

City of Buxton
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Buxton Fire Hall

Present: Travis Soderberg, Keaton Flanagan, Holly Aamold, Ben Hershey, Mike Bibow and Cole Short
Recording: Jackie Siewert, Auditor

Meeting called to order by Mayor Travis Soderberg

Meeting minutes from the May 11, 2022 meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Keaton Flanagan; seconded by Holly Aamold; motion passed unanimous.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Direct	Waste Management	\$1023.31
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Direct	Xcel Energy	\$1102.90
12665	A2Z Road Blading	\$202.00
12666	East Central Regional Water Dist	\$283.97
12667	Farmers Union Oil	\$252.18
12668	Jim Kirkeby	\$285.80
12669	Midco	\$37.69
12670	ND Sewage Pump Lift Station Svc Co	\$1467.50
12671	Nilson Brand Law	\$150.00
12672	Sentry Siren	\$14252.50
12673	Thomas Moe	\$150.00
12674	Xcel Energy	\$22.02
12675	Jaqueline Siewert	\$1385.25

Ben Hershey motioned to approve the bills, Keaton Flanagan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, reviewed the current budget comparison.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, advised the council that no additional ARPA funds have been received.

Mayor Travis Soderberg advised the council that Waslien Electric has been notified that the City council accepted the proposal for the generator system and labor for the installation.

Mayor Travis Soderberg received word from Sentry Siren that the siren has been built. An invoice for the siren was included in the June bills. Once payment is received for the siren, Sentry Siren will move forward with the installation. Mayor Soderberg has also been in communication with Xcel Energy in regards to the pole and installation. The anticipated plan is to mount the siren on the pole and then install the pole.

Mayor Travis Soderberg presented the council with a quote received from Florian & Sons for the materials and installation of 4 additional inlets in the amount of \$24,567.00. Bruce Otteson of Florian & Sons advised Mayor Soderberg that the prices for materials and labor have increased since our original project. The council discussed the need for additional inlets at the corners of Pacific and Neill, Pacific and Ives and Neill and Reeves and if there were any other areas of concern. The resident at 622 Greely reached out to Mayor Travis Soderberg and requested that the inlet by his property to be lowered. AE2S reviewed the requested inlet and agreed it could be lowered. Florian & Sons have been notified and will schedule the lowering of the inlet. Council member Holly Aamold suggested that if we are going to do any additional inlets we should do them all. The council members also stated that if the system is working why not let it work better and the funds are available. Mike Bibow also stated that if any additional inlets are installed he will update the plan and keep it current. Holly Aamold made a motion to accept Florian & Sons quote for \$24,567.00 for the 4 additional inlets; Ben Hershey seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Mayor Travis Soderberg advised the council that Terry Maier, owner of Team Lab, stopped in Buxton to check out the lagoon prior to the next scheduled spraying of the weeds. He noticed that the trees have also been trimmed around the lagoon and was very appreciative of that. He also left information about a new service they offer to measure the amount of sludge in the lagoon. Mayor Soderberg reached out to him for more information and details. Terry Maier said that Team Lab has recently purchased a sonar boat that can do a 3D sonar imaging of the lagoon and take a sample of the sludge within the lagoon. The price to do a 3D sonar imaging for our primary pond would be \$500 and an additional \$150 for one sample of the sludge. Once completed Team Lab will compile a report of their findings and present it to the council. Team Lab recommends that the 3D imaging done every 5 years. Ben Hershey made a motion to have Team Lab complete a 3D sonar imaging of the lagoon and take a sample of the sludge; Keaton Flanagan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Mayor Travis Soderberg told the council that Sunday, June 5, he was pushing up the tree pile and said there was building materials that included wood doors, wall siding and window frames discarded in the city tree pile. Jackie

Siewert, City Auditor, will include in the next upcoming Buxton Beat that natural wood, trees and branches are the only items allowed in the tree pile. The tree pile /compost cameras and area itself will be monitored more frequently.

Mayor Travis Soderberg was approached by two residents that would like to add gravel to the top of the city dike that runs behind their homes at their own cost. Council member Holly Aamold is concerned gravel would or could invite individuals with vehicles attempt access. It was suggested that perhaps if the residents also installed a sign that states "private drive" would help deter unwanted travel on the dike. Keaton Flanagan made a motion to approve gravel to be installed on the top of the city dike at the residents' own expense with the understanding they would be responsible for traffic control; Ben Hershey seconded the motion; Holly Aamold recuses herself from the vote; motion passed by majority.

Mayor Travis Soderberg, Mike Bbow with AE2S and Camden with Border States drove through town for a final inspection of the streets and also to look at the cracks that have developed after the spring thaw. Camden of Border States said the cracks were small and common thermal cracking. He did not feel that they needed to be sealed at this time. Mike Bibow said AE2S's typical paving plan consists of after 5 years to do the first chip seal, 5 years later a second chip seal and 5 years later look at another mill and overlay. Mike Bibow also stated that fog sealing is more economical than chip sealing. Mike Bibow stated that at this time fog sealing is only needed on Neil and Oscar and the north end of Greely and Baker. He will call and get prices fog sealing and sealing the cracks where needed. The county highway department has also been used for crack sealing in the past. Council member Ben Hershey stated that he saw a larger crack on Pottle and Neill earlier this spring which has since levelled back down. Border States also suggested to watch low areas and if need be they will bring in a levelling mix. Mike Bibow also presented Jackie Siewert, City Auditor, with payment request #3/Final Payment which would then close out the street project.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, advised the council that the new flags were nearly double in price from the vendor they have previously used so she ordered two flags from Amazon. We will see if the quality holds up comparable to our previously purchased flags.

Mayor Travis Soderberg installed the "Slow Children at Play" signs around town.

Mayor Travis Soderberg planted the new shrubs around the city sign.

Mayor Travis Soderberg installed barbwire on the lagoon gate and put on a city padlock.

Ben and Jennifer Hershey planted flowers at the old city sign.

Council member Ben Hershey confirmed that BIG Day has been cancelled for 2022 due to that lack of committed volunteers. Mayor Travis Soderberg suggested that perhaps next year the city could help more.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, stated that the next issue of the Buxton Beat she will include reminders of what is allowed at the tree/compost pile, noxious weeds 8" taller are in violation of city ordinances, and eliminating areas of standing water in yards that could be breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Mayor Travis Soderberg strongly encourages residents to lock up their valuables at night due to reports of recent thefts.

Mayor Travis Soderberg was contacted by a resident to let him know that a group of young girls that were concerned of some recent vandalism that has happened to a monument that is already falling apart at the Buxton City Park have decided to start a fundraiser selling lemonade to raise money to fix the monument. They are calling themselves the "Sunnyside Lemons". Mayor Soderberg commended these young girls for seeing an issue in town and are trying to come up with a solution to fix it. The girls raised \$400 for their first time. They plan on selling lemonade 3 more times. Council Member Ben Hershey said that the Park Board is responsible for the monument. He is trying to contact a masonry to get prices on repairing it.

Mayor Travis Soderberg confirmed that the next city council meeting will be held June 13, 2022 @ 7pm.

Holly Aamold made a motion to adjourn; Ben Hershey seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

City Auditor

Council Member

Mayor