.

Councilor Kealy asked if there is a dollar amount that requires more than one quote to be gotten.

Clerk Jaeger stated that these quotes are under the threshold.

Foreman Pink stated that due to citizens' water quality concerns about red tinged water, the utilities department will be flushing hydrants April 27-30, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Pink reminded the public to try not to run water during those times especially your hot water.

Motion by Councilor Kealy to add approval of the quote from Quality Flow for the repair of the Damian lift station motor at \$4,850.

Supported by Mayor Matthews.

Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Jaeger

Clerk Jaeger stated that she has spoken with three different HVAC companies about the air exchange issue in the Senior Center and is expecting quotes soon. Clerk Jaeger stated that Range Cornice is giving four different options of what can be done to remedy the situation.

6. CITIZENS FORUM:

Citizen Mary Pervenanze stated that she had listened to a previous council meeting where the 125th Celebration Committee asked the City Council to donate money to help purchase T-shirts for the celebration. The Council had stated that the money would be taken out of the General Fund. The Rec Board is hurting at this time since \$1,802.50 was taken out of the Parks and Rec's budget. The 125th will now have to help the Rec Board with funds for the 26th and 27th. Ms. Pervenanze asked the City Council to consider covering the cost of the \$1,802.50 from the Rec Board budget during the next budgeting session.

Mayor Matthews stated that he is not sure where the decision was made to take the money out of the Rec Fund.

Councilor Kealy stated that she was not aware that the money was taken out of the Rec budget. Councilor Kealy also stated that she did not feel at ease when the council approved the donation of covering the T-shirts for the 125th Celebration about where the money was coming from.

Councilor Towner stated that the council approved the donation and the office had to categorize it somewhere. Councilor Towner also stated that he believes the Rec Fund will be alright because there was winter labor that was not used this year out of the budget.

Councilor Kealy stated that if she knew the money was coming out of the Rec budget, she would not have voted to approve the purchase of the T-shirts by the council.

Rec Board and 125th Celebration Committee member Kelly Girgen stated that the 125th Celebration Committee would not have accepted the donation knowing that it was coming from the Rec Board.

Rec Board and 125th Celebration Committee member Sue Letendre stated that she agrees with Kelly Girgen.

Councilor Towner stated that it will be the City Council's responsibility to balance the Rec budget later on. Categorizing the T-shirts under street or the library would not have made sense. Putting it under the Rec Fund made sense and we can balance it out later as the council sees what is spent in the Funds.

Ms. Girgen asked if the Rec Board has the \$1,802.50 available to them if it is needed for the event.

Councilor Towner stated that yes, it is available if it is needed. Councilor Towner stated that there was \$2,000 budgeted for event expenses and that is still available to the Rec Board.

Ms. Girgen clarified that the Rec Board still has money.

Councilor Towner stated that in his opinion, yes, the Rec Board still has funds available.

Ms. Girgen stated that the budget showed that it was negative.

Councilor Towner stated that the line item showed that it was negative because there were no funds budgeted for that line. Councilor Towner stated that ideally, the council should have budgeted for it, but the Council didn't, and that is on us. It is now on us to balance it.

Ms. Girgen asked if the Rec Board needs to ask the Council before spending money.

Councilor Towner stated that no, it is Rec board business as usual.

Ms. Letendre stated that the Rec Board was told to ask two weeks prior to an event about a purchase.

Attorney Kearney stated that all expenses must be approved through the council.

Ms. Letendre stated that the Rec Board is its own entity.

Councilor Kealy stated that no, the Rec Board is not its own entity.

Clerk Jaeger stated that all departments must have expenses approved by the council.

Ms. Letendre asked the council if they would be willing to donate two of the large garbage bins for the 125th Celebration on June 26th and 27th, 2026.

Mayor Matthews stated that would be a necessity and that sounds like a sanitation issue and why this would take council approval.

Clerk Jaeger stated that the council would be waiving fee.

Councilor Towner stated that the council has waived fees for private businesses before and can't see why they couldn't waive it for this.

Councilor Loeffler agreed and asked if this should be added as an agenda item.

Councilor Kealy stated that no, it is a need.

Clerk Jaeger stated that it should be because a fee is being waived.

Councilor Kealy stated that she is not sure that two garbage bins are enough.

Foreman Pink stated that one dumpster from the Curling Club could be brought up for the 125th to use.

Councilor Kealy recommended using four dumpsters.

Mayor Matthews stated that he is sorry for the confusion and that the council will get it straight.

Councilor Towner stated that he was going to address the Rec Board at their last meeting about their budget, but he wasn't able to attend. Councilor Towner also stated that he knows you wanted to get it sorted out sooner than later.

Ms. Girgen stated that they need to know if they need to help fund them while they're fundraising.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Minutes:

- i. Regular Council Meeting April 7, 2026

B. Claims

i. Payroll #8	\$15,799.87
ii. Payroll #4	\$2,475.00
iii. A/P #1	<u>\$91,112.80</u>
TOTAL	\$109,387.67

Motion by Councilor Teska-Erickson to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Supported by Councilor Towner.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Approval of Ordinance 26-02 An Ordinance of the City of Buhl to Regulate Vacant Lot(s) in the Stubler Pit and Damian II Additions and approve Ordinance Summary for Publishing

The City Council has scheduled two Public Hearings for public comments and has had a First and Second read of Ordinance 26-02 An Ordinance of the City of Buhl to Regulate Vacant Lot(s) in the Stubler Pit and Damian II Additions.

Motion by Councilor Towner to approve Ordinance 26-02 An Ordinance of the City of Buhl to Regulate Vacant Lot(s) in the Stubler Pit and Damian II Additions.

Supported by Councilor Kealy.

Motion by Councilor Kealy to approve the Summary of Ordinance 26-02 An Ordinance of the City of Buhl to Regulate Vacant Lot(s) in the Stubler Pit and Damian II Additions and of the publishing of it in the Hometown Focus.

Supported by Councilor Teska-Erickson.

- B. Real Estate Agents

Mayor Matthews stated that the council has had presentations from Village Realty and Mirabella Realty and there are proposals that have been submitted by each realty.

Mayor Matthews stated that he has a question regarding a verbal discussion about signage for Trent Carda of Mirabella Realty.

Councilor Kealy stated that she had reached out to Clerk-Jaeger with a question about Mirabella Realty supplying signage before the last meeting. Councilor Kealy stated that signage had not been listed in Mr. Carda's proposal and wanted to know if they would be supplied or not.

Motion by Mayor Matthews to discuss the agenda item.

Supported by Councilor Kealy.

Councilor Kealy stated that dollarwise Mr. Carda's proposal is cheaper in cost for the city compared to Tim Renskers of Village Realty.

Mayor Matthews clarified that Councilor Kealy was stating cheaper, as in more inexpensive.

Councilor Kealy stated yes, it is more inexpensive. Based on the cost for one company to do it vs the other.

Mayor Matthews clarified with Councilor Kealy that you are basing this on the realtor's commissions.

Councilor Kealy stated that in the city you usually go with the lower bid.

Mayor Matthews stated that the big difference is that there is a cash outlay with the Mirabella offer and that is to be considered.

Mayor Matthews asked how many lots the city does have right now.

Clerk-Jaeger stated that the city just had three conveyed back totaling seven sites in the Stubler Pit and Damian Additions.

Mayor Matthews stated that there is a small change in the initial outlay up front with Mirabella Realty compared to Village Realty having nothing up front.

Councilor Towner stated that both are great options, so I would go with the lower offer. Councilor Towner stated that he had seen the presentation for the work Trent Carda had done for the City of Chisholm and it was very thorough.

Motion by Councilor Kealy to hire Trent Carda of Mirabella Realty.

Supported by Councilor Towner.

Aye: Councilors Kealy, Loeffler, Teska-Erickson, and Towner

Nay: Mayor Matthews

Motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

Mayor Matthews stated that he does not like that Mirabella was given multiple opportunities to revise their offer. Mayor Matthews strongly believes that when an offer is requested from a vendor, their best offer should be given. Mayor Matthews stated that is why he is not in favor of the motion.

Mayor Matthews congratulated Trent Carda and hopes for a prosperous relationship over the next year. Mayor Matthews stated that the city looks forward to having a contract between Mirabella and the City of Buhl.

C. Buhl Economic Authority Enabling Resolution

The Buhl Economic Authority was established in January of 1996, however the enabling resolution has been misfiled, lost, or destroyed. The purpose of this resolution is to restate and as may be the case, amend the original enabling resolution.

Mayor Matthews stated that this is a replacement for paperwork lost over the years.

Motion by Councilor Towner to approve Resolution No. 26-25 A Resolution Amending and Restating an Enabling Resolution Establishing the Buhl Economic Development Authority.

Supported by Councilor Teska-Erickson.

Clerk Jaeger stated that there was a letter from BEDA Commissioner Shari Swanson and her comments on the enabling resolution.

Clerk Jaeger stated that BEDA Commissioner John Markas had reached out and stated that BEDA should be able to spend their money as needed and how they spend it should be up to BEDA.

Mayor Matthews stated that in his opinion Mr. Markas would be incorrect because BEDAs funds are public money and any expenditures must be approved by the council.

Councilor Kealy asked if this is standard in other towns.

Clerk Jaeger stated that the draft of the BEDA Enabling Resolution came from the city Goodhue who had the same problem that Buhl had with the original enabling resolution missing.

Councilor Towner stated that after reading up on enabling resolutions it just restates MN State Statutes.

Clerk Jaeger agreed and stated that the entire enabling resolution except for the very beginning talking about why it is being recreated, replicates the Buhl City Ordinance for BEDA.

Councilor Loeffler asked if BEDA had seen the enabling resolution.

Councilor Towner stated that no, they had not.

Clerk Jaeger stated that it was the responsibility of the City Council to approve the enabling resolution for BEDA.

Councilor Towner stated at the previous month's BEDA meeting the commission had requested that a draft be written. BEDA has been updated that a draft was on the council agenda. Councilor Towner stated that BEDA will see the enabling resolution at their next meeting.

Councilor Towner stated that the enabling resolution states that BEDA must follow the budget process for the city departments including city policies, resolutions, and ordinances. Actions of BEDA must follow the city's comprehensive plan and mutual controls implemented in the comprehensive plan. BEDA must obtain approval from the City Council for its proposed plans. Councilor Towner stated that this was very standard for what he's seen throughout the enabling resolution handbook and MN State Statutes, the exact language was used. Councilor Towner stated that it was

commonplace to have an EDA under the authority of the City Council. Councilor Towner stated that BEDA has room to do normal business but ultimately their authority would fall to the City Council.

Attorney Kearney stated that the reason is because the councilors are the elected officials of the city and that is why the authority falls back to the council.

Councilor Towner gave an example of the T-shirts being budgeted under the Rec fund. The council has a responsibility to act on what they see as necessary and fix anything that doesn't go as planned.

Councilor Towner asked if officers were changed to commissioners in the first draft dealing with pay.

Clerk Jaeger stated that it was changed.

Motion passed unanimously.

D. Schedule Public Hearing for Ordinance 116 An Ordinance Relating to the Regulation of Lawful Gambling Within the City of Buhl

The City of Buhl does not currently have an Ordinance regulating lawful gambling. With establishments in the city with lawful gambling an Ordinance on regulation is recommended.

The City Council had previously discussed Ordinance No. 116 but it had not completed the process for adoption.

Clerk Jaeger stated that the reason this was added to the agenda is because on the next agenda the Eveleth Elks Lodge will be filing a permit to have gambling at the Hydeaway in Buhl instead of the Kinney/Great Scott Fire Department. Clerk Jaeger stated that the Eveleth Elks Lodge asked what city ordinances would pertain to them. Clerk Jaeger stated that this ordinance includes a section where 10% of the gambling profits would go to the city but this ordinance is not in effect because the process was never finished. Clerk Jaeger stated that she added the ordinance to the agenda so that it is official and can be followed.

Mayor Matthews stated to Clerk Jaeger that was a good catch.

Councilor Towner asked if this is the same ordinance that the council looked over previously.

Clerk Jaeger stated that, yes, this is the same ordinance. Clerk Jaeger stated that she still needs to type the ordinance up in the city's house style and it will be ready for review at the scheduled public hearing.

Motion by Mayor Matthews to approve scheduling a first read of Ordinance No. 116 An Ordinance Relating to the Regulation of Lawful Gambling Within the City of Buhl on May 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Supported by Councilor Loeffler.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Matthews stated again that this was a good catch since the city did not have the ordinance properly established.

E. Hire Summer Help and Set Wages

The city desires additional labor services over the summer months to assist in maintaining the attractiveness of the community and assisting with safety at Stubler Pit Beach.

Motion by Mayor Matthews to approve hiring Hunter Jaeger, Aiden Lindgren, and Remmy McClellan as summer street laborers and Asher Christianson as a beach attendant.

Clerk Jaeger stated there may be two more beach attendants.

Mayor Matthews stated that would be wonderful if two more beach attendants applied.

Councilor Kealy stated that the council needs to talk about wages but that is something that should have been discussed last fall during budgeting and not in tonight's meeting. The council shouldn't be making changes in the middle of the season and should be paid what was budgeted. Councilor Kealy stated that she is just stating the facts and that does not mean that the wages can't be changed. Councilor Kealy stated she did call five other cities to see what they are paying for their summer help:

- Babbitt: \$14.00 plus an additional .50 cents per year if you come back the following year
- Gilbert: \$16.00 with no increase
- Mountain Iron: \$15.00 with no increase
- Nashwauk: \$15.00 with no increase
- Chisholm: \$13.50 plus and additional .50 cent increase per year up to \$16.50

Councilor Kealy stated that the council can have an idea what surrounding cities are paying and minimum wage is \$11.41.

Councilor Kealy stated that a budget for summer help was set.

Foreman Pink stated that once the budget is reached that is when the kids are done working.

Councilor Kealy stated that they could be done working sooner if the wages get raised.

Councilor Kealy stated that \$11.41 is a lot lower than the other cities and she doesn't recognize any of the names being hired.

Clerk Jaeger stated that they are all new hires who have not worked for the city previously.

Councilor Kealy stated that she hopes that .50 cent increases were budgeted for in hopes of returning summer help and if the wage is raised where is it going to put the budget.

Mayor Matthews stated that he agrees with councilor Kealy that this is something that should have been addressed at the last council meeting and we should plan to talk about at the next budget session. Mayor Matthews stated that this is an impact that was not planned on.

Councilor Kealy stated that the council was very tight on the budgets.

Mayor Matthews stated that he was concerned about the beach attendant position and is happy that there are people interested.

Councilor Kealy asked the council if they should raise the wage to \$12.00 or \$13.00.

Supported by Councilor Kealy.

Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Kealy asked if the wages could be talked about at the working session.

Councilor Towner stated that all the council needs to decide is the average number of hours of work the summer help will be hired for. Councilor Towner stated that the wage change would be easy to calculate then.

Councilor Teska-Erickson asked Foreman Pink how many people he usually hires for street summer help.

Foreman Pink stated that he usually hires four because he usually has four work the first week and then has three working at a time the following weeks and then rotate one summer employee off so that they will be able have days off and still enjoy the summer.

Clerk Jaeger stated that since the council is planning to have a working session about the government service building the council could meet about summer help wages also. Clerk Jaeger also stated that the next Building Committee meeting isn't until June 3, 2026.

Councilor Towner stated that Trent should be involved in the working session since a large part of the discussion will be about what the public works building will need.

Clerk Jaeger stated that she would like to include a representative from each department for the working session discussing the government services building.

Motion by Mayor Matthews to schedule a working session for May 19th at 5:00 p.m. and the agenda will include summer help wages and the government services building.

Supported by Councilor Towner.

Councilor Kealy asked if Fire Department wages should be included in the working session.

Clerk Jaeger stated that the wages for the Fire Department volunteers that are also city employees are on this agenda and the council is to choose between the two options.

Motion passed unanimously.

F. Set Wages for Firefighters that are City Employees

The city had recently hired Owen Lamere, a city employee, as a Buhl Volunteer Firefighter and Lyle Pederson is also a city employee who is a Buhl Volunteer Firefighter. Under federal rules any city employee who works in two or more positions must add their working hours together and be compensated for overtime.

There are two options the city can choose between on how to calculate overtime:

1. **Weighted Average Method:** The employees' different rates are averaged with total hours worked. This would be a sum of all earnings for the week divided by the total number of hours worked across all jobs. This ensures overtime pay is calculated based on the actual mix of work performed, not just the highest single rate. Rates would change depending on the hours worked.
2. **Established Rate Method:** Establish overtime rate for each position hired (must be established before hours worked). The rate of overtime paid is dependent on when during the week the overtime occurred. Overtime accrued on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday would decide which overtime wage would be paid out. Rates would be fixed; hourly overtime wages would be \$47.01 and fire department overtime wages would be \$15.00.

Clerk Jaeger asked if the council needed her to explain the options.

Mayor Matthews stated that Councilor Kealy did a good job explaining them at the last council meeting.

Motion by Mayor Matthews to discuss the two options.

Councilor Kealy stated that she would prefer the weighted average.

Supported by Councilor Towner.

Councilor Towner stated that the established rate states that it needs to be established before hours worked. Since there is already another firefighter that is a city employee, the council will not be able to choose option 2.

Clerk Jaeger stated that this motion would be from this moment going forward not for any work that has already happened.

Councilor Towner stated that he is leaning toward the weighted average.

Clerk Jaeger stated that she will have to track hours worked either way so it doesn't matter to her which option the council chooses but the weighted average may be a little easier to calculate.

Motion by Mayor Matthews to approve city employee firefighter wages at the weighted average method which is dependent on the number of hours worked.

Supported by Councilor Towner.

Motion passed unanimously.

G. Letter of Support

Cross Lake mayor, Jackson Purfeerst, is asking for support regarding the impacts that Paid Family Medical Leave has had on Minnesota cities. Mayor Purfeerst is asking for support to raise the concern and is asking for action in the next 2027 legislative session.

Mayor Matthews stated that the summary of the letter is a push back to legislature to reconsider the Minnesota Paid Leave (MNPL) law. Mayor Matthews stated that personally he is finding a lot of political tone in letters from Mayor Purfeerst. Mayor Matthews stated that he is torn on how to represent this letter and is leaving it up to the council and the citizens of Buhl. Mayor Matthews stated that he does not know how this effects the City of Buhl.

Councilor Kealy stated that it affects the Buhl businesses because they do have to pay for this. The City of Buhl is also paying 100% of the coverage for this, so it does affect the city. Councilor Kealy stated that MNPL really affects small businesses. Mayor Purfeerst is asking about the concern of MNPL. Councilor Kealy stated that there is a concern and small businesses are struggling with this. This is a great program for people, but Mayor Purfeerst is asking about supporting the concern for this. Councilor Kealy stated that she does not see anything political with this and usually she does not like her name on things, but Mayor Purfeerst is looking for support because there is a concern out there.

Councilor Towner stated that there probably is politics that play into this but agrees with Mayor Purfeerst's concern that the MNPL program was thrown together too hastily and is messy and needs to be fixed.

Councilor Kealy stated that she also has concerns about the reporting of MNPL and how that was hastily done.

Attorney Kearney also stated that MNPL received more applications than they had anticipated and the small businesses still have to “foot the bill.”

Councilor Kealy stated that there is more to come. Councilor Kealy stated that we should just listen to legal. Councilor Kealy asked how small businesses are supposed to afford this.

Councilor Kealy stated that there is already ESST (earned sick and safe time) and family leave. Councilor Kealy stated that there is abuse that comes with all of these issues.

Mayor Matthews stated that sounds like pretty strong support.

Motion by Councilor Towner to approve supporting Mayor Purfeerst’s letter of concern that Paid Family Medical Leave has on Minnesota cities.

Supported by Councilor Kealy.

Motion passed unanimously.

H. Hood Vent Cleaning in Senior Center

The Senior Center hood vent has not been recently cleaned, and the city will be having the Community Center hood vent cleaned soon. Would the council like to have the hood vent cleaned in the Senior Center at the same time.

Motion by Mayor Matthews to approve of having the hood vent at the Senior Center cleaned.

Supported by Councilor Loeffler.

Clerk Jaeger stated that she was quoted that it will be under \$500.00. Clerk Jaeger also stated that when the hood vents are being cleaned, she will ask how often they should be cleaned so that the city can get hood vent cleaning on a schedule.

Motion passed unanimously.

I. Approval of Posting for Election Judges

Election season is right around the corner, and the city is in need of election judges for the upcoming elections.

Motion by Councilor Kealy to approve posting for the city’s need of election judges.

Supported by Councilor Teska-Erickson.

Motion passes unanimously.

J. Approval of Attendance for Upcoming Events

There are multiple events in the near future that the council or staff may be interested in attending.

Clerk Jaeger stated that there are multiple events coming up and added them to the agenda in case anyone wanted to attend.

Mayor Matthews asked what the cost of the events were.

Clerk Jaeger stated that the council did not budget for training so if any council member wanted to attend, they would need to pay for the cost themselves.

Motion by Councilor Towner to approve city council and/or staff to attend the upcoming events at the councilor's own expense.

Supported by Councilor Teska-Erickson.

Councilor Loeffler asked if more than three councilors attending should it be posted?

Clerk Jaeger stated that she can post for that.

Motion passed unanimously.

K. Approval of Quality Flow Quote

Foreman Pink stated that there is an asterisk on the quote that states that if any changes are found during the repair of the pump a new change order will need to be approved. Foreman Pink also stated that Quality Flow will take the pump to their facility to repair and the city will install one of the backup pumps for the time being.

Mayor Matthews asked if it was worth looking into repairing the backup pumps.

Foreman Pink stated that the cost would be high and they are not able to keep up long term because of the condition they are in. They are only good for temporary backups.

Councilor Kealy stated that the city should budget for one good temporary backup.

Foreman Pink stated that wouldn't work because all of the pumps are different sizes.

Motion by Councilor Teska-Erickson to approve the Quality Flow quote for repairs of the Damian Addition lift pump not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Supported by Councilor Loeffler.

Motion passed unanimously.

L. Brendan Russel Purchase of Damian II Addition Lot

Resident and business owner of RC Craftsmen LLC, Brendan Russell, would like to purchase property in the Damian II Addition. He would like to offer a purchase price of \$2,500 for the property and would like to start building in the fall of 2026.

Mayor Matthews stated that it is his recommendation to table this request since a realtor has just been hired to market these lots.

Councilor Kealy agrees but asked if there was an end date ever put on the lot prices.

Clerk Jaeger stated that she is not sure where the \$2,500 offer came from.

Councilor Kealy stated that the price seems low.

Clerk Jaeger asked the council if \$2,500 had been set at one time.

Mayor Matthews stated that \$500 was offered years ago and that these lots have not been marketed anywhere. Mayor Matthews stated that he does not feel the need to respect the price.

Mayor Matthews asked what lot Mr. Russel is looking at purchasing.

Clerk Jaeger apologized for having the wrong information on the memo and she believes he was looking at 114 Franklin Street.

Mayor Matthews stated that the lot is approximately 19,000 square feet and Mirabella is recommending \$1 per square foot.

Councilor Kealy stated that the price must of came off of something that was approved years ago and wanted to purchase the lot at the old price before they went up.

Councilor Towner states that \$19,000 is probably a bit high but the sale price shouldn't be as low as \$2,500.00.

Mayor Matthews stated that the council just agreed to have a professional tell them what the price on the lots should be and that is why this offer should be disregarded.

Attorney Kearney stated that the council could motion to deny and refer them to the realtor.

Motion by Councilor Kealy to deny the offer of \$2,500.00 for a Damian II Addition lot and refer them to Trent Carda at Mirabella realty.

Supported by Councilor Teska-Erickson.

Motion passed unanimously.

9. COUNCILORS COMMENTS:

Councilor Kealy:

Councilor Kealy wanted to state that the Buhl Honor Guard has a rigatoni meal on Thursday April 23, 2026, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 for an adult and \$5.00 for kids. Councilor Kealy stated, "please go and support our Honor Guard."

Councilor Loeffler:

Councilor Loeffler stated that the Rusty Rock Community Guild is holding a Barn Quilt painting class on May 23, 2026. We are looking for five people to paint and youth are priority. The Rusty Rock Community Guild will pay for those five people and there are an additional 5 spots open that the painter will be responsible for paying.

10. MAYORS' COMMENTS:


No Comments.

11. ADJOURN:

Motion by Councilor Teska-Erickson to adjourn.

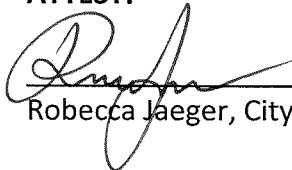
Supported by Councilor Towner.

Motion passes unanimously and meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



James Matthews, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rebecca Jaeger, City Clerk-Treasurer