

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019-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 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Ben Holien, Larry Johansen and Kevin Mack. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Others present: Krist Beseler, Jared Cyrus and Warren Barth. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Holien, second Mack to approve minutes from the previous regular meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Krist Beseler requested a parcel combination of two parcels he owns on 4th Street. Both parcels contain 2 lots. One currently has his residence on. He would like to build a garage on the second parcel and have them combined into one 4-lot parcel. Motion Mack, second Holien to approve the request to combine parcels 206-00127-0000 and 20—00128-0000 for Krist Beseler. All yes, motion carried.

Jared Cyrus presented the Cyrus and Barth Addition to the City of Buffalo City plat that was recently certified by the Wisconsin Department of Administration. Council discussed the plat and options as far as approving it along with the subdivision agreement they are reviewing with Cyrus. Czaplewski feels if Cyrus and the council can go through the agreement tonight to finalize all changes that can be approved next month the subdivision plat could be approved tonight. Council discussed the agreement. Water control section was amended to include Cyrus' water mitigation plan as exhibit "D" the plan. Discussed expectations on street development and made changes to show the street should be 20' wide with a 2' shoulder on each side. Total street right of way will be 60'. Title evidence was discussed. A street name needs to be in the final agreement for approval. Cyrus and the council agreed on all changes to be made. Clerk will make all changes to the subdivision agreement and get to the attorney so that the final agreement can be approved at the September meeting. Motion Mack, second Holien to approve the plat of the Cyrus and Barth Addition to the City of Buffalo City certified by the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration on August 6, 2019 based on the proposed changes to the subdivision agreement to be presented at the September 9, 2019 council meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Discussed quit claim deeds to exchange properties with Gloria Bloom. Bloom owns Lots A, B & C of Lot 1557 on 24th Street. Council interested in owning the lots to possibly use for future flood water mitigation. Bloom has agreed to trade for Lot 3 of the former City Market Space on 17th Street. Motion Mack, second Johansen to approve the quit claim deeds for Lot 4, former City Market Space and Lots A, B & C of Lot 1557 with Gloria Bloom. All yes, motion carried. Discussed sale of the other 3 lots on the Market Space block. Sale will be put on September agenda.

Recreation – Holien is in discussion with the Morey Miller Foundation in Winona about possible donations for new basketball hoops and improvements for the park.

Building – Eight permits were issued. One permit was erroneously issued and will be sent to the Board of Appeals at an August 29 meeting. Construction on the project has been stopped until the permit can be considered at the board meeting. Mack also has a permit for a new agricultural building on a South River Road property. Agricultural zoning states the buildings must be at least 200 feet from River Road. Even though the building is being built farther away from the road than current structures on the property it still does not meet the 200 foot requirement. Mack will send the permit request to board of appeals for a variance. He would like to see the ordinance changed. Council feels it is too restrictive and the permit should never have had to go to board of appeals. Clerk will put zoning ordinance discussion on September agenda.

Health and Safety – Several properties with accumulating junk in their yards were discussed. Documentation of properties will be made and they will be discussed further at the next meeting. Council would like owners of 3rd Street property that has a collapsed structure to be notified that they have 60 days to remove the structure or they will be fined. Clerk to send a letter stating the timeline and fines. Clerk has received a few complaints about a golf cart driving around town possibly causing traffic issues. Sheriff's department has been contacted.

Riverfront – Inspections were done. Clerk contacted over 50 lease holders in violation of their lease. Most had docks that need to be fixed or debris on the riverbank. Re-inspection will take place the first week of September. A few 20 foot spaces came back to the City this year and the clerk can combine these with other spaces to allow 2 new spaces to be available near the 2nd Street fishing dock. Council agreed this should be done.

BBC Update – Czaplewski said the per capita due to the county will be raised from \$1 to \$2 next year to fund the recycle program. The recycle program is required by state law. County is discussing other funding options further.

Superintendent – Meier would like all the council to consider calling the sheriff's department to complain about the speed of traffic on Herman Street. He was almost hit more than once while patching holes on Herman a few weeks ago. He said many cars were going well over the speed limit. Ash trees continue to be removed from riverfront City park spaces, the ball field and the park. Czaplewski would like the council to consider purchasing a chipper for Meier to use in next year's budget. Could save him a lot of time and money, plus put less strain on the BBC brush area.

Clerk – Motion Holien, second Mack to approve operator license for Harm, Harm, Spalding, Dahl, Meier and Johnson for the Cove. All yes, motion carried.

Other Discussion – Czaplewski would like to make the council aware of a new state funding program that the City can apply for that could offer a 90% grant for street improvements. Council will discuss further. She also would like to talk about a possible emergency notification system. She feels in a small town like Buffalo City citizens don't have a good way to learn about things that come up that they should be aware of.

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

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk