

BUTTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 2026

5:00 P.M.

THE BUTTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH, 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARK O. WARNER, ALAN PANKRATZ, NATHAN MATHISTAD, RORY HALER, AND KENT WINTERS. OTHERS PRESENT: MIKE LINSCHIED, TROY RASSMUSEN, SHAWN DELORIS, AND KRISTINA REHNELT.

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

THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED WITH THE ADDITION OF FEDERATED BROADBRAND AND A VFD QOUTE. 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. MOTION CARRIED.

A MAINTENANCE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY MIKE LINSCHIED. THE VFD ON THE WEST PUMP AT THE PONDS HAS NOT WORKED SINCE THE STORM ON JUNE 30TH, 2026, THEY THINK IT WAS POSSIBLY STRUCK BY LIGHTINING. A QOUTE FROM ST. JAMES ELECTRIC WAS GIVEN TO COUNCIL TO REPLACE THE VFD WITH A SOFT START WHICH WOULD COST \$5,162.00. COUNCIL REQUESTED THE VFD TO BE TURNED INTO INSURANCE AND APPROVED THE QOUTE. ON A MOTION BY NATE MATHISTAD AND A SECOND BY RORY HALER. MOTION CARRIED.

NO SEWER REPORT WAS GIVEN.

A STREET REPORT WAS GIVEN BY KENT WINTERS. DUE TO THE MANHOLE COVERS STILL NOT BEING DONE HE WOULD LIKE TO REACH OUT TO NICKEL CONSTRUCTION OR ANOTHER COMPANY TO SEE IF THEY COULD GET THEM PUT ON BEFORE WINTER. HE ALSO REQUESTED FOR MIKE TO USE THE REST OF THE PATCH TO FILL HOLES BEFORE WINTER COMES.

NO WATER REPORT WAS GIVEN.

LIQUOR STORE REPORT WAS GIVEN BY RORY HALER. THERE WAS A SMALL PROFIT IN JULY BUT OVERALL LIQUOR STORE IS STILL IN A DEFECIT. THERE ARE CONCERNS ABOUT THE LIQUOR STORES FUTURE AND MAKING THE TAXPAYERS FUND IT. MAY NEED TO MAKE A DECISION IN DECEMBER.

IN NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL CALLED ON TROY RASMUSEN WITH FEDERATED BROADBAND. FEDERATED BROADBAND RECEIVED A GRANT AND IS WORKING WITH SMALLER COMMUNITIES TO BRING IN FIBER INTERNET, TV, PHONE, STREAMING SERVICES, AND MOBILE SERVICES AT NO COST TO THE COMMUNITY. THEY ARE CURRENTLY IN MARTIN, JACKSON, COTTONWOOD AND A SMALL AREA OF WATONWAN COUNTIES. FEDERATED BROADBAND WOULD RUN FIBER LINES THROUGH THE ALLEYWAYS AND TRUE FIBER UP TO CITIZENS HOMES FOR FREE AFTER THEY FILL OUT A CONSENT FORM WHILE THEY ARE IN TOWN. ANYONE WHO SIGNS UP AFTER THEY ARE DONE WOULD HAVE TO PAY \$2500 TO HAVE IT CONNECTED. THEY WOULD ALSO NEED A SMALL PIECE OF LAND TO PUT UP AN EIGHT-FOOT ELECTRONIC LOCKER. THEY WOULD ALSO NEED TO USE AROUND FIVE THOUSAND GALLONS OF WATER PER WEEK DURING INSTALLATION. THE PROJECT WOULD TAKE ABOUT SIX WEEKS. ANY LAND LINES THROUGH FRONTIER THAT COULD POTENTIALLY GO AWAY COULD BE PORTED SO PEOPLE WOULDN'T HAVE TO CHANGE PHONE NUMBERS. THEY WOULD ALSO NEED HELP FROM MIKE LINSCHIED TO FIND SEWER AND WATER LINES. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL:

IF THERE WAS A STREET PROJECT IN THE FUTURE WOULD THIS EFFECT IT? NO, FEDERATED STAYS IN THE RIGHT OF WAY.

HOW DOES THE PUBLIC GET INFORMATION? THEY WILL SEND INFORMATION TO CITIZENS BY FACEBOOK, DOOR FLYERS, STAFF MAKING DOOR TO DOOR VISITS, AND THEY CAN WORK WITH THE CLERK SO SHE CAN SEND OUT SEPARATE NEWSLETTER TO CITIZENS WITH INFORMATION.

COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO CHOOSE LOCATION FOR ELECTRONIC LOCKER, WOULD PREFER IF THEY PUT IT ON THE EAST SIDE OF WHERE THE CURRENT FRONTIER BUILDING IS. COUNCIL APPROVED FOR FEDERATED BROADBAND TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT. ON A MOTION AND APPROVED: NATE MATHISTAD-YES, ALAN PANKRATZ- YES, KENT WINTERS-YES, RORY HALER-YES. MOTION CARRIED.

OFFICE CARPET CLEANING. KRISTINA ASKED COUNCIL IF SHE COULD RENT A CARPET CLEANER TO CLEAN THE CARPET DUE TO IT SMELLING LIKE MILDEW SOME DAYS. COUNCIL WOULD RATHER HAVE RUG RESCUE COME TO DO A DEEP CLEAN AND ORDER A DEHUMIDIFIER FOR THE OFFICE. ON A MOTION BY KENT WINTERS AND A SECOND BY ALAN PANKRATZ. MOTION CARRIED.

EXAMPLE BUDGET WAS GIVEN TO COUNCIL TO TAKE HOME AND LOOK OVER FOR 2027.

COUNCIL APPROVED A NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBER- ALEXANDER VAUBEL. ON A MOTION BY ALAN PANKRATZ AND A SECOND BY RORY HALER. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

QOUTES FROM TOTAL LAWN CARE AND BR DIRT WORKS WERE GIVEN TO COUNCIL FOR LANDSCAPING AT THE CITY SIGN, EDA, AND LIBRARY. COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE QOUTES AND DETERMINED THEY WOULD LIKE TO TABLE UNTIL NEXT SPRING DUE TO IT GETTING LATE IN THE SEASON. COUNCIL ALSO REQUESTED TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT ANY MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS BOTH PARTIES WOULD HAVE TO ADD TO THE QOUTES. TABLED.

THE BOY SCOUT SHELTER WAS TABLED.

ON A MOTION BY NATE MATHISTAD AND A SECOND BY RORY HALER THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:33 P.M.

CITY CLERK


KRISTINA REHNELT

