

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The Regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Russ Lorenz, Jr. at 7 p.m. Roll call: Kevin Mack, Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen and Ben Holien. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizen present: Don Wicka. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Don Wicka addressed the board asking for the street that is platted next to his house, 28th Street, to be paved. Lorenz told Wicka the council's opinion on developing/paving the street has not changed since the last time Wicka requested it. Holien told Wicka the City doesn't have money in the budget to develop a street that doesn't go anywhere. Mack agreed and told Wicka both he and the neighbor on the other side of the platted street both have access to their main garages off North River Road. Holien explained the street was originally platted in the City for any future development that could occur behind Wicka where there are currently fields. Wicka said the street is being used by himself and his neighbors regularly and that is causing ruts and water issues. Lorenz told Wicka the City would look at the area again in the spring, but reminded Wicka that several council members were already there not that long ago to mark off where the street boundaries are located so any use of that area is acceptable.

Recreation – Lorenz said he has made the decision to not open the skating rink for the season after continuous unsuccessful efforts to get the rink flooded and usable. The weather has not been conducive to holding water. The sandy soil drains the water out without a hard freeze, and the warm temperatures melted any ice that was set. Lorenz would like the council to look into purchasing a liner for next season. Clerk will bring funding options to a future meeting.

Building – Two permits issued.

Health & Safety – Holien would like to know how many unregistered vehicles are again located at the property the council was concerned about last fall on South Belvidere. Clerk will send letter reminding them of registration ordinance.

Public Works – Meier told the council he would like to take some of the ash trees down along South River Road in the near future. Lorenz told Meier to work on a few at a time. Trees won't be replaced because they are all within 6 feet of the street.

Cemetery – Burial during holidays and 48 hour notice policy discussed. Will be put on Cemetery Committee agenda.

Riverfront – Meier counted 33 trees with significant beaver damage between 10th and 1st Streets. Council consensus to pay to have beavers trapped again this year, focusing on the south side of the river this year. Meier to work on removing some of the trees when he has time.

Fire Board – Mack reported on the bi-annual fire board meeting. Buffalo City's cost for fire protection this year will be \$22,093. City is currently at 51% of the total. Cochrane at 20% and Belvidere at 29%. Mack said these figures are based on population, calls and assessment numbers that will be reviewed after the 2020 census. City's next fire truck expense will be in 2022. Reminded council we need to keep saving money for trucks in the future.

BBC – Discussed upcoming BBC and county recycling meetings. Czaplewski said she and Holien will have a report from both meetings next month.

Mayor – Motion Holien, second Johansen to approve Resolution 2019-01 approving of the Lewis Addition Plat in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 236.10 pursuant to the extraterritorial review jurisdiction of the City. All yes, motion carried. The schoolhouse bell tower was discussed. The Schoolhouse Thrift Shop made the City aware of a leak in the building through the bell tower. The tower is in disrepair at this time. Consensus of the council to find someone to remove the bell from the tower to preserve and have the tower removed. Clerk will get the cost to remove bell, tower and repair. Mayor reported to the council on the community board meeting held in early January. Lorenz said he is happy to sit down and work with the other communities. Holien said it is a nice communication tool to have. Comprehensive plans, zoning, street projects, water/sewer, ATVs and maintenance were all topics at the last meeting. Lorenz said Cochrane asked about our sweeper. He said he would like to work something out so that Meier sweeps for Cochrane this year if they would like. Next meeting is scheduled for April 4th.

City Superintendent– Working on clearing intersections of brush. Lorenz would like to see the intersection by Spring Lake Road at Foelsch Park graded so it looks nice. Meier will get back to council on whether county plans to do this since they did clear the area. Meier plans to move on to cutting black locust trees on the riverbank once done with intersections.

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

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk