

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF LEON  
CITY OF BUFFALO

ON THIS, THE 22ND DAY OF AUGUST, 2022, THE BUFFALO CITY COUNCIL MET FOR A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT THE BUFFALO CITY HALL AND CONVENTION CENTER BUILDING.

PRESENT: Mayor Jerrod Jones, Councilmembers Dianne Ryder, Mike Glick, Brent Reeder, Tommy Reese, Martin Housler, Attorney Jerry Nowlin and Secretary Julie Uptmor.

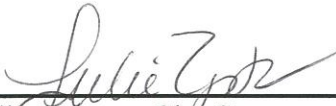
VISITORS: Susan Wilder, Gil Gregory, Henry Witt, Trey Taylor, Jason Sullivan, Jerry (Mike) Brown, Susan Pense, Aubrey Wilson, Willie Rutledge, and Mike Anderson

**Regular Meeting:**

- A. CALL TO ORDER @ 6:00 PM
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION
- C. PUBLIC COMMENTS, RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-  
None
- D. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES- None.
- E. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - 1) Public Hearing regarding Plan Changes to Service Years and Retirement Age in the Employees' Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) Plan. Secretary Uptmor gave a brief explanation on the change. No comments or questions from the audience so the public hearing was closed.
- F. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
  - 1-5) Motion by Reeder and second by Reese to approve the Department Reports for Police, Library, Fire, Municipal Court and Engineering. Motion carries. Chief Sullivan introduced new part-time officer, Jerry (Mike) Brown.
- G. CONSENT AGENDA
  - 1-5) Motion by Ryder and second by Glick to approve the Consent Agenda items. Motion carries.
- H. REGULAR AGENDA  
NEW BUSINESS
  - 1) Motion by Glick and second by Reese to approve the Ordinance changing the service years and retirement age in the Employee Retirement plan through Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS) effective October 1, 2022. Motion carries.
  - 2) Motion by Ryder and second by Glick to approve the Post Event Report for the Family & Friends of Steel's Steel Sizzlin' Cook Off and Concert held on May 13 – 14, 2022. Motion carries.
  - 3) Motion by Reeder and second by Housler to accept the Buffalo Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Budget. Ryder and Glick abstained. Motion carries.
  - 4) Motion by Ryder and second by Housler and Reese, simultaneously, to approve the Application for Hotel/Motel Occupancy Funds for the Buffalo

- 5) Motion by Housler and second by Reeder to approve the Application for Hotel/Motel Occupancy Funds for the Tri-County Horseshoe Club's Buffalo Stampede Horseshoe and Cornhole Tournament to be held on September 16 – 18, 2022, in the amount of \$4000.00. Motion carries.
  - 6) Motion by Glick and second by Ryder to Purchase three (3) sets of Bunker Gear for the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carries.
  - 7) Motion by Glick and second by Housler to accept the Proposal to increase the Accident & Sickness Insurance benefits for the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carries.
  - 8) Motion by Reese and second by Housler to sale the Buffalo Civic Center by sealed bids. Motion carries.
  - 9) Motion by Ryder and second by Reeder to approve Ordinance No. 20220822 approving the Negotiated Settlement between Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Texas division, regarding Atmos 2022 Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) filing. Motion carries.
  - 10) Motion by Ryder and second by Glick to use Mccreary Veselka Bragg & Allen (MVBA), LLC, for a one (1) year term to collect Water Bills that are 31+ days delinquent. Motion carries.
- I. CLOSED SESSION - Council went into closed session at 7:00 PM pursuant to Section 551.071 to consult with city attorney to receive legal advice and pursuant to Section 551.072 regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate.
- 1) Attorney Nowlin advised the council of the Downtown Revitalization Project Grant, Phase I, status and the bonding company's proposal to complete the project.
  - 2) Council received an update on Cause No. 21-0294CV; Moliere v. City of Buffalo.
  - 3) Mayor Jones advised the council on the status of the possible purchase of real estate in the City of Buffalo.
- J. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION – Council reconvened into open session at 7:38 PM with the following action:
- 1) Motion by Ryder and second by Reeder to pursue a contract with the bonding company for the completion of the Downtown Revitalization Project Grant, Phase I. Motion carries.
  - 2) No action taken on Cause No. 21-0294CV; Moliere v. City of Buffalo.
  - 3) No action taken on the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate.
- K. COUNCIL COMMENTS- Glick advised that he needs to repair a fence on his property that adjoins the sewer project property due to its condition. Mayor Jones advised that a fence is included in the sewer plant grant but it would be some time before it was installed. Housler asked if there was a tentative start date for the sewer plant project. Mayor Jones said he hoped to have plans by the first of the year. Ryder mentioned that an older home located at the southwest corner of N. Haggard and Main Street needs attention. Mayor Jones agreed but mentioned that it would probably take some negotiations with the owner to have it cleaned up.
- L. MAYOR COMMENTS- Mayor Jones stated that the Harriman Park Renovation Project Grant had begun but would be delayed by the wet conditions for a couple of days. Playground equipment had been removed and stored, restrooms closed, and a sign would be posted that the park was closed until further notice. The Buffalo Stampede and Parade would

be the weekend of September 16 – 17, 2022. He also mentioned that the Buffalo Bison football team would be playing the Centerville Tigers on Friday night.  
M. ADJOURN – Motion by Reese and second by Reeder to adjourn at 7:47 PM. Motion carries.

  
Julie Uptmor, City Secretary

  
Jerrod Jones, Mayor

9-26-22  
Date Approved

