

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2017-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The Regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Russ Lorenz at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Lisa Schuh, Kevin Mack and Jeannie Czaplewski. Absent: Ben Holien. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier, Don Wicka, Janet and Lance LaDuke, Al Kochenderfer, Ron Olson and Jerry DenBoer. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Al Kochenderfer, director of Scenic Valley Emergency Medical Services, presented the 2017 ambulance contract to the council. Rate will stay the same at \$7.50/capita. Kochenderfer introduced Ron Olson who will be taking over as the director. SVEMS had 86 runs, of which they transported 70 people in 2016. Kochenderfer also would like to remind residents that it is extremely important to put house numbers on the front entrance of their homes so emergency personnel can find them. Buffalo City passed an ordinance in 2016 requiring house numbers be displayed. City will work on public service announcement. Mayor Lorenz thank Kochenderfer for all the ambulance volunteers do. He also thanked him for his many years of service with SVEMS.

Don Wicka asked what would be done with the 28<sup>th</sup> Street opening and/or street lighting. He would like to see a price quote for the street light to go on the property side of River Road. Lorenz said the pricing would be for on the River side. Mack also said that at this time the council will not look into any more pricing until a decision is made whether the light is even needed there. Mack said as far as the street, the City doesn't have the large amount it would cost budgeted for this year. Discussion on the street will be tabled until the next meeting.

**Cemetery:** Meier has one bid for a new shed in the cemetery. He will try to get more bids by next week.

**Building:** Six permits issued.

**Riverfront:** Beaver tree removal continues. Tenth Street Dock needs some redecking. Meier will get info on options/pricing.

**Health & Safety:** Clerk received a call from Buffalo County Sheriff's Department on 19<sup>th</sup> and Schiller tree. Caller reported to Sheriff that a large tree is creaking. City has agreed with resident to remove the tree on the City right-of-way as soon as we can have the contractor do it.

**Public Works:** Discussion on 28<sup>th</sup> Street opening continued. Need to look into any Department of Transportation requirements for opening the street. Mack said he felt putting in a street light at the request of a resident would set a precedent that he doesn't think is good. There is already lighting just north of the area and to the south every other street has lights. Initial estimate to grade and put crush rock down on the street would be \$6000. Cost to put street light in on river side at 28<sup>th</sup> and River would be \$1720.

**BBC Recycling:** BBC board will meet again this month.

**Mayor:** Smokey the Bear fire warning sign discussed. Clerk and Fire Chief looking into whether the department would qualify for grant money to pay for a portion of the sign which would cost about \$800. Community Room will be rented on Tuesday/Thursday evenings for a little over an hour each night for a karate class starting in May. Insurance agent Jerry DenBoer presented the 2017 insurance rates to the council. Rates will go up about 3%. An umbrella policy quote was also received along with a data compromise quote. Council tabled decision on insurance until next meeting.

**Superintendent:** Sweeper repair work is almost complete. Sweeping of streets will start as soon as Meier has the sweeper back. Residents that have rock from the chip sealing on the edges of their lawns can rake the rock onto the edge of the street to be swept. Meier looking into purchasing trees for park and ballpark. Consensus of council to purchase about 10 trees up to \$1000. The horse playground equipment will be removed due to parts breaking on it. Discussion on maintaining alley between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Mack would like to see the alley in drivable order for utility purposes. Superintendent was told to try to grade and possibly fill holes if grading didn't fix it.

**Clerk:** Clerk will post notices that riverfront should be cleaned/fixed up before inspections in late May. Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to approve operator's license for Darland (B&S). All yes, motion carried.

Motion Czaplewski, second Mack to pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Schuh to adjourn meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk