

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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, Lisa Schuh and Jeannie Czaplewski. Absent: Kevin Mack. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier, Calli Heike and Casey Mrozek from the Buffalo County Health Department. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Calli Heike told the Council that the Buffalo County Health Department will be holding a promotion for reduced price water testing. Mrozek explained the water kits test for nitrates, bacteria, such as ecoli, and arsenic. The kits normally cost \$60 but will be offered for a limited time for \$30. Kits will be available at the Buffalo City Clerk's office. Heike explained that the county received grant money and is using some of the CapX2020 funding to pay for the program which is county-wide but focusing on the Gilmanton area as well as Buffalo City this year. Kits can be picked up at the Buffalo City Clerk's office. Once water samples are taken, the kits must be dropped off within 36 hours at the Health Department which is open Monday-Thursday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The \$30 testing fee is due at that time.

Cemetery: Mayor Lorenz and Ehlenfeldt met with City Attorney Terry Madden. Discussed dissolving cemetery funds into the General city fund and what it would take to do this. Discussion tabled until next month. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to renew a \$14,000 Huebsch Memorial CD at a rate of .82% with Alliance Bank of Cochrane. All yes, motion carried.

Building: One renewal permit. Rezone request discussed. Lorenz and Ehlenfeldt talked with Madden about the process of a petition to rezone a property for possible storage units. The property owner has the right to request a rezone at any time. The request would be heard before the Council after a public hearing is noticed and held. Discussed options the property owner has. Council is very willing to work with owner to find a suitable location for his proposed business.

Recreation: Holien said the new C-BC Little League board is beginning work for the season. He will stay in touch and request an update soon. Council also discussed finding more out about the Scenic Valley Swimming Pool. Would like to see minutes from meetings. Riverland Energy is unable to put any lighting in by the rink. Lorenz requested Meier find some other lighting bids.

Health & Safety: Holien said he is continuing to monitor a few different properties throughout the City that need cleaning up. Letters will again be sent this spring for unkept properties as well as unregistered vehicles. Madden explained that we can easily fine these owners if they ignore the warning letters. Letter received from someone refusing to pay weeds charges. Clerk sent letter back explaining the process again to the owner along with all photos we had proving the weeds were significantly taller than 8 inches (as required by ordinance) before they were cut. The special charge on the tax bill was not paid so the payer will receive a delinquent notice with interest charges.

BBC Recycling: Holien and Czaplewski will attend the BBC meeting this Wednesday. They received preliminary reports and options for changing the way things are done at the recycling center. Czaplewski said the numbers she received did not add up and they would need to review them at the meeting. Holien told the council he and Czaplewski were not willing to go along with anything proposed as it was stated at this time. They will report back to the Council next month.

Superintendent: Riverfront beaver damaged trees are being worked on this week. Many were cut today and will be cleaned up throughout the week. There are still a lot more than need to come down.

Clerk: March meeting will be changed to Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Czaplewski, second Schuh to adjourn meeting. All yes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk