

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, MAY 9, 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, Lisa Schuh, Kevin Mack and Jeannie Czaplewski. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier; citizens Chase Brockman of Scott Construction, Tim Huebner of Oium Construction, Tom Clark and Gwen Mathers. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Mack , second Holien to approve minutes from the April regular meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Tom Clark represented the C-BC Lions Club asking for permission to hold the Fourth of July at the City Park again this year on Monday, July 4th. Celebration will include all activities as in previous years including chicken, beer tent, kid's inflatables, games, face painting and much more. Clark said a very generous donation from the Cochrane Telephone Company has allowed the Lions to again plan for fireworks at 10 p.m. to end the day. Lions Club has provided the City with proof of liability insurance. Lorenz said the City would ask the fire department to have a fire truck on hand. City also will close off 12th Street from Humboldt to Belvidere. Motion Mack, second Schuh to approve a temporary liquor license for the day for the Lions Club and also a special fireworks permit. All yes, motion carried.

Public Works: Mayor Lorenz opened street bids and reviewed them with the council. Bids were received from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, Scott Construction and Oium Blacktop. The bid from Fahrner was the same bid the council received in April not following the specs outlined. Council consensus to disregard this bid. Council compared the bids from Oium and Scott. Oium does not do chip sealing. Consensus of council the chip seal and crack fill bid should go to the same company. Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to approve a contract with Scott Construction for the crack fill and chip seal of the designated City streets for a total cost of \$156,322. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried. The remaining flex patching and asphalt patching bids from Oium and Scott were compared. Scott patching bid came in at \$83,070. Oium's bid included some of the work that Superintendent Meier has already patched with a total of \$76,819. Huebner said he would have to put together a reduced bid without these streets included. Council agreed the Oium bid was already lower. Motion Mack, second Holien to approve a contract with Oium Blacktop for the remaining street patching at a total cost not to exceed \$70,000. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried. Huebner told the council the pulverizing and repave part of the project will start this week. Brockman said Scott Construction would wait until Oium was done with most of their work before beginning the crack fill and chip seal portion of the work later in the summer. The council has set a deadline for all work to be complete by September 30.

Finance: Street construction costs will total a maximum of \$611,508 with a possibility of coming in under \$600,000 once the Oium patching bid is updated to take off some patching that has been done already. Council discussed loan options. The \$500,000 loan approved in March will no longer work due to the cost of all projects coming in higher than anticipated. Motion Holien, second Mack to change the loan option with Waumandee State Bank requesting an amount of \$600,000 at 2.35% locked interest rate over 5 years. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried. Fire truck funding options were discussed. City currently has \$86,000 in the fire truck fund. Council will put the 2015 surplus funds of \$20,690 into the fire fund. That will put the fire fund at \$106,690. The fire board has estimated the City's total payment for the new fire truck to be around \$160,000. Any leftover money from the budgeted street construction amount of \$50,000 can also be re-designated to the fire fund with the remaining money budgeted in 2017 and 2018 to the fire fund. Council will make these re-designations once all the street construction is paid for in 2016. Motion Mack, second Holien to move the \$20,690 surplus funds from the City's 2015 General Budget to the fire fund. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation: Little League starting for the season.

Building Committee: Four permits were issued this month. Mack has been made aware of some construction, including cement driveways, going in without permits. Asked the Mayor's permission to have the clerk send out a standard permit warning letter when these are brought to our attention. Lorenz agreed.

Health and Safety: Semi parking illegally without a permit was found there again this weekend and documented. Clerk to send a fine warning. Council would like the fine to be sent if no response from owner. Mack said dog attack complaints are getting to be more and more in the City. He would like to see the council consider a leash law. Most communities in our area have a leash law in their ordinance not just "under your control" like ours states now. Czaplewski said she feels most of the dogs are coming out of yards, they are not those being walked. Lorenz agreed saying he doesn't think a leash law will have the affect we need. Holien also said like every other ordinance we have, there is no one to police it. Clerk informs those that complain about dog attacks to call the Buffalo County Sheriff's Department. Mack said we need to look into the ordinance further and maybe change the consequences and way the City fines people. Animal ordinance will be up for discussion at the June meeting.

Cemetery: Mausoleum flashing work needed. Lorenz said he has received an estimate from Schutz Restoration. Council would like to obtain bids for the project estimated at \$4,000. Cemetery committee is also looking into Trust to Beautify Graves funding options. The committee is considering dropping the years the trust is good for to 10 years. Clerk also has the City attorney reviewing if the trust can be dissolved all together and some of the older deeds be discontinued. City currently has 200 urns we place and care for each year. Over 90 percent of those are on a perpetual basis. Committee brought new cemetery flowers/items policy to the council for consideration. Many items placed around gravestones, including live flowers planted in the ground in front of the stones, makes maintaining the quality of the cemetery difficult and expensive. While the council realizes putting limitations on what can be placed is a hard topic, consensus was to put some limits in place so that the cemetery can look its best. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to put the following City of Buffalo City Cemetery Policy into place starting immediately: All flowers (fake or real) or any other items must only be placed on the concrete foundations. Flower stands, shepherd's hooks and other stakes will be allowed immediately adjacent to the concrete foundations. Winter flowers and decorations must be removed by March 1st each year. Summer flowers and decorations must be removed by November 1st each year. Any remaining after those dates will be removed and discarded. All yes, motion carried.

Riverfront: Some of the worse beaver trees will be removed this week. Riverfront committee meeting set for Monday, June 6th at 5p.m.

Clerk: Motion Holien, second Mack to approve two Trust to Beautify Graves for Moor and one Trust to Beautify Graves for Burmiester. All yes, motion carried.

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

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

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk