

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 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, Kevin Mack and Jeannie Czaplowski. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier, Don Wicka, Janet and Lance LaDuke. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Czaplowski, second Mack to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Don Wicka spoke to the board about his request to open 28<sup>th</sup> Street and put a street light at the intersection of 28<sup>th</sup> and River Road. Wicka said he would like to have access to a garage he has had for about 40 years on the back end of his lot. The street was plotted with the original Buffalo City plat but has not been opened like 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> were due to not having a need to open it. LaDukes told the council while they did just build a garage behind their house with access off the plotted street, they do not care to have the street opened at this time. Mack pointed out that the other streets in the area were opened to grant access to the resident's only garages. Both Wicka and LaDukes have main garages with access off River Road. Council said they would look into the cost of opening the street by first crush rocking it and also the need and/or cost of a street light.

**Cemetery:** Mayor Lorenz asked Meier to get estimates on replacing the storage shed at the Cemetery. Mack asked if the 3' sections of fencing near each entrance is needed. He feels if we took them out it would widen the opening to better allow vehicle access in.

**Building:** Two permits issued.

**Riverfront:** Meier told to figure out options to get 10<sup>th</sup> Street dock fixed. Top deck on south dock is in bad shape. City paid to have 18 beavers trapped along the riverfront. Meier continuing to work on cutting trees damaged by beavers. Clerk working on notifying several riverfront lease holders about their docks that have broken away and are piling on top each other. Mack would like to see riverfront inspections take place earlier than has been done. In the past, riverfront committee inspected in early June and gave the leases 15 days to remedy any problems. Mack would like inspections to take place in May. Lorenz said a committee meeting for inspections will be set at the April Reorganizational meeting. Czaplowski asked about what happens to broken docks and debris on the riverbank when it is given back to the City. If the lot is given back out it is the responsibility of the new leasee. Riverfront spot in question can not be given back out per DNR orders. The City will need to get the area cleaned up.

**Recreation:** Holien discussed little league. They have a board meeting this week. He will get a report and ask a representative to attend a meeting in April. Mack questioned if the Little League is getting any financial support from Town of Belvidere. Holien told him funding request was turned down last year, but the board is working on it again this year.

**Health & Safety:** Discussion on what it would take, how it would work to create a burning ordinance. Have had a few complaints in the City of people burning large piles. The current City policy is to allow burning for recreational, campfire purposes in small piles. Any large piles of trees, brush are not allowed to be burned. The BBC is available to take all brush. Per City ordinance no garbage or building materials are allowed to be burned. City would like to speak the the fire department about possibly placing a burn warning sign outside the City building when there is a burn ban in place. City Superintendent has done his spring inspection of unregistered vehicles and junk in yards. Clerk will be sending letters to all offenders.

**Public Works:** Motion Holien, second Mack to approve a contract with Scenic Landscape for mowing City properties at rate of \$170 per mow and mowing City Cemetery at \$250 per mow and \$400 per mow when trimming is needed. All yes, motion carried.

**BBC Recycling:** Holien and Czaplewski attended the meeting and will be attending another one in April. No solution to work with the county on the recycling program has been reached at this time. The original proposal to go to one appliance collection day a year at BBC has been tabled.

**Mayor:** Will ask both fire department and historical society if they are interested in owning the 1948 Chevy Fire Truck. If not, it will be put out for sealed bids. County is asking input on their resolution to designate the Buffalo County Humane Society as the official county humane society. This would mean they would give any dog license money we collect to them and in turn the society would take any dogs we have picked up. Sounds like this will go through at county level, so at this time Council will approve and hope that we actually see the service provided here that they promise. Would still like to see them do more for us as far as cats are concerned, but understand that will not be in the county's resolution.

**Superintendent:** Holien questioned the maintenance schedule on the dump truck after the clutch went out recently. Meier said the truck will be taken for yearly maintenance and inspection to Lawrence from now on. Holien also said the person working on fixing the sweeper found a lot of oil in the water tank that is used for wetting down the streets as the sweeper operates. Meier said the tank has not worked for years and did not know where the oil came from. Holien told the board the sweeper is still in the shop being fixed.

**Clerk:** Discussed letter from Dr. Martin Luther Church about using some lots the church owns in the middle of the City for a youth group camping. These lots are not by the church. Consensus of the council that the camping can not be allowed per City ordinance and allowing it would set a precedent. April meetings will be April 10<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup> for the second/reorganizational meeting.

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

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk