

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2016-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00PM**

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: Ben Holien, Brach Seitz, Lisa Schuh and Kevin Mack. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier; citizens Jeannie Czaplewski, Chase Brockman of Scott Construction, Tim Huebner of Oium Construction, Fred Krukow of Dunn Blacktop, Gwen Mathers, Dan Hess, Matt Biesterveld, Carol Burmeister, Matt Ward, Lynda Rickoff and Al Kochendefer. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Mack , second Holien to approve minutes from the March regular meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Lynda Rickoff of Russell and Associates gave the council the 2015 audit report. City finished 2015 with a surplus of \$20,690. Both revenues and expenses were up slightly. The cemetery fund continued to receive a \$10,000 supplement in 2015 from the City's general fund to manage operations.

Public Works: Mayor Lorenz opened street bids and reviewed them briefly with the Council. Bids were received from: Scott Construction for chip sealing total of \$124,450 and crack seal and flex patch for a total of \$13,261. Scott did not bid the total repave part of the bid specs but did give an optional bid for chip seal on different streets. Fahrner asphalt sealers bid \$44,451.25 for flex patching and \$186,362 for chip sealing streets with no bid on complete repave of streets requested. Dunn Blacktop put a bid in of \$444,195 for complete repave of designated streets. No bid for crack seal or chip seal was placed. An alternate bid for additional street repaving came to \$95,553. Oium Asphalt placed a bid for \$103,532 for crack fill and patching and an additional bid for \$385,186 for complete repave of streets specified. Council discussed the fact that all bids did not include the entire scope of the project. Motion Seitz, second Holien to table the street bids until the April 18th meeting and review them at that time. All yes, motion carried.

Finance: Fire truck funding was discussed. Tri-Community Fire Department has requested the communities make payments in 2017 and 2018 for a new truck to replace the pumper and rescue truck. Matt Biesterveld said the estimate at this time the truck will cost about \$310,000 with Buffalo City required to pay 51% of that cost over the two budget periods. Biesterveld told the council the department is currently seeking bids for the truck. Discussion on funding options for the truck to include any leftover money from a street loan that was approved last month. Now that bids are open council will need to review to see if there will be any money left from the street project. Motion Seitz, second Mack to table the fire truck funding options until the April 18th meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Citizens: Dan Hess spoke for himself and Gwen Mathers concerned about the proposed cat ordinance the council is considering. Hess asked why the ordinance is being considered and how the council plans to enforce the ordinance. Council told them stray cats continue to be a problem. The ordinance is designed to help pet owners keep track of their cats and distinguish between a pet and a stray/feral cat. Hess said the City would have humane societies on them from all over if they enacted the ordinance. Mack assured Hess the City does not plan to get rid of cats in the City only help keep track of those that are pets. The ordinance is only currently being reviewed along with many others to manage issues with old outdated ordinances and prevent problems in the future. Al Kochendefer represented Scenic Valley Ambulance along with Carol Burmeister. Kochendefer is requesting the City continue their contract with the ambulance service at a cost of \$7.50/capita with no change from last year. Consideration of the contract will be on the April 18th agenda. Kochendefer said the ambulance volunteer numbers continue to be low and they are in need of both drivers and EMTs. Scenic Valley will be hosting an open house day at the Buffalo City Ball Park on May 14th that will include recruitment efforts for more volunteers. Kochendefer also reminded the council of the need for home owners to put their house numbers in large,

contrasting colors on the address said of their home. Seitz reminded Kochendefer the City has been handing out flyers to those we see without numbers for over a year now. We have also added the need for house numbers to the building permit and are considering an ordinance that will require numbers as part of the current ordinance review process. Matt Biesterveld was present to be sworn in as the new Tri-Community Fire Department Chief. Motion Seitz, second Mack to approve the swearing in of Chief Biesterveld. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation: Over 40 members of the C-FC FFA along with their families and other community members helped clean up Foelsch Park on Saturday. The group spent the morning removing brush and grooming trails in the park. Wood chipper for the clean up was donated by Dan Vanover. Lorenz said he will be looking into possibly opening up a shed that sits in the middle of the wooded park to make it into a pavilion with a few picnic tables.

Building Committee: Seven permits were issued this month. No issues to report.

Health and Safety: Illegal semi truck parkers seem to have stopped parking on their property. Seitz will keep an eye on them. Letters sent by the clerk were returned not signed for.

Cemetery: Mausoleum flashing work needed. Lorenz said he has received an estimate from Schutz Restoration. Cemetery Committee to meet to discuss this and other issues. Holien questioned very old stones leaning. Who would be liable if these were to fall on someone. Committee will address this also.

Riverfront: City has a local trapper that was given a special permit to keep trapping beavers. Hopefully this will help the problem. Riverfront meeting and inspection will take place in late May/early June.

Mayor: Motion Mack, second Holien to approve Bluffview Insurance contract for 2016. All yes, motion carried.

Superintendent: Sweeping almost done. Street holes will be filled hopefully starting next week as soon as the hot box is fixed. Seitz asked why more riverfront brushing wasn't done over the winter. Suggested the money the City brings in for Riverfront fees be used to better the riverfront and more brushing get done next winter.

Clerk: Motion Seitz, second Mack to approve Trust to Beautify Graves for Roger Dieckman. All yes, motion carried. Motion Seitz, second Schugh to approve sale of cemetery plots (127 N1/2 to Holien) and (117 S ½ to Kamrowski). All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Holien to approve operator's licence for Kari Rice for B & S. All yes, motion carried. Election results for the 2016 Spring City Election were: Mayor – Russ Lorenz – 342 votes; Alderperson – Ben Holien – 317, Jeannie Czuplewski – 62, Roger Bollinger – 39 and Steve Zastrow – 23.

Motion Mack, second Holien to pay bills. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Holien, second Mack to adjourn meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk