

**City of Buxton**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
May 12, 2021 @ 7:00 PM  
Buxton Fire Hall

**Present:** Travis Soderberg, Keaton Flanagan, Holly Aamold, Jeff Siewert, Ben Hershey, Paul Kalibabky and Cole Short

**Recording:** Jackie Siewert, Auditor

Meeting called to order by Mayor Travis Soderberg

Meeting minutes from the April 14, 2021 meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Holly Aamold; seconded by Jeff Siewert; motion passed unanimous.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Direct	Waste Management	\$3833.26
Direct	Xcel Energy	\$952.94
Direct	Visa	\$3.40
12485	Countrywide Sanitation	\$1799.00
12486	East Central Regional Water Dist	\$185.22
12487	Meyer Group	\$2500.00
12488	Midco	\$38.26
12489	ND Sewage Pump Lift Station Svc Co	\$275.00
12490	Thomas Moe	\$150.00
12491	Jaqueline Siewert	\$1385.25
12492	Xcel Energy	\$19.70

Keaton Flanagan motioned to approve the bills, Holly Aamold seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Paul Kalibabky with Waste Management presented the council with a 5 year proposal including an option for a bi-monthly recycle pickup. The city's residential cost of a 96-gallon cart would be \$1.34 a month lower. The City's charge for recycle bins would increase by \$1 and the charge for an additional recycle bin would \$3.00 a cart per month. If the city chooses to go with a bi-monthly recycle pick-up the City's price would be \$5.25 a month per recycle cart. The city's current contract ends 2023. Paul stated that if the council votes to approve the new proposal we could start the new rates as early as June. Waste Management also now has the capability to track each waste container to each individual resident. The council agreed that they would like to first compare the proposal to what is currently charged to the resident's quarterly billing.

Cassie Tostenson, city attorney, sent a letter to the property owner of the unkempt property advising them of the city ordinance violations. A 15-day window was given to have the property cleaned up or face up to a \$500 fine. One vehicle has been removed but very little clean-up of the rubbish has been done. The council feels that they need to move forward with a fine and city court. Mayor Travis Soderberg will reach out to Cassie Tostenson, the city attorney to verify what steps need to be taken to proceed.

Mayor Travis Soderberg stated that Farmer's Union Oil donated two pallets in which he will make signs for designating the separate locations for the tree pile and the grass/yard waste. Keaton Flanagan will order the required signage for the entrance. The camera has been place out at the lagoon to help eliminate the dumping of improper items such as lumber, construction debris and metal.

Mayor Travis Soderberg was contacted by Border States and an earlier date came available to start the street project. The project started Tuesday, May 3, 2021 and could be done as soon Monday, May 17, 2021 depending on the weather. The project seems to be going smoothly. An additional company working for Border States will come in to install the chimney seals and level out the manholes.

Florian and Son's were in earlier in the week and fixed three areas that had sunk. They also completed some additional swaling at Jim Kirkeby's and Luke Ellingson's properties. Areas that are showing no or slow grass growth are being monitored. Mike Bibow with AE2S stated that by next month he may be able to sign off on the completion of the drainage project.

Mayor Travis Soderberg presented the council with proposed drawings of the flag memorial including flag pole, plants and shrubs. The proposed project is set to come in at approximately \$9500. The proposed completion would by July 10<sup>th</sup>. A donation of \$500 has already been received. Mayor Travis Soderberg is also submitting an application for the Traill County Economic Development Beautification Grant that is available for up to \$1000. Mayor Travis Soderberg is hoping that any funds that the city may initially pay will be offsetted by fundraising and donations. The city is looking at the possibility of having a free-will offering pancake feed, ice cream social or a steak fry. Keaton Flanagan made a motion for the City to proceed with the memorial flag project; Holly Aamold seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Mayor Travis Soderberg reached out to the Traill County Highway Department for the yield signs.

The council reviewed how the city's clean-up day went. Everything seemed to go very smooth. No current changes or improvements need to be made.

Mayor Travis Soderberg stated that the council will need to decide where the millings should be placed. He asked that they look for any areas of concern. It was mentioned the possibility of the alleyways behind the Triple VVV and the Barn N Grill. It was also mentioned the possibility of placing some at the Buxton Children's Center's parking area. Any unused millings will be used on the lagoon road. Mayor Travis Soderberg will meet with Bruce Otteson and Thomas Anderson and come up with a game plan.

Van Diest called Mayor Travis Soderberg Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, to bring the mosquito fogger in for its annual inspection. Travis brought it in and it passed inspection. As the fogger was being unloaded the controller was inadvertently damaged. Van Diest is currently looking for a replacement.

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

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City Auditor

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Council Member

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