

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 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: Ben Holien, Jeannie Czaplewski and Larry Johansen. Absent: Kevin Mack. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier and citizens Deb Morem and Ted Benson. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

**Citizens:** Ted Benson addressed the council requesting information on his building permit application. Benson needs to remove the current garage on the property due to it's poor condition and insurance not willing to insure it. He would like to build a two-story garage now that will be attached to a new home that he has future plans to build. Holien told Benson he and Building Chairman Kevin Mack have reviewed the plan and would be willing to sign a permit with a stipulation that the new garage be attached to a new home within 36 months. Benson said that is satisfactory. Holien will get the permit written with the rider attached. Deb Morem asked what the City could do about garbage at the 10<sup>th</sup> Street landing. Lorenz told Meier to put a trash can at the landing.

**Recreation:** Still in need of an electrician to give the City a second bid on the ice skating rink lighting. Meier and Clerk looking into electricians from Winona and other communities.

**Cemetery:** Committee meeting will be Wednesday to discuss cemetery and budget options.

**Finance:** 2018 Budget meeting Monday, Oct. 16 at 7pm.

**Building Committee:** Six permits issued.

**Riverfront:** Clarification from Corps of Engineers that any old lease holders that give up their rights to a lease by either giving back to City or not paying lose any future rights to that leased riverfront location. At no time can a lease be reissued. The agreement has a waiting list set up for any leases that come back to the City, and it would be unfair to those on the waiting list to be skipped over. Second street dock work still has not been completed. Need to get in touch with Waterworks to see what his plans are. Czaplewski said the City should have something in writing from the Department of Natural Resources and/or Corps of Engineers as to the Wildlife protected area along Spring Lake Road. Clerk will work on this.

**Health & Safety:** Property maintenance at 10<sup>th</sup> and Herman Street property was discussed. The owner has said he would respond in writing as requested. An anonymous letter was received by the Clerk stating the person's concern about this property. Holien said this letter is a great point to why anonymous letters do the City no good. If the person would have signed their name or come to a meeting they could have been told that the City has made several attempts over the past several months to contact the owner, and that we are still working to better the situation. Holien said we will see what the owner's letter states, but at this time the very least he will require is that the brush is cleaned up, trees and shrubs trimmed and the outside of the buildings be made to look presentable. Council would like a letter sent to find out what the 16<sup>th</sup> Street business property owner's plans are. Letter to 9<sup>th</sup> and Belvidere property was returned unsigned for. Lorenz said to have the property owner served with the letter by law enforcement.

**Mayor:** Vacating alleys was discussed. Several good and bad circumstances could arise out of vacating the alleys with an easement for utilities. Council agreed it could possibly bring with it a lot of issues. Vacating the triangle City owned lands along River Road was also discussed. Consensus that this would be a good idea and benefit the City.

**Clerk:** Motion Holien, second Johansen to approve sale of cemetery plot 117 N ¼ of N ½ NEW to Dana Lorenz. All yes, motion carried. Porta potty quotes were reviewed. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve a quote from Affordable Septic for 2018 porta potty service at \$65 per unit. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Holien, second Johansen to go into closed session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss employees. All yes, motion carried. Motion Czaplewski, second Holien to return to open session. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Holien, second Johansen to pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Czaplewski, second Holien to adjourn meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk