

The Buffalo City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 212 Central Ave (with some date exceptions for holidays).

This recap outlines key decisions made by the City Council and is not a comprehensive account of all actions taken. For more detail, please check our website and review the official minutes or watch the meeting online.

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The meeting of the Buffalo City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Steve Downer, Council Members Sheila Crawford, George Fantauzza, and Erin Walsh.

Monday  
September 15, 2025

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### Meeting Recap

- *There were three speakers at **open forum**.*
  - Topics included Bison Fishing Forever, historic walking tour, and a question on whether the City is considering local gun restrictions.
- *Approved the two **add-alternates** for the **community center project***
- *Adopted the **preliminary 2026 budget and tax levy** and scheduled the **truth-in-taxation public hearing** for December 1.*
- *Approved preliminary plans for the **construction of two apartment buildings** near 604/606 8th St NE.*
- *Approved an **increase to the Buffalo firefighters lump sum retirement benefit**.*
- *Approved an internal **Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy**.*
- *Appointed **Brian Drahota** to the **Fire Marshal** position.*
- *Approved the new **Buffalo Area Community Center logo**.*

Adjourned at 9:07 p.m. The next regular City Council meeting will be held on **Monday, October 6** at 7:00 p.m.

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