

BUFFALO CITY COUNCIL

City of Buffalo held its Regular City Council Meeting on August 17, 2026.

Council members present: Mayor Jager, Peterson, Haseleu, Steckler

Council members absent:

Guests present: Jodi Shepardson and Auditor Richman

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Mayor Jager

The following motions were made unanimously:

- Approve June 8, 2026 by Haseleu seconded by Steckler.

- Approve the agenda as stated with modifications and deviate as needed by Steckler, seconded by Peterson.

- Approve the financial report and pay the monthly bills by Haseleu, seconded by Peterson.

- Agri-Valley, \$3,761.00; BND, \$22.51, \$6,435.00; BEK, \$152.69; City of Fargo, \$14.00; Elan Financial, \$521.74, \$753.05;

- FMJ Electric, \$135.00; Fat Man Trash, \$3,607.66, \$3,992.29; Kasowski Tire, \$288.56; KRB Gravel, \$836.40; Moore Engineering, \$2,109.04;

- Midwest Pest, \$161.00; Xcel, \$45.89, \$45.89; Ottetail, \$851.66; \$565.03; One Call, \$33.00;

- Team Lab, \$990.00; payroll for Richman, Berger and Fry.

- Accept the resignation of coun-

cil member Ray Lawson by Steckler, seconded by Haseleu.

- Approve hall rent waiver for Cornell Township for Budget Public Hearing on September 9 by Haseleu, seconded by Steckler.

- Approve hall rent waiver for Buffalo Township for Budget Public Hearing on September 8 by Steckler, seconded by Peterson.

- Adjourn at 6:58 p.m. by Steckler, seconded by Peterson.

The following discussions were held:

- Moore Engineering – Special assessments cannot move forward until the final project costs are approved by the City Council, and the County needs to confirm whether it can accept assessments as late as November. The process will then require hearings and public notices by the Special Assessment Commission and City Council, with each notice published at least 15 days before the respective hearing.

- Council reviewed 42 calls for service in July from Deputy Quittschreiber.

- Park Board – September will be planning for fall meal items and pre-planning for Halloween events.

- JDA – What are the next steps for the land? It is up to Moore Engineering to get the specs updated. Will need to then discuss how to pay for the options. One options would be to go through special assessments on

the whole town, not particularly interested in this option. Moore Engineering is looking at potential USDA loans.

- Historic Preservation Commission - The 2024 CLG Grant paperwork has been finalized and submitted for \$6,700 in federal reimbursement, while the 2025 grant's window restoration is complete and remaining projects are underway. The 2026 CLG Grant contract has been signed, with plans for east-side dirt work, relocation of the 1902 bell tower, sidewalks, and new landscaping beginning this fall, weather permitting.

- Junk Ordinance – Boyer's: a copy of the October 2025 minutes with a copy of the September 2025 letter sent out. A certified letter will be sent for failure to comply with the junk ordinance and request attendance at the September 14 meeting.

- Late SWG – curb stops have been located for #73 and #163, they will be attempted to turn off.

Next City Council Meeting is tentatively set for September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harmony Richman,

Auditor

(Minutes have been condensed for publication.)

(September 30, 2026)