

**City of Buxton
Meeting Minutes**

January 13, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
Buxton Fire Hall

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

Recording: Jackie Siewert, Auditor

Meeting called to order by Council President Travis Soderberg

Meeting minutes from the December 17, 2020 meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeff Siewert; seconded by Keaton Flanagan; motion passed unanimous.

The following bills were presented for payment:

Direct	Waste Management	\$3601.68
Direct	Xcel Energy	\$895.67
Direct	United States Treasury	\$1626.84
12432	Gene Rosholt	\$1062.02
12433	Holly Aamold	\$355.55
12434	Jaqueline Siewert	\$1385.25
12435	Jeff Siewert	\$355.55
12436	Keaton Flanagan	\$355.55
12437	Travis Soderberg	\$355.55
12438	East Central Regional Water Dist	\$196.17
12439	Florian's & Sons	\$9695.25
12440	Midco	\$37.10
12441	Thomas Moe	\$150.00
12442	Traill County Tribune	\$204.48
12443	Traill County Auditor	\$750.00
12444	Xcel Energy	\$19.64

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

City attorney, Cassie Tostenson advised the council that they could hold a special election this summer to elect a new mayor at the city's cost or a current council member could assume the mayor's seat until the next election in June 2022. Council member Holly Aamold said that she preferred to avoid any additional cost to the city when we have a council member that is extremely capable of being a successor for Mayor Gene Rosholt. Holly Aamold made a motion to nominate Travis Soderberg as the successor to Mayor Gene Rosholt; Jeff Siewert made a motion to close the nominations; Holly Aamold seconded the motion. On roll call vote the following members voted aye: Holly Aamold, Keaton Flanagan and Jeff Siewert. The following members voted nay: None. The following members were absent and not voting: None. The majority having voted aye, the motion carried. Therefore introducing the following resolution:

**CITY OF BUXTON
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A NEW MAYOR
January 13, 2021**

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020, that the duly elected Mayor of the City of Buxton, Gene Rosholt died while in office;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Buxton City Ordinance No. 1.0305 and North Dakota Century Code § 40-08-16, the city council may elect one of its members to act as mayor until the next election and until a mayor is elected and qualified.

WHEREAS, more than fifteen days has passed since the date of the vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after considering the qualifications, a majority of the City Council of the City of Buxton has decided to appoint Travis Soderberg as the next Mayor of the City of Buxton, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this appointment will be effective for the date of the adoption of this resolution and until the next city election where a mayor is elected and qualified.

Introduced by: Holly Aamold

Seconded by: Jeff Siewert

Members Present: Holly Aamold, Jeff Siewert, Keaton Flanagan

For: Holly Aamold, Jeff Siewert, Keaton Flanagan

Against: None

Absent: None

If any City of Buxton residents wish to petition the appointment of Travis Soderberg as mayor they would need to have a petition of a minimum of 5 percent of the electors, as determined by the total number of votes cast in the City in the last General Election, at that time the council shall then call a special election to fill the vacancy no more than six months prior to the next City Election.

City Attorney Cassie Tostenson has reviewed Scott Hong's annexation request and will forward it to Buxton Township and Traill County. Jackie Siewert will publish the annexation request in the Traill County Tribune. The builders for the home contacted Travis Soderberg for a 911 address. Travis Soderberg will obtain that information for the builder. The finalization of the annexation will be placed on the February agenda upon there being no objections.

December's regular scheduled recycle pick up was disrupted by an unexpected winter weather/high wind event leaving several residents going into the holidays will full recycle containers. Also, increasing the number of residents requesting to have recycle containers dumped twice a month. Travis Soderberg reached out to Waste Management and requested an additional recycle pickup prior to the scheduled January pickup due to the December storm. Waste Management did an unscheduled recycled pick up January 6, 2020. Jackie Siewert has reached out to our Waste Management service representative, Paul Kalibky for a quote on the cost of an additional monthly recycle pick-up. This has also prompted the council to reach out to Countrywide Sanitation for contract pricing to see what options are out there for our residents. The council tabled the discussion to the February meeting so that additional information could be obtained and reviewed.

Jackie Siewert advised the council that saving account for the paid storm sewer assessments has been set-up and all received payments for assessments have been transferred. The funds will remain in the savings account until a loan payment is due.

Travis Soderberg asked Keaton Flanagan to get prices for cameras that will be placed at the lagoon to better monitor the area. Travis also asked that the council think of possible tributes to be made in memory of Gene such as placing a US flag behind the city welcome signs.

The council encourages any resident interested in filling the vacant seat on the city council to please attend the next council meeting, February 10, 2020 or reach out to any city official.

Keaton Flanagan made a motion to adjourn; Jeff Siewert seconded the motion; motion passed unanimous.

City Auditor

Council Member

Mayor