

Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
6pm – Buffalo City Municipal Building

Finance meeting was called to order by chair Jeannie Czaplewski at 6pm. Roll call vote: George Fuller, Kim Beseler and Czaplewski. Absent: Mayor Ben Holien. Also Present: City Superintendent Eric Mann.

2026 Budget Discussed

Discussed revenues as follows: Shared Revenue/Supplemental Revenue – 116,364; Transportation Aid - \$53,326; Max levy can be in excess of \$300,00. Past year's levy set at \$265,143. This year's levy proposed at the same \$265,143.

Discussion on Special Use Permits – Changing structure to include a one time + yearly fee

Discussion on changing cost to mow lots – Increase proposed

Discussion on building permits fees. Note to look at these costs for the future

Expenses added to budget:

#11 Office Expense –new computer. Old computer will be outdated with latest Microsoft update this fall.

#17 Municipal Building – Fire Dept Lighting and Muni Bldg locks to be spent in 2025 – Generator cost will need to be taken from fire fund savings.

#24 Public Safety – Should look into grants for public safety; No Camera purchases this year
Annual Service contracts-Verkada - \$2,500/Flock-\$3,000

#32 – Weeds Lot Contract – Scenic Landscape bid – Lots-\$250/mow; Cemetery - \$425/\$675

#36 Tree Grant Expense-

\$10,000 with \$5,000 coming back in income – Don't know if we got yet

#41 Machinery Operations – All extras will need to be considered as part of 2026 loan

#42 Street Maintenance – Will discuss street repave as part of 2026 loan, LRIP 26-27 (\$10,000)

#47 Park Expense/Improvements –

220V plugs for food trucks - \$200 to add by bathrooms – Seitz will donate

Cords for plug ins - \$600

Park Reservation Signs - \$500 (3)

Additional Trash Cans

Park shelter upgrades to be discussed as part of 2026 loan

Discussed options for 2026 streets and capital expenses loan.

Discussion on what is needed more – new shed or plow truck. Mann said could have an option to rent county truck which has been done by other municipalities. Consensus of council that shed is more important at this time. Other equipment that could be considered would include the brush mower, brine equipment, a UTV. Mann feels the brush mower is the most important of the equipment on the list.

Discussion on a UTV for employees to use when the truck is in use. Could possibly use with attachment that would be useful. Brushcat, UTV, etc. could be purchased out of machinery fund.

Windows for municipal building and park shelter improvements would need to be considered as part of loan.

Amend budget into categories including streets, public works, park improvements so the loan can be used for different items other than the street

Czaplewski notes that if we stick to a \$600,000 loan part of that is used to pay off current balance so \$470,000 will not be enough to do the street project, shop project, park improvements, etc. with estimate from Fahrner for \$834,000 for repave of listed streets.

Mann should get better estimate of which streets really need to get done and estimates on chipseal for all the streets repaved in 2021 using the current ratings just done.

One idea was to do some small projects with a 3 year loan and work the big street projects into the 2029 when the county comes through with their OO project.

Fuller motion, Beseler second to adjourn. All yes. Motion carried.