

BUTTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

JANUARY 12TH, 2026

5:00 P.M.

BUTTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2026. MEMBERS' PRESENT WERE: MAYOR MARK O. WARNER, COUNCIL MEMBERS: KENT WINTERS, RORY HALER, NATHAN MATHISTAD, AND ALAN PANKRATZ. OTHERS PRESENT WERE: MIKE HALL, JEFF DURHEIM, WYNETTE HALER, JODY LEPP, AVA LEPP, MIKE LINSCHEID, AND KRISTINA REHNELT.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:05 P.M. BY MAYOR MARK O. WARNER.

ALAN PANKRATZ TOOK OATH FOR OFFICE TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR SEWER COMMISSIONER.

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED ON A MOTION BY NATE MATHISTAD AND A SECOND BY KENT WINTERS. MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT ITEMS SUCH AS MEETING MINUTES, FINANCIAL REPORTS, AND PAYMENT OF BILLS WERE APPROVED ON A MOTION BY RORY HALER AND A SECOND BY NATE MATHISTAD. MOTION CARRIED.

A MAINTENANCE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY MIKE LINSCHEID. AERATORS ARE LOOKING GOOD AND RUNNING PROPERLY DUE TO THE WARMER WEATHER. MIKE WILL ADJUST AS NEEDED IF THEY START TO ICE OVER AGAIN WITH COOLER TEMPS COMING. WATER TOWER READINGS HAVE BEEN GOOD NO LEAKS HAVE BEEN DETECTED. EQUIPMENT IS RUNNING WELL AND HAVE NOT HAD ANY PROBLEMS.

NO SEWER REPORT WAS GIVEN.

A STREET REPORT WAS GIVEN BY KENT WINTERS. HE QUESTIONED IF WHEN SNOW PLOWING CAN A WIND ROW BE CREATED ON THE FIRE HALL SIDE VS. BUTTERFIELD FOOD FENCE DUE TO NOT WANTING TO BREAK OR DAMAGE THE FENCE MORE AND WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT. HUBBARD AVE AND 1ST ST SOUTH AND NORTH (CTY RD 5) ARE COUNTY ROADS SO IT IS THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY. MIKE AND SCOTT COULD POSSIBLY PUSH IT TOWARDS THE OLD WATER TOWER LOT BUT MIKE WILL ALSO TALK TO RICK BAK AND NICK MATHISTAD.

NO WATER REPORT WAS GIVEN.

A LIQUOR STORE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY RORY HALER. COUNCIL WOULD LIKE JADA TO COME TO EVERY MEETING; THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE A PROFIT/LOSS REPORT AND INVENTORY REPORT EVERY MEETING MOVING FORWARD.

IN NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION FOR 2026 CITY RATES WAS PASSED ON A MOTION BY RORY HALER AND A SECOND BY ALAN PANKRATZ. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCIL AGREED WITH RENT BEING SO LOW FOR EDA TENANTS THAT THE TENANTS CAN PAY FOR THEIR WATER BILLS VS THE CITY. COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TENANTS TO BE NOTIFIED AND BEGIN PAYING THE BILLS BY APRIL 1ST, 2026. MOTION RORY HALER AND A SECOND BY ALAN PANKRATZ. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION 2026-1-12 CITY APPOINTMENTS WAS PASSED ON A MOTION BY KENT WINTERS AND A SECOND BY NATE MATHISTAD. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING DONATIONS, 2026-01 & 2026-01-2 WERE PASSED ON A MOTION BY RORY HALER AND A SECOND BY ALAN PANKRATZ. MOTION CARRIED.

IN OLD BUSINESS:

THE BTA AGREEMENT WAS DISCUSSED WITH MIKE HALL AND JEFF DURHEIM. COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO ADD SEWER FEES TO THE WATER BILL DUE TO IT BEING DUMPED INTO OUR SYSTEM. COUNCIL WOULD ALSO LIKE A PARAGRAPH ADDED THAT BTA NEEDS TO HAVE COMMUNICATION WITH THE CITY COUNCIL ABOUT ANY PLANS FOR FUTURE BUILDINGS OR PERMANENT STRUCTURES. CONCERN ABOUT PLACEMENT OF THE NEW CONSTRUCTION CORNER BUILDING WAS DISCUSSED, THE BTA WILL BE IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE CITY ABOUT IT'S PLANS. THE BUILDING IS TO HOLD EQUIPMENT THAT WAS GIFTED TO THE BTA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION CORNER. COUNCIL ASKED IF A LEAN TO COULD BE ADDED FOR CITIZENS TO SIT IN THE SHADE AND ALSO ENJOY. COUNCIL MEMBERS AND BTA MEMBERS ALSO DISCUSSED IF VOSS PARK COULD POSSIBLY TIE INTO THE CITY'S SEWER OR IF A PUMP/GRINDER SYSTEM COULD BE PUT IN IN THE FUTURE AND WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR IT. JEFF DURHEIM IS GOING TO LOOK FOR AN ELEVATION MAP THAT WAS GIVEN TO HIM FROM S.E.H. WHILE HE WAS ON THE COUNCIL. DISCUSSION WAS THEN TABLED.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON PUTTING BIDS IN THE NEWSPAPER FOR BUILDING A NEW BOY SCOUT SHELTER THIS SPRING. CITY WILL FIND SOMEONE TO TEAR DOWN THE OLD ONE. REPLACING IT WITH A 12X18 POLE SHED AND GRAVEL TO ELIMINATE VANDALISM. DISCUSSION WAS THEN TABLED.

ON A MOTION BY RORY HALER AND A SECOND BY NATE MATHISTAD THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:02 P.M.



KRISTINA REHNELT, CITY CLERK