

**City of Buxton**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
October 8, 2025 @ 7:00 PM  
Buxton Fire Hall

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

**Recording:** Jackie Siewert, Auditor

Meeting called to order by Mayor Travis Soderberg

Meeting minutes from the September 10, 2025 budget hearing were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Holly Aamold; seconded by Keaton Flanagan; motion passed unanimous. Meeting minutes from the September 10, 2025 meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeff Siewert; seconded by Holly Aamold; motion passed unanimous.

The following bills were presented for payment:

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| Direct | Waste Management                 | \$4586.80 |
| Direct | Xcel Energy                      | \$1137.21 |
| Direct | Visa Card                        | \$227.25  |
| 13226  | East Central Regional Water Dist | \$244.00  |
| 13227  | M & K Porta Potties              | \$645.00  |
| 13228  | Steve Larson                     | \$35.38   |
| 13229  | Nilson Brand Law                 | \$179.50  |
| 13230  | DDC Lawncare & Landscaping       | \$850.00  |
| 13231  | Ironhide Equipment               | \$154.53  |
| 13232  | Hillsboro Banner                 | \$288.35  |
| 13233  | Midco                            | \$49.53   |
| 13234  | Full Service Insurance Agency    | \$1498.00 |
| 13235  | TEAM LAB                         | \$500.00  |
| 13236  | Xcel Energy                      | \$26.74   |
| 13237  | Holly Aamold                     | \$180.08  |
| 13238  | Richard Aamold                   | \$1699.24 |
| 13239  | Keaton Flanagan                  | \$180.08  |
| 13240  | Ben Hershey                      | \$180.08  |
| 13241  | Steve Larson                     | \$3531.48 |
| 13242  | Jaqueline Siewert                | \$1616.12 |
| 13243  | Jeff Siewert                     | \$180.08  |
| 13244  | Travis Soderberg                 | \$900.41  |
| 13245  | Traill County Auditor            | \$750.00  |
| 13246  | Thomas Moe                       | \$150.00  |
| 13247  | M & K Porta Potties              | \$165.00  |
| 13248  | Burley's Tree Service            | \$7600.00 |
| 13249  | Farmers Union Oil                | \$194.74  |

Keaton Flanagan motioned to approve the bills; Jeff Siewert seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, presented the council with the 2025 year to date budget review.

Mayor Soderberg presented the council with the results of the sonar imaging of the lagoon ponds completed by TEAM LAB. Since the last sonar imaging that was completed three years ago the sludge in the lagoons has decreased 3.6 inches. Terry Maier, Team Lab, was very pleased with the results. Mayor Soderberg strongly feels that the decrease in sludge and the good water sample is attributed to the ongoing "bug" treatment that we have been doing in the lagoons. Jeff Siewert made a motion to continue with the current "bug" program for an additional three years; Keaton Flanagan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that Florian & Sons have been at the lagoon re-shaping the banks per the previous state inspection. The work is still in progress.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he has discharged water from the lagoon and has lowered the levels in the cells. Travis also stated that he had invited Mike Bibow, AE2S, to attend the meeting but he was unable to. Mayor Soderberg read an email that had been received from Mike Bibow to the council. Mike stated that he was impressed with the sonar results. Mike also stated that Abby Ritz, AE2S, discussed some different financial options for the lagoon repairs with him. Abby stated that overall private funding may be the best option and the possibly the lowest interest rate. Project questionnaires were also provided to be filled out with potential lagoon projects and submitted to the state to get on a list for eligibility of any future funding through CWSRF (Clean Water Revolving Fund). Travis will complete

the forms and get them submitted. Mayor Soderberg stated that there was not any discussion in regards to the extent of repairs needed to bring the lagoons infrastructure up to date. Travis will continue talks with AE2S.

Mayor Soderberg presented the council with the completed city infrastructure maps that were received from AE2S. Jackie Siewert, City Auditor, asked if it would be beneficial if one of the maps included the 911 addresses. Mayor Soderberg suggested that perhaps a separate map could be made with just the 911 addresses.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that Xcel Energy buried the overhead power lines at the park. The council inquired if the pickleball net and frames will be taken down for the winter. Mayor Soderberg stated that only the net is taken down. The pickleball frames stay up. Holly Aamold inquired if the volleyball net will also be taken down. Although it has not been in the past, Mayor Soderberg stated that since it is new and to extend the life of it the volleyball net will also be taken down. The weather will be monitored as to when the nets will be taken down and stored for the winter.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, advised the council that the ACH form had been completed in time to announce the ACH program on the October Buxton Beat. The ACH form has been uploaded to the webpage. Residents can print the form from there or contact Jackie to have a form mailed to them. As soon as more ACH forms are received Jackie will contact First State Bank to start creating the template.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that Burley's Tree Service was in town this past Monday and completed the citywide tree trimming in two days versus the quoted three days. The final bill was adjusted accordingly. Mayor Soderberg stated that he drove around town and was very impressed at the work that Burley's had done and the significant improvement that it has made. Thank you to Burley's Tree Service for a job well done.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he cleaned up some trees leading to the lagoon and in doing so there was some damage to the bumper on the Tool Cat. Jackie Siewert has ordered a bumper from Ironhide Equipment.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that Ironhide Equipment has delivered the snow blower.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that the morning of October 3<sup>rd</sup> both railroad crossings were block for over 30 minutes. Travis stated that he emailed Amy McBeth, BNSF representative, to advise her of this and also of several other reports of blocked crossing within the last few weeks. Her reply was more on a positive note that it has been a while since last being contacted. Mayor Soderberg stated it was reported to him that one morning there was a 45-minute wait for one of the school bus drivers, which in return caused that driver to be later for their route. Travis stated that there are going to times that the blocked crossing will be unavoidable and 10-15 minutes wait times need to be expected but anything excessive of that please advise Travis with the dates and times.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that Thomas Anderson, Anderson Excavating Inc, stated that the snow removal rates will be the same as last year. Although there has not been a formal quote received, Mayor Soderberg stated that Anderson Excavating will continue to do the snow removal for the city of Buxton.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that Dan Fuglesten had reached out to him and stated that Buxton/Reynolds is hosting this year's Sox for Kids benefit which is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> and volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Mayor Soderberg stated that he is getting prices for a new walk door for the city shed. He has received one quote for \$4938.00.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that next city council meeting will be November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff Siewert made a motion to adjourn; Holly Aamold seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

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City Auditor

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Council Member

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Mayor