

**City of Buffalo City Finance Committee Meeting**  
Monday, October 17, 2016 - Buffalo City Municipal Building

Mayor Russ Lorenz called the meeting to order. Roll call: Kevin Mack, Lisa Schuh, Ben Holien, Jeannie Czaplowski all present. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier and City Clerk Jenny Ehlenfeldt. Mayor Lorenz read a letter from the Ye Old Schoolhouse. The Board of Directors of the Schoolhouse would like the City to know they are appreciative of the use of the schoolhouse building. The letter outlined the many generous donations the organization has made to different community groups, businesses and municipalities throughout the years. The schoolhouse would like to offer to pay for the entire re-roofing project of the building next spring with the City taking control of bidding and overseeing the project. They would request steel be used as the new roofing material. Council agreed the schoolhouse does great things for the community and that this was a very generous offer. Plan will be to put out work for bids in early spring. No need to budget for the project in the City's 2017 budget. Revenues discussed. No change in state aid this year. Levy limit will go up to pay for general obligation debt issued for the street project in 2016. Loan payments of \$129,000 are due for the next 5 years.

Expenses for 2017 budget were discussed as follows:

- Community Room carpet estimated cost \$2,353 from Lyle's flooring
- Water cooler estimated cost \$1,000
- Sweeper repairs estimated \$2,500
- Bobcat and big mower lease trade in estimated at \$2,500
- Plow blades will be needed. Can come out of machinery budget or savings fund
- Foelsch Park – two picnic tables at estimated cost of \$1,800
- 10<sup>th</sup> Street dock bumpers and possible re-decking to come out of riverfront budget
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street dock money set aside for upkeep in riverfront budget each year
- Fire Fund discussed. Council will move \$36,858 from left over 2016 street fund in November.
- Fire Fund budget for 2017 will be \$9391
- Machinery fund discussed. Nothing will be added in 2017
- Cemetery reimbursement fund will be created to supplement funds needed in cemetery. Budget amount for 2017 will be \$12,500
- Cemetery Mausoleum carpet bid from Lyles Flooring will be accepted for amount of \$1,876 once we have the donation money from the Huebsch family for this

2017 Levy was set at \$266,457 with total revenues and expenditures at \$453,322.

Wages were discussed. They have not been increased in many years. Council was split on increasing mayor/council salaries. Lorenz made the decision to keep wages as is for the following year. Fines/Fees schedule will be adjusted as follows:

- Community Room Rental – increase to \$40
- Operator's License – increase to \$25
- Weeds/Lot Mowing – increase to \$75 per lot

All other fines/fees to remain the same. Motion Mack, second Holien to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. All yes, motion carried.

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Mayor Russ Lorenz, Jr.

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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Date Approved