

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 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, Jeannie Czaplewski and Larry Johansen. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier, Lance LaDuke and Rebecca Kamrowski. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Holien, second Mack to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation: Rebecca Kamrowski presented the C-BC Little League yearly report. The league is now under direction of herself, Lee Engfer and Lisa Arneson. There will be 5 teams playing on the Buffalo City field and 2 teams playing on the Cochrane field. Tournaments have been scheduled for both softball and baseball. The league is seeking donations from local businesses for signs to be displayed on the outfield fence. They also have their chicken fundraiser planned. They are looking to update some equipment. Larger future projects include resurfacing fields and bathrooms at the Cochrane field. Council discussed golf carts and ATVs in the City. Putting ATV routes in was discussed several years ago. Lorenz told the council there were too many hoops to jump through including a large amount of signage required through the WI Department of Natural Resources. Another issue is enforcement. Without City law enforcement we have no one to control the use of ATVs or golf carts.

Public Works: Discussion on 28th Street opening and lighting. The street was plotted for future expansion. Council feels because there is no expansion plans in the near future the street does not need to be opened. Motion Mack, second Holien to deny any requests for street opening or request for a street light at 28th Street and River Road at this time with the issue to be revisited after the current street project loan is paid off in five years. All yes, motion carried.

Cemetery: Committee met and discussed building of shed. Bids to be considered. Johnson Monument completed the work on the old stones. They look really good. Committee recommends budgeting for additional stones to be cleaned, fixed and reset next year. We still have several bad ones that could tip over. Cost of cutting large pines in the cemetery was estimated at \$1,000 per tree. Committee will discuss at budget time. Meier to remove the gate ends before Memorial Day. Huebsch Mausoleum carpet is ordered. May try to get in before Memorial Day. Opened sealed bids for 20x20 shed in the cemetery. Shed will include cement work, two 6' roll up doors and one service door. Conley Construction bid was for \$11,100. This bid included one 6' door and windows. Tim Paul Construction bid was for \$14,000. Funds will need to come out of general account. Possibly from 2016 surplus. Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to approve the bid from Conley Construction with a total cost not to exceed \$11,500 with the stipulation that the windows be eliminated from the plan and one more 6' roll up door added. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried. Council consensus work should start after June 15 and be completed by October 1, 2017.

Building: Four permits issued. Building Committee recently met with a property owner about interior work done without permit. Committee worked out issues and back permits were issued with a penalty. Mack said he still sees contractors doing work without permits. Going forward the committee will give a 30 day grace period for work done without permit. After 30 days, the property owner will be charged double the permit cost with the possibility of a minimum fine starting after 30 days of \$10/day as stipulated by our ordinance. Clerk will put this on the building permit application. Any new central air units or new furnaces that are not replacing old units need to be permitted. All other building, electrical or plumbing work costing more than \$1,000 (materials and labor) or any project that changes the footprint of a structure needs a building permit. Discussion about issue with 13th Street property owner. Lorenz said in the future he would only like to see the building committee members talk with the individual as a group to prevent any further issues.

Riverfront: Riverfront inspections done. Clerk will be sending letters to over 20 individuals that need to fix docks or clean up their riverbanks per the Corps of Engineers agreement. They will be given until June 5th to get the issues taken care of. The committee will re-inspect at that time. If any have not complied, photos will be taken to document and they will be sent one final warning letter before their riverfront leased spaces are revoked. An insurance claim has been filed for the 10th Street dock damage done during the winter. Working on a few changes on the 2nd Street fishing dock. A recognition plaque for those who donated money for the dock is also being ordered.

Health & Safety: Property maintenance issues discussed on 9th and 19th Streets. Council decided that a warning letter be drafted by our attorney at this point. Property on 16th was discussed. Council would like to look into what it would take to condemn property if the owner continues slow or no progress at fixing it up.

BBC Recycling: BBC board would like to see a contract with the County Recycling committee renewed. Holien was recently elected the chairman of the BBC Recycling Board. He and Czaplewski said at this time the contract should be renewed due to a lack of time to look into any other possibilities. They both feel with the new board members that the board will be able to come up with some different approaches and continue operations in the future. The opt out of the current contract would need to be made by June 30th and that doesn't leave enough time to put a new plan in place. The county is offering BBC \$7,500 incentive to stay in the recycling program and have BBC take over the responsibility of collecting the unacceptable. Things such as couches and mattresses. Czaplewski said that will cover more than the loss the program saw last year. Motion Holien, second Mack to approve the renewal of BBC's contract designating Buffalo County as the responsible recycling unit with an addendum that the county will pay BBC \$7,500 per year for the next 3 years to accept recyclables from the entire county and BBC will take over the unacceptable responsibility. All yes, motion carried.

Mayor: Sealed fire truck bids were opened. The City received bids from: Bernie Brunkow - \$376.57; Sandy Michaels - \$751; Randy Northrup - \$1,118 and James Morem - \$300. Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to approve the sale of the 1948 Fire Truck to Randy Northrup for the amount of \$1,118 payable by cashier's check or cash. Pick up must occur within 15 days of notification. All yes, motion carried.

Superintendent: Sweeping almost complete. Need to find someone to cut beaver trees if Vanover isn't available. Eight new trees were planted in the City park. Four trees planted at the ball park.

Clerk: Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve the sale of cemetery plot 127 N ¼ of S ½ NEW to Thomas and Beth Ede; and the transfer of cemetery plot 105 S ½ NEW from Sig Lindrud to Sherry and Robert Lorenz. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Holien, second Mack to adjourn meeting. All yes, motion carried.
Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk