

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, JULY 10, 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; citizens Thom Pawlak, Jason Lockington and Michael Kube. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Auditor Eric Davidson from Bauman Associates gave the City's 2016 audit report. This was the first year Bauman has conducted the audit for the City, and Davidson worked with the clerk to get everything in order. The Clerk received training to do many of the adjustments on her own, and Davidson anticipates these can be easily done next year. The City ended the year with a \$30,686 surplus over the 2016 budget with a General Fund balance of \$339,995. The only note to a large expenditure over the budget was a payment towards a new fire truck to Tri-Community Fire Department. While not in the budget, this money was set aside in a separate account so funds were available.

Public Comment: Michael Kube asked the City to consider offering to help riverfront lease holders compensation for rip rapping their riverbanks. Kube feels some riverbank areas are quickly deteriorating. Council told Kube they would contact the Corps of Engineers for any opinion or help they could offer. Jason Lockington, owner of the Great River Lodge, and Thom Pawlak, owner of River Ratz Saloon, asked the council to consider a recommendation to Buffalo County to reduce the speed on River Road, which is a county road. Council discussed the congestion of parked vehicles, motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians near these businesses and others on River Road. Council Consensus to ask Buffalo County to reduce speed to 25 miles per hour from 1st Street to 28th Street on River Road. Clerk will attend the next County Highway Safety meeting next week to request a speed change. Pawlak and Lockington also discussed their future plans for working together as businesses and possible sidewalk between the two. A concrete sidewalk would cross the City alley. Council asked Pawlak and Lockington for some type of future plan on paper. Council will discuss options including deeding alley to property owners at next month's meeting.

Recreation: Little league tournament is in town this next weekend. Holien commended Meier on a great job getting the park looking good for the 4th of July. Council would like Clerk to send thank you letters to all involved in making the 4th of July Celebration a success in the City.

Public Works: Czaplewski would like to see the council come up with a plan to take care of ash trees growing on City right of way that are potentially going to die. Council will discuss a plan at budget time, and hopefully start budgeting some money for tree removal over a period of years. Clerk will attend county weather siren meeting this week. Buffalo City to keep to testing weather sirens the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1p.m.

Building Committee: Three permits issued. Some interior work going on that Holien would like to see permitted. Committee can not prove what work is being done at this time.

Riverfront: Motion Holien, second Mack to approve hiring Water Works Docks and Boat Lifts to repair the 10th Street Dock at a price of \$7,903 with \$6,903 coming from insurance payment and the remainder out of the riverfront expense account. All yes, motion carried. New numbering signs for riverfront leased spaces were discussed. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve purchasing 160 posts from Newmann signs for \$1053 and 160 numbered signs from Graphic Design for \$1100 for a total cost of \$2,153. All yes, motion carried. Riverfront committee did final inspections June 19th. Four certified last warning letters were sent. Clerk has confirmed that

3 are completely cleaned and docks fixed up. One leased property will need to be followed. The lease holder did contact the Mayor, who gave him a little extra time to work due to extenuating circumstances. Two leases were not paid by the end of June. Clerk will contact the next on the waiting list to give these leases out to someone new. Committee discussing possibly abandoning fire lanes and making available to those on the riverfront waiting list. This will be discussed more in a committee meeting.

Cemetery: Estimate received for removing three large pine trees. Meier to get estimate for stump removal with them. Clerk will have Cemetery financials available at next meeting along with the budget surplus that will be available to transfer if council wants.

Health & Safety: Property maintenance issues discussed. Possible unlicensed vehicle should be addressed. Two commercial vehicle parking permits will be considered at a Board of Appeals meeting July 27.

BBC Recycling: Meeting to be held next week to discuss contract and undesirables.

Superintendent: Working on ballfields for tournament. A family of squirrels has made a nest in the scoreboard. Meier will be attempting to remove squirrels tomorrow.

Clerk: Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve operator's license for Curtis and Koenig (Cove) and Halvorson (B & S). All yes, motion carried. Motion Holien, second Mack to appoint Keith Fetting to the Board of Appeals. All yes, motion carried. Ragnar race will be coming through on August 18th. Meier given permission to lock bathrooms for the day after discussion on the park bathrooms being left very messy the last several years. Race officials provide porta pottys.

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

Russell Lorenz, Jr., Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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