

City of Buxton
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2026 @ 7:20 PM
Buxton Fire Hall

Present: Travis Soderberg, Jeff Siewert, Keaton Flanagan, Holly Aamold, Ben Hershey and Cory Erickson

Recording: Jackie Siewert, Auditor

Meeting called to order by Mayor Travis Soderberg

Meeting minutes from the March 18, 2026 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	Visa Card	\$96.00
Direct	Waste Management	\$4576.96
Direct	Xcel Energy	\$1177.62
13316	East Central Regional Water Dist	\$253.26
13317	Midco	\$54.29
13318	Nilson Brand Law	\$177.00
13319	Thomas Moe	\$150.00
13320	Traill County Auditor	\$750.00
13321	Holly Aamold	\$180.08
13322	Keaton Flanagan	\$180.08
13323	Ben Hershey	\$180.08
13324	Jaqueline Siewert	\$1616.12
13325	Jeff Siewert	\$180.08
13326	Travis Soderberg	\$900.41
13327	Anderson Excavating LLC	\$1257.10
13328	Farmers Union Oil	\$36.89

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

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, presented the council with the 2026 year to date financial and year to date budget comparison.

Mayor Soderberg noted that no one was present for public comments.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he has not heard any word on the status of the application for the Garrison Diversion Grant.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, advised the council that she reached out to Savanna Pallets and the lead time to receive mulch is typically one to two weeks.

In other park discussion, Keaton Flanagan questioned the condition of the picnic shelter. Ben Hershey stated that although it is not perfect it is solid structurally and there are no safety concerns with it. Holly Aamold asked if and when the old grills will be removed. Mayor Soderberg stated that the plan is to have them removed prior the city's roll-off dumpsters that are scheduled for May 16th so we can utilize them for disposal of the grills. Ben Hershey stated that there was a concern on the baseball diamond's infield. The baseball field concerns will be addressed in the spring.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, advised the council that she received Waste Management's 5-year pricing proposal. Randy Ott, Waste Management Senior Account Executive, advised Jackie that the rates would remain the same for the first year with the exception of recycle to be increased by \$1. Each year after that will be a 5% increase versus 3% on the current contract. Waste Management will also begin implementing a fee for extra trash. An extra bag of trash up to 30 gallons will be \$5.00 per bag. This fee would apply to containers that the lids are not closed and extra bags of garbage by the containers. There will be a grace period where a warning would be issued before an extra charge. If a customer is continuously over filling their container they can get a second container at a lower fee. The fuel surcharge price per gallon also increased. The city won't be charged a fuel surcharge until the price of diesel is \$5.00 or higher versus the current contract the city is charged a fuel surcharge when diesel is \$4.00 gallon or higher. Ben Hershey made a motion to accept the new 2026 Waste Management 5-year trash and recycle proposal to include a 5% increase per year; Keaton Flanagan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous. Mayor Soderberg stated that since we are good for the rates this year we have time to discuss and review future increases on the quarterly billings. Jackie stated that she will research on how the past rates were calculated and work on a rate structure for residential and commercial accounts that will cover the annual increases.

Mayor Soderberg presented the council a quote that he received from Naastad Brothers for the south cell valve and piping replacement for \$47,290.00. Mayor Soderberg also advised the council that he met with Mike Biobow, AE2S, in regard to funding options. Mr. Bibow informed Mayor Soderberg that there is limited funding for these repairs and stated that our best option for financing would be look at loan options available through our local bank. Mayor Soderberg contacted First State Bank and stated that we would qualify for a loan at approximately 6.75% interest. Mayor Soderberg stressed that the south gate and piping repairs must be done before we can move forward with any other additional improvements. The council agreed that these repairs need to be done sooner than later. The repairs are anticipated to take three days and can be done without installing riprap. There is the possibility that when the water level is lowered in the cell that the suggested 15 feet of rip rap could be as low as 8 feet according to the sonar imaging. The council reviewed the budget and discussed funding options and transferring funds from the budgeted amount from buildings and grounds. Mayor Soderberg stated that he would also like to get on a routine schedule with Jet-Way to flush the sewer lines on a rotating schedule so that will also be an expense that needs to be considered. Jackie Siewert stated that the city does have a CD for \$35,000 that would reach maturity July 16, 2026. As well as 2 additional CD's each valued at \$10,000. Ben Hershey made a motion to accept the quote from Naastad Brothers for the cell 2 discharge valve and piping replacement for \$47,290.00 noting that the potential of additional expense per the additional comments noted on the quote; Jeff Siewert seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he contacted Cassie at Nilson Brand Law and she stated that the fairest way to sell the old tree pile city lot would be to advertise the lot for sale to the highest bidder. Travis stated that ad has been placed in the Hillsboro Banner for the sale. The sale would be held at 7pm on May 13th at the city's May council meeting. Sealed bids would be open at that time. The three highest bidders would have the opportunity to raise their bid at the sale. The ad initially ran with the wrong date of May 14th but has since been corrected May 13th.

Mayor Soderberg stated that the tree pile still needs to be burned. The fire department is monitoring the weather for the most favourable conditions to burn.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, stated that she received a notice from QuickBooks of a change to payroll that is set to take place July 1, 2026. Jackie has reached out to QuickBooks questioning the change but has not heard back.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that next city council meeting will be May 13th at 7:00pm.

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

City Auditor

Council Member

Mayor