

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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: Kevin Mack, Ben Holien and Jeannie Czapski. Absent – Lisa Schuh. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier and City Worker Greg Jencen. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Holien, second Czapski to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

**Financial:** Thrivent Financial Advisor Steve Nelson presented information about his company and possible investment options for the Buffalo City Cemetery perpetual care fund were discussed. Nelson will bring back a few different options with varying amounts of security to the October meeting. Council said they would ideally like to see the fund make at least \$5,000 per year that could go towards providing care and supplementing flower costs at the cemetery. Council discussed the proposed Tri-Community Fire Department pumper truck purchase. The fire department received three bids for pumper truck. The lowest bid of \$269,328 came in from S & R. Buffalo City would be responsible for 51% of this amount. Cochrane is responsible for 20% and Belvidere 29%. These percentages are based on population, number of calls, improvements and other qualifications. The fire department is asking for a total of \$137,357.25 from the City with \$43,235.25 due in 2016 and \$94,122.03 due in 2017. Discussion on need of truck, bids coming in lower than anticipated due to different equipment and future truck replacement plans. Motion Mack, second Holien to approve the purchase of the pumper truck with a total cost to the City of \$137,357 with a payment of \$43,235.25 to Tri-Community Fire Department out of the City fire fund in 2016 and the remaining amount of \$94,122.03 to be paid to the fire department in 2017. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried.

**Citizens:** Trish Mertes told the council she is concerned about her property line markers. She will be removing a tree on where they think the property survey marker is located so that she can find it. She is also wanting to put up a fence to separate her property from her neighbors. Mack told her she can put a building permit application in for a fence as tall as 6 feet on a property line. Mertes told the council she was disappointed they did not allow her to put a cement driveway in over the City property in front of her house. She said it seems like her neighbors are allowed to do things that they shouldn't be. She questioned if shrubs recently planted in front of their home were allowed by ordinance. Council will look into them.

**Cemetery:** Mayor Lorenz received a call from Schutz Restoration about the flashing work on the mausoleum. Lorenz said Schutz will be told that all work will be expected to be done by the deadline set September 30. The Huebsch family came to visit the mausoleum today. They were very happy with the restoration work and have offered to pay to have the carpet and interior cleaned up as well.

**Building:** Seven permits issued. New home construction permit issued for 19<sup>th</sup> Street home. Owner's would like permission to stay in a temporary shelter unit while the construction is occurring. Motion Mack, second Holien to issue Terry Bauer, 318 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, a temporary camping permit good through December 31, 2016. All yes, motion carried.

**Riverfront:** Holien said Second Street dock is in motion to be installed in the next month. Would like to place a sign at the dock recognizing all sponsors. Council agreed. Will do some publicity either this fall or next spring depending on when it is installed. Mack asked Meier if he will be working on taking down more trees damaged by beavers. Meier said he plans to.

**Recreation:** Holien asked permission for Hope U.C.C. of Cochrane to use Foelsch Park for an outdoor service October 2. Council approved. Holien would also like to look into the possibility

of Foelsch Park being used for camping. He and Czaplewski have had citizens ask them about the possibility. Recreation committee meeting set for Nov. 7 at 6pm to talk about Foelsch Park. A citizen has also been in touch about donating a bench or maybe playground equipment in memory of a loved one. Holien will work with the family to come up with some ideas. Lorenz said skating rink should be in good shape for this winter. Will need to run an ad for attendants in November.

**Health & Safety:** Property clean up issue on Schiller Street continues. Council agreed to give property owner a final notice or the Health & Safety Committee will begin to issue fines of \$100 per day until some of the bigger offenses are taken care of. Council would like all unregistered vehicles/trailers removed. Anything sitting on City right of way, alley or other private property removed. Will give owner until Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> to resolve those issues. Clerk received burning complaint of someone burning green pine. Mayor said we do not have a burning ordinance. Burning in small piles has always been allowed.

**Mayor:** Bids for LP for the 2016-17 heating season were received from: Severson - .839, Quality - .7785, Allied - .949 and Premier - .919. Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to approve a contract with Quality Propane for 6,000 gallons of LP at \$0.7785. All yes, motion carried. Lorenz said the dump truck was fixed. Very happy with new part-time worker.

**Clerk:** Motion Holien, second Mack to approve operator license for Mitchell for River Ratz. All yes, motion carried. Budget meeting was set for Monday, Oct. 17 at 6pm.

Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to convene into closed session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss employee evaluations. All yes, motion carried. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to come out of closed session. All yes, motion carried. City Superintendent and City Clerk were both commended for their job performance and given raises to be reflected in the 2017 budget. City worker will be given \$1/hr more after 90 days as per the time he was hired.

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

Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to adjourn meeting. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk