

**City of Buxton
Meeting Minutes**

February 11, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
Buxton Fire Hall

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

Recording: Jackie Siewert, Auditor

Meeting called to order by Mayor Travis Soderberg

Meeting minutes from the January 14, 2026 meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Holly Aamold; seconded by Jeff Siewert; motion passed unanimous.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Direct	Visa Card	\$349.68
Direct	Waste Management	\$4284.07
Direct	Xcel Energy	\$1245.67
13289	East Central Regional Water Dist	\$265.16
13290	Farmers Union Oil Co	\$260.33
13291	Midco	\$54.29
13292	Nilson Brand Law	\$88.50
13293	North Star Mutual Insurance	\$1353.00
13294	Thomas Moe	\$150.00
13295	Xcel Energy	\$28.53
13296	Jaqueline Siewert	\$1616.13
13297-13301		VOID
13302	Anderson Excavating LLC	\$2170.00
13303	Hillsboro Banner	\$221.99

Keaton Flanagan motioned to approve the bills; Holly Aamold seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, presented the council with the 2026 year to date financial and year to date budget comparison.

Mayor Soderberg noted that no one was present for public comments.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that the quote previously received from JB Surfaces for re-surfacing the pickleball and basketball court and volleyball posts and net are still good. The pickleball surface quote is \$9,448, the basketball court surface is \$11,247, the pickleball net is \$1500 and the volleyball posts and net is \$2,000. Keaton Flanagan asked about the longevity of the surface. Travis stated that the company advised him it was an average of approximately 10 years. Holly Aamold stated that she feels it is good to see things happening in the park. Mayor Soderberg wasn't asking for the council to make a motion on the quotes received but for approval to move forward in searching for any available grants for city parks to offset the costs. The council all agreed that they are all in favor of pursuing any available grants. Mayor Soderberg also stated that he may see if the city would still be able to sign up for the GrantFinder subscription offered through the ND League of Cities. Mayor Soderberg also stated that pricing is still needed for mulch at the playground at the park.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he has received a couple of quotes for the Broadway planter but would like to table until the March meeting. He is waiting for one more quote to come in.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, advised the council that she had received the gaming license renewal application for the Buxton Daycare for their gaming sites at the Barn N Grill and Triple V. Jeff Siewert made a motion to accept and approve the renewal of the Buxton Daycare's gaming license for the gaming sites located at the Barn N grill and the Triple V; Holly Aamold seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, advised the council that an authorization application for Vector Disease Control International for aerial spraying for the 2026 mosquito season was received. The price would remain that same as last year, which was, \$3.10 per acre approximately \$670 per aerial spray. The ferry fee increased by \$10, from \$50 to \$60. Keaton Flanagan made a motion to use Vector Disease Control International for aerial mosquito spraying; Jeff Siewert seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, advised the council that she received a letter of intent from Traill County Tax Equalization notifying the City of Buxton that the 2027 Assessor rate would be \$3,005. The 2026 assessor rate was \$3,475. Holly Aamold made a motion accept the Traill County Tax Equalization 2027 assessor rate of \$3,005; Jeff Siewert seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Jackie Siewert advised the council that Sheriff Steve Hunt had contacted her that Circle of Friends have renewed their agreement with Traill County and will accept stray dogs. Jackie signed the agreement on the behalf of the City of Buxton.

Jackie Siewert advised the council that she has reached out to the city's new Waste Management rep and advised him that the city would like to mutually negotiate a 5-year extension with WM. The current contract runs through June 30, 2026.

Jackie Siewert advised the council that the replacements American flags have been ordered and received.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that Jackie Siewert had found a copy of the old ordinances that listed the residential setbacks. The residential setbacks in the old ordinances were listed as front yard at 30 feet, side yards of 8 feet and rear yard of 50 feet. Travis will continue to work with Bobbi Hepper-Olson of Hepper Olson Architects.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that the lift station cabinet heater is on order. The green LED light is in. Waslien Electric will install both once the cabinet heater has arrived.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he called Spike's Construction in regards to the door installation. Travis had not received a call back prior to the meeting.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he has not received any pricing for the lagoon. Naastad Brothers anticipate to have numbers for us for the March meeting.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that he spoke to Fire Chief Jeremy Billings. Jeremy said that they could burn the tree pile within the next 30 days. Mayor Soderberg has submitted an application for a burn permit to the State.

Jackie Siewert, city auditor, advised the council that the ND State Bonding Fund coverage application was completed and approved prior to the coverage lapsing in February.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that a resident inquired if the city would consider selling the city lot where the old tree pile was located. It is an odd lot and currently serves no purpose to the city. Mayor Soderberg stated that he will talk to a realtor to get a fair market value price to include a setback for the lagoon road that runs adjacent to it.

Mayor Soderberg advised the council that next city council meeting will be March 11th at 7pm, although, he will be out of town. Jeff Siewert made a motion the re-schedule the March city council meeting from March 11th to March 18th; Keaton Flanagan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

Holly Aamold made a motion to adjourn; Keaton Flanagan seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

City Auditor

Council Member

Mayor