

City of Buffalo City – Recreation Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2026
6pm – Buffalo City Municipal Building

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman George Fuller. Also present: Mayor Ben Holien and City Clerk Jenny Ehlenfeldt. Citizens present: Mark Bestul, Karson Lentz and Bob Kriesel.

River Valley Pickleball group members presented their plan to construct the new courts just south of the current tennis/basketball court area. Fuller and Holien reviewed the plans with the members present. They feel like this is a good working plan. Holien asked the group to get proposals of total cost of construction to bring to the full council at the September meeting. Fuller said the proposals could be reviewed by council at that time. Once the council knows the estimated costs and that the group has the funding secured the project would need to be put out for bids to follow state guidelines on municipal spending. Group discussed the fencing options around the court and drainage and potential retaining wall needs. The proposal includes an area of about 15' that would be situated closer to Belvidere Street than the current courts. Fuller said he would like to see that added space go towards the skating rinks, not the street side. He would also like to see the new area share a fence with the current courts and would like the group to look into black fencing. City's fencing around current structure will need to be updated at some point and he thinks that black fencing will be considered when that is done.

Members will get proposals for complete project to present to council.

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

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Respectfully submitted for the Recreation Committee,

Jenny Ehlenfeldt
Clerk/Treasurer