

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 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; citizen James Bremer. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Holien, second Johansen to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

**Recreation:** Little league done for season. Holien said the league is planning to do some work on the fields this fall. Holien requested Meier mark the water lines for them.

**Public Works:** Scott construction will be crack sealing yet this summer. Council would like the purchase of barricades to be put in next year's budget. We currently borrow county barricades.

**Cemetery:** Council told Meier to have the three large pines taken down and stumps removed before the end of the year so the area can be looking good before next Memorial Day. Clerk told council they will need to move some money from General fund to pay for shed and other bills.

**Finance:** Motion Holien, second Mack to approve moving \$30,680 of surplus funds from 2016 budget to the cemetery account (\$15,340) and fire equipment fund (\$15,340). Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried.

**Building Committee:** Six permits issued. One permit for new home construction denied due to setback issue. Application will be heard by the Board of Appeals September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Riverfront:** Corps of Engineers said they would not be able to help private citizens or the City with any rip rapping of shoreline that may be possibly eroding because the shoreline in Buffalo City does not meet the criteria they have outlined for such projects. They did suggest private lease holders can ask for permission to rip rap themselves or ask for ideas for natural ways to protect from erosion. Meier was told to look into better ways to prevent the black locust trees from re-growing and have them cut again. Riverfront waiting list was discussed. Consensus of council that if someone already leases a space they should not be offered an additional space if they are next on the list. Spaces will go to the next name on the list. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to appoint Keith Goetting to the Riverfront committee as the citizen representative. All yes, motion carried. Porta potty was moved away from the new bank ATM sign on the riverfront. Neighboring property owners had concerns about where it was placed. Council told Meier to move to a location just north of 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Health & Safety:** A Wisconsin Department of Transportation official that came to look at the speed limit on River Road feels it is appropriately marked. The clerk was told a request from private citizens or the City could be made to the county safety committee for further discussion. Council said they would be okay with the business owners asking for a reduced speed to go to a quarterly safety meeting in the fall. A speed zone sign was discussed. Clerk will keep information for budget time. Area property maintenance was discussed. Clerk to send letters to several that need to trim weeds or clean up properties. Burning of large fires was also discussed. Clerk told to send a letter to 9<sup>th</sup> Street owner who burned an excessively large amount of brush at one time. Reminder that BBC accepts brush, and that fires should only be burned in small "campfire" size piles. Complaint of two areas needing mowing. One area taken care of on 21<sup>st</sup> Street. Bremer was told the job was done to a standard the City finds fit. If neighbor continues to complain he will be told that the City has inspected the property and finds the trimming to be acceptable.

**Mayor:** Easement for a septic system that will need to have partial placement under the alley discussed. Motion Mack, second Holien to approve an easement for Lawrence Livingston, 40 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., lots 337 and 338, for an easement to place a septic system drain field in the alley. All yes, motion carried. Hiring of a new part-time employee was discussed. One application received. Mayor would like the position advertised to hopefully get more applicants before the next meeting.

**Superintendent:** Approached by a citizen wondering if we would put a porta potty at the Upper Spring Lake landing. Council agreed that we could move a porta potty from the ball field at this time of year and it would be better utilized at the landing where some do fish and many use in the fall for duck hunting.

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