

City of Buffalo City – Recreation Committee Meeting
July 15, 2025
6:30 pm at the Buffalo City Municipal Building

The Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman George Fuller. Also present: Mayor Ben Holien, Kim Beseler and City Clerk Jenny Ehlenfeldt. Citizens present: Curt Passow, Carol Burmeister, Mark Bestul, Sandi Bestul, Gena Kriesel, Julie Kuri, Bill Meyer, John Kriesel, Carson Lenz, Carolyn Squires, Linda Clark, Gary Meldahl and Heidi Meldahl.

Fuller discussed options for the pickleball courts for both the short and long term. Short term the City will be painting in 4 courts on current court area. Along with the lines, the City will purchase 3 more temporary nets to go with the one we currently have available for the groups when they play. These nets will need to be put up and taken down each time. They will be stored in the current locker at the court area. After many different discussions about a possible pickleball court expansion or new court area, Fuller said the committee would like to get everyone on the same page about a potential project. The group has approached the city with a plan to resurface the tennis court side of the facilities. Fuller informed the group the council does not want to just tear up and work on half of a court. They would like to see the pickleball project continue with the groups efforts but would like the focus to be on the hockey area section of the ice skating rink. Holien said he sees the possible addition to a cement court on that area as a benefit for both the pickleball and hockey players. The city could use the surface to better start a rink in the winter and the pickleball group would have a court to themselves leaving both the tennis and basketball courts open for others to use. The group is looking into a T-mobile grant with deadlines approaching this fall. Fuller said if the group can get the funding for the court base and find other donations to cover the surface, fences, nets etc. the city would be more than happy to work with them to develop that area. The group was told the City has very little available in the budget process to add to funds but they are happy to work with the group as best they can. Discussion on multiple uses with the group as well as how they could best go about raising funds to come up with enough money for the entire project. Fuller also suggested they possibly only look to develop two courts at this time with a plan to expand when funds are available. City clerk will work with the member of the group writing the grant. In the meantime the City public works will paint the new lines on the current tennis court and will get temporary nets for them to use.

Motion Beseler, second Holien to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.
Respectfully submitted for the Recreation Committee,

Jenny Ehlenfeldt
Clerk/Treasurer