

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 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: Kevin Mack, Ben Holien, Lisa Schuh and Jeannie Czaplewski. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Cemetery: Communication from City Attorney Terry Madden states the City is not authorized under State Statute to invest cemetery funds in the investments the Thrivent advisor has presented to the Council. Discussion on options that include dissolving the cemetery fund into the City's General Fund for use that way. According to Madden the City would have the investment options they are seeking that way. Clerk to look into what it would take to dissolve the cemetery fund into the General operating fund.

Building: One permit issued.

Riverfront: Meier asked guidance on wood from riverfront trees being cut due to beaver damage. Council told him to offer it first come, first serve to anyone that wants it. No wood should be saved or hauled for anyone.

Recreation: Skating rink lighting discussed. Only one bid was received. Meier to contact Riverland Energy to see if they would work with the City on any options. Lorenz said the City will wait until next year otherwise.

Health & Safety: Holien discussed ice conditions and thoughts of a public alert on the lines that the county puts out on social media. Council consensus that the City not get into putting out alerts and let the county handle it. Holien also commented that the county's new snowplowing guidelines of only plowing during weekday daytime hours affects the City tremendously since almost every entrance/exit is a county road. Discussion about citizens moving snow from their properties onto City streets. Clerk will send warning letters. Others are parking on the street and in the way when the city crew is plowing. Mack told Meier there is not much else he can do but to go around them and leave the snow until later. If the neighbors complain, they can be told their neighbor was the reason plowing didn't occur. Plowing complaint that 24th Street was not plowed soon enough. Mayor said this is ongoing and that not every street is going to be plowed at the same time. It takes time to plow all streets in the City and residents need to understand that. Per plowing guidelines, the crew will not start plowing until the storm is close to being done as to prevent having to go through the entire City more than one time per snowstorm. One citizen also came into the clerk's office to commend the City crew on a very good job plowing this winter.

Tri-Community Fire Board: Mack said the new truck is on schedule to be completed late 2017, early 2018. The five-year allocation formula for figuring how much each municipality owes will change slightly to figure on a rolling five-year basis including the previous year each time. Mack feels this could help the City some, but will average out over the long run. The 1948 fire truck was discussed. Lorenz would like the Clerk to look into selling options.

BBC Recycling: Ben said the county recycling program will no longer accept appliances such as refrigerators, microwaves and television on a regular basis. Instead they will be accepted once per year in Cochrane and once in Mondovi. Council discussion on changes at BBC. Holien and Czaplewski will attend the February BBC meeting and report back to the Council.

Superintendent: Will be ordering several street signs to replace old signage around the City.

Clerk: Motion Holien, second Mack to approve operator licenses for Charpentier (B&S). All yes, motion carried.

Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Schuh to adjourn meeting. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk