

BUTTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2026

5:00 P.M.

BUTTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, JUNE 8TH, 2026. MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: MARK O. WARNER, ALAN PANKRATZ, NATHAN MATHISTAD, RORY HALER, AND KENT WINTERS. OTHERS PRESENT WERE: MIKE LINSCHIED, SARA OBERLOH, MATT RINNE, JADA STHAL, AND KRISTINA REHNELT.

MAYOR MARK O. WARNER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00 P.M.

THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED ON A MOTION BY RORY HALER AND A SECOND BY NATE MATHISTAD. 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.

A MAINTENACE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY MIKE LINSCHIED. THERE WAS AN ISSUE WITH THE SOUTH LIFT STATION LAST WEEK. THE PUMPS WERE WORKING PROPERLY BUT THE FLOATS WERE NOT MIKE CALLED MIDWEST PUMP AND THEY PUT NEW FLOATS IN ON 6/4/2026. THEY PIGGED MAINS AND CLEANED THE WET WELL. THE WATER TOWER IS HOLDING NORMAL USAGE. MIKE WILL START WORKING ON MANHOLE COVERS SOON.

SEWER REPORT WAS GIVEN BY ALAN PANKRATZ. WHEN IT RAINS IT ONLY TAKES A HALF OF AN INCH TO BACK UP THE PUMPS ON THE SOUTH SIDE. WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EMPIRE PUMP OR MOUNTAIN LAKE COME CAMERA THE PIPES TO SEE IF THE SEWER IS RUNNING INTO THE STORM SEWER. IT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY SMOKE TESTED AND WOULD POSSILBY LIKE TO HAVE A DYE TEST DONE. MIKE L. THINKS THERE COULD POSSIBLY BE FIELD TILES ALSO RUNNING IN AND IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE IT CHECKED OUT RIGHT AFTER A RAIN FALL.

NO WATER REPORT WAS GIVEN.

STREET REPORT WAS GIVEN BY KENT WINTERS. HE WOULD LIKE A SPEED LIMIT SIGN PUT UP ON HIGHLAND AVE GOING OUT TO THE THRESHING BEE.

A LIQUOR STORE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY RORY HALER. AFTER LOOKING AT REPORTS AND AUDIT UNSURE OF LIQUOR STORES FUTURE IF IT IS ONLY MAKING REVENUE IN THE SUMMER BUT NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP AFLOAT ALL YEAR. WILL NEED TO DO THE PUBLIC HEARING IN DECEMBER.

IN NEW BUSINESS:

CITY AUDITOR SARA OBERLOH WENT THROUGH THE 2025 AUDIT WITH COUNCIL.

1. EXPLAINED THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
2. EXPLAINED THE AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE CITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. PAGES 16-19 STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION, ACTIVITIES, AND BALANCE SHEET.
4. PAGES 20-23 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES.
5. PAGES 24-26 STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS.
6. PAGE 38 FUND BALANCE.
7. PAGES 50-53 BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025.
8. PAGE 73 COLLATERAL FROM THE BANK IS NOT COVERING ALL FUNDS IN THE BANK.

SARA ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE LIQUOR STORE IS IN A DEFICIT FOR 2025 AND IT WILL NEED ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING. MOST CITIES WITH MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORES/BARS ARE IN THE SAME BOAT BUT IT IS UP TO COUNCIL AND CITIZENS TO DECIDE HOW MUCH LONGER TO KEEP OPEN AT THE PUBLIC HEARING IN DECEMBER. THE CITY ALSO NEEDS TO START USING MORE THAN ONE BANK OR THE 4M ACCOUNT THROUGH THE LEAGUE DUE TO COLLATERAL AT THE BANK NOT COVERING ENOUGH OF THE CITIES FUNDS.

RESOLUTION 2026-06-8 WAS APPROVED ON A MOTION BY NATE MATHISTAD AND A SECOND BY RORY HALER.

THE SIDEWALK BY 250 3RD STREET NORTH NEEDS TO HAVE THE EXTRA SLABS OUT, HAVE THE NEW CURB STOP LOWERED, FILLED IN WITH DIRT, AND LEVEL OUT THE ROCK. MIKE LINSCHIED WILL GET IT DONE.

IN OLD BUSINESS:

BOY SCOUT SHELTER- TABLED.

IN OPEN FORUM:

COUNCIL WOULD LIKE CERTIFIED LETTERS SENT OUT TO PROPERTY OWNERS THAT NEED TO MOW AND CLEAN UP THEIR YARDS.

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP NOTICED PEOPLE FROM OUT OF TOWN WERE COMING IN TO DROP OFF. NEXT YEAR MAY NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE STAND DOWN AT THE HALL TO CHECK FOR BILLS OR LICENSES TO PREVENT OTHERS FROM USING THE TOWN'S SERVICES.

MATT RINNE CAME TO ASK COUNCIL ABOUT OFF SALE LIQUOR LICENSE AT BUCKSHOTTS. RORY HALER LET MATT KNOW THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE LIQUOR STORE IS IN DECEMEBER.

ON A MOTION BY RORY HALER AND A SECOND BY NATE MATHISTAD THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.



KRISTINA REHNELT

CITY CLERK