

City of Buxton
Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2022 @ 7:00 PM
Buxton Fire Hall

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

Recording: Jackie Siewert, Auditor

Meeting called to order by Mayor Travis Soderberg

Meeting minutes from the January 12, 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	Visa	\$726.62
Direct	Waste Management	\$3865.36
Direct	Xcel Energy	\$1022.92
Direct	North Star Insurance	\$635.00
12619	East Central Regional Water Dist	\$243.44
12620	Midco	\$37.40
12621	Nillson Brand Law	\$555.00
12622	Thomas Moe	\$150.00
12623	Workforce Safety	\$250.00
12624	Xcel Energy	\$25.93
12625	Jaqueline Siewert	\$1385.25

Holly Aamold motioned to approve the bills, Jeff Siewert seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Mayor Travis Soderberg told the council that with January already being a busy snow removal month we will have to monitor upcoming snow removal and the budgeted amount with the understanding that the snow and wind are beyond our control. Jackie Siewert, city auditor, told the council that a bill was not received for February.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, advised the council that no additional ARPA funds have been received. She also stated that no additional information on eligible projects has been received either. Mayor Travis Soderberg also advised the council that he reached out to ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station Service for a quote on a generator for the lift station since that is approved for ARPA funds

Mayor Travis Soderberg has also reached out to Indigo Signs for a quote on an electric sign. A representative from Indigo Signs is planning a visit to Buxton to see the area for the proposed sign to better determine what size sign would best meet our needs.

Council member, Ben Hershey, presented the council with three quotes of siren systems from Sentry Siren. Sentry Siren is a company located in Canon City, Colorado. Ben Hershey has also had the opportunity to tour the factory and spoke highly of the company. The siren suggested for our city size would have the capability, under the perfect weather conditions, to reach Nokota Packers and Advance Drainage Systems. The siren upgrade would allow separate sirens for tornado warning and fire/first responder calls. It could also be programmed for a noon, 6pm and 9pm whistle. The estimated warning system would cost about \$20,000. Ben Hershey also stated that the city may not have to finance the total cost. The Buxton Fire Protection District may be willing to help with a portion of the cost. Mayor Travis Soderberg suggested that the council finalize any additional installation costs, to include reaching out to Xcel for the cost of the pole and installation and Waslien Electric for the electrical work. Mayor Travis Soderberg and any other council members that wish to join him will then present the proposed warning system to the Buxton Fire Protect District at their March meeting. Since the residents of Buxton will benefit the most it was suggested that the city pays for 75% and request 25% from the fire district. Ben Hershey has also been searching for available grants and fund matching, such as American Crystal Sugar

Mayor Travis Soderberg received an email from the Traill County EDC in regards to available ARPA funds that they have available and how to apply. Travis will further review.

A tax exempt application was received from Scott Sundeen for tax exemption for two years on his new residential property. Keaton Flanagan made a motion to accept Scott Sundeen's application for a 2 year tax exemption on his new residential property; Holly Aamold seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, received an annual agreement renewal to service the lift station from ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station Service Co Inc. Ben Hershey made a motion to accept and renew the annual agreement from ND Sewage Pump & Lift Station Service Co Inc; Jeff Siewert seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Mayor Travis Soderberg confirmed with the council that he will be seeking re-election for Mayor. Ben Hershey advised the council that he still remains undecided in regards to seeking re-election for his council seat.

Council member, Keaton Flanagan, brought up tree trimming in the alleys and whether it is the city's or resident's responsibility. Mayor Travis Soderberg said that the city has the right of way in alleys and streets for clean-up. Mayor Soderberg will reach out to Tom Anderson for specific areas that are causing problems for snow removal.

Council member Ben Hershey inquired on spring ditch cleaning for melting snow. Mayor Travis Soderberg confirmed that it will be completed by Anderson Excavating. Mayor Soderberg will have Tom Anderson monitor it as the weather begins to warm up.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, will remind residents to clean out any drains that they may have in their yard in the April Buxton Beat.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, enclosed a reminder in the Trailer Court February invoices reminding residents of that there is a leash law in the City of Buxton. A reminder to all residents will also be included in the April Buxton Beat.

There was a water break in the alleyway by Ny Scavenger Church. There have also been multiple breaks in the Reynolds/Buxton surrounding areas causing interruptions in water service. Jackie Siewert, city auditor, will post any notices of interruptions in water service or breaks that she receives from East Central Regional Water District on Facebook.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, was notified by Rhea Benning that the flags at the city welcome signs were beginning to get weathered and fray. Mayor Travis Soderberg replaced the flags. Keaton Flanagan made a motion to purchase 4 new flags; Jeff Siewert seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Mayor Travis Soderberg confirmed that the next meeting will be held March 9, 2022.

Holly Aarnold made a motion to adjourn; Keaton Flanagan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

City Auditor

Council Member

Mayor