

**City of Buxton**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
April 10, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
Buxton Fire Hall

**Present:** Travis Soderberg, Holly Aamold, Keaton Flanagan, Ben Hershey Jonathan Vonesh, Chad Wheeler, Tanner Bickford, Cole Short and James Maertens

**Recording:** Jackie Siewert, Auditor

Meeting called to order by Mayor Travis Soderberg

Meeting minutes from the March 20, 2024 meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Keaton Flanagan; seconded by Holly Aamold; motion passed unanimous.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Direct	Waste Management	\$4318.42
Direct	Xcel Energy	\$1044.70
12963	Buxton Rural Fire Protection Dist	\$800.00
12964	East Central Regional Water Dist	\$272.10
12965	Hillsboro Banner	\$188.80
12966	Midco	\$49.39
12967	Nilson Brand Law	\$1429.50
12968	Thomas Moe	\$150.00
12969	Traill County Auditor	\$750.00
12970	VOID	VOID
12971	Ben Hershey	\$152.38
12972	Holly Aamold	\$152.38
12973	Jaqueline Siewert	\$1385.25
12974	Jeff Siewert	\$152.38
12975	Travis Soderberg	\$692.62
12976	Keaton Flanagan	\$152.38
12977	True North Equipment	\$7950.00

Ben Hershey motioned to approve the bills, Holly Aamold seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, presented the council with the 2024 year to date budget comparison.

Jackie Siewert advised the council that two of the three CD's have been established and the third CD's maturity date is April 13<sup>th</sup> and will then be cashed out and renewed at the higher rate.

Tanner Bickford, FBLA advisor at Central Valley School, attended the meeting representing three students that qualified for FBLA nationals to be held this year in Orlando, Florida. The three students are Melanie Billings, Rylan Sundby and Cole Erdmann and all live in the Buxton area. The trip will cost approximately \$2025 per student to attend. Mr. Bickford stated that the students are doing a fundraiser and also asking for donations from local businesses to help cover the cost. Ben Hershey made a motion to donate \$300 (\$100 per student) to the Central Valley FBLA students that qualified for the national competition in Orlando, Florida; Holly Aamold seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that the property located at 304 Ives Street has shown some signs of improvement. Jonahan Vonesh reiterated that some progress has been made. The resident has gotten rid of one car and is continuing with the clean-up. Mayor Soderberg confirmed that the property must be in compliance to the city ordinances by April 20, 2024. A compliance hearing is scheduled for May 8, 2024 at 11am at the Buxton Fire Hall. He also stated that if the property has been cleaned up prior to the April 20<sup>th</sup> date the hearing may be cancelled.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that Buxton resident, Chad Wheeler, had reached out to him in regard to seeing a low flying drone near his house. Chad Wheeler explained to the council that over the weekend at approximately 1am on Saturday he went outside to let his dog out and heard something. He looked up and saw a drone hovering about 100 feet up by his house appearing to be positioned to look in his upstairs window. The drone flew away and went towards the center of town. Mr. Wheeler said that he attempted to follow it in his pickup but lost sight of it. He notified Mayor Soderberg, in which, Mayor Soderberg encouraged him to report it to the Traill County Sheriff's Department. Mayor Soderberg also reached out to Sheriff Steve Hunt and asked if he could have his deputies keep an eye out for any drones when in town. The city also asks all residents to report any new suspicious drone activity to the City of Buxton and to the Traill County Sheriff's Department.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he has not communicated with Mr. Dennis Riedhammer, owner of the property located at 317 Broadway, and that there has not been anything done to property. Mayor Soderberg reconfirmed that a “show cause” hearing is scheduled for May 15, 2024 at 7pm. A copy of the resolution has been posted on the front and back of the building.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, reached out to the city’s Waste Management rep. Waste Management confirmed that May 4<sup>th</sup> is available for roll-off delivery for Buxton’s spring clean-up.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he received a call from True North that the new mower had arrived. He scheduled it to be delivered April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. He received a call that the delivery guy showed up April 9<sup>th</sup>. Steve Larson helped take delivery of the new mower.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he received a drawing from CNS (Cooperative Network Services) showing where they would be boring the fibre optic line and digging some vaults (connection points). They appear to be covering a very large area in Traill County.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he reached out to Van Deist Supply via email in regards to calibrating the mosquito fogger before the upcoming mosquito season.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that Jackie Siewert, city auditor, notified him of a letter that was received from Midco in regards renewing our franchise agreement which is set to expire September 20, 2024. The franchise agreement was last renewed in 2009. Last year the city received over \$2900 in franchise fees.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he wrote a letter for Central Valley Bean from the city for a grant for their upcoming improvements.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that Jim Murphy with the Traill County EDC reached out to see if the City of Buxton would be willing to work with the Traill County EDC to help local businesses on larger infrastructure projects. One way to help is to buy down sales tax for businesses, like Central Valley Bean, upfront on certain projects that meet their specifications. To the council’s understanding the recipient of the assistance would pay back the funds with interest in the future. Mr. Murphy did not have any detailed information to share at this time but will come before the council to explain once he does. The council is open to listening to any offer to help local businesses grow but at the same time needs additional information before investing.

Mayor Soderberg confirmed that the next city council meeting will be held on May 8, 2024 at the Buxton Fire Hall at 7pm.

Keaton Flanagan 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