

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016-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 7:15 p.m. Roll call: Kevin Mack, Ben Holien and Jeannie Czapski. Absent – Lisa Schuh. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Mack, second Czapski to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Financial: Motion Holien, second Mack to approve the 2016 mill rate of \$21.88. All yes, motion approved.

Cemetery: Quote for Johnson monument to restore the old gravestones was discussed. Johnson said the cleaning portion of the quote must be done along with the resetting of the stones. Eight stones will be worked on in total. Motion Holien, second Czapski to hire Johnson monument at a cost of \$2565 to restore the old stones with \$2,000 coming from a donation by Castlerock Foundation and the remainder from the cemetery account. All yes, motion carried. Possible investments of perpetual care funds tabled until January. Czapski said she would like the cemetery committee to consider fixing up the shed in the cemetery instead of tearing it down. She feels it adds a lot of character to the cemetery. Lorenz said the committee can get some quotes of costs to fix and replace before deciding.

Building: Assessor recommended a sunset date be considered for the commercial zoning that the Council tried to clear up this past summer. Council discussed sunset options. Will continue to look into. Exterior materials also discussed.

Riverfront: Lorenz told Meier to go ahead and hire someone to start trapping beavers as much as they can to try to control the population along the riverfront and prohibit more trees from being damaged. Holien said 2nd Street dock will be reset in the spring and a donor sign will be placed at that time. Meier should look into putting chains across the handicap accessible open areas on the dock.

Recreation: Lorenz told Meier to start filling the skating rink slowly to get the water to settle in and begin freezing once the ground holds it. Rink attendant applications were discussed. Six applications were received. Motion Holien, second Mack to hire Amber Sanborn, James Stanton and Haliey Knoll as rink attendants this winter. All yes, motion carried. Lorenz will continue to work out the schedule for attendants.

Health & Safety: Property maintenance issues at a 9th Street property were discussed. Holien will contact owner. Plowing discussed. Lorenz commended new part-time city worker Greg Jencen for a good job on his first solo plowing Sunday. The few complaints that were received were resolved and non-issues. Clerk received a call that citizen would like to see Third Street plowed from Jefferson to Washington. Second through Sixth Streets are not plowed due to the poor condition of the streets making it a safety concern and lack of traffic on them. Meier to look into putting barricades up on these streets so drivers do not accidentally drive on them.

Clerk: Motion Holien, second Mack to approve the sale of cemetery plot 136 S1/2 NEW to Douglas Yapp. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Holien to approve operator licenses for Kennedy (River Ratz) and Dahl (Cove). All yes, motion carried. Discussed cash tax payments. Clerk will no longer accept cash payments for taxes.

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

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk