

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022 -MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin Mack at 7 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: Kim Beseler, Ben Holien and Jared Cyrus.

Motion Joahansen, second Fuller to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

**Citizens:** Jared Cyrus asked if City would ever consider selling land owned adjacent to Foelsch Park for some type of business that would not be related to his current garbage business. There are over 40 acres there that were purchased years ago to use if a waste water treatment facility was ever needed. Council told Cyrus they would probably need to keep in case it was needed in the future. Cyrus also asked the council if he would be allowed to keep riverfront that comes with a property he is considering purchasing even though he already has a riverfront lease. He was told that would not be allowed according to the riverfront guidelines set up by the City and Corps of Engineers. The property comes with 80' but the guidelines state that would be split between any new owner and the next person on the waiting list as well. That rule was changed in 2020 to try to help more people on the waiting list get the opportunity to have riverfront.

**Finance:** Czaplewski told the council the guidelines for the ARPA grant spending are now much more flexible. The City should be able to put the money received towards most projects or spending and has until 2026 to spend. Discussed using as payment to fire department for new vehicle this fall so we don't have to take out of the fire fund. Can do the same with other planned projects also. Mack still would like to look into a french drain at 10th and Belvidere. County was discussing doing something with drainage there as well. Council discussed maybe it would be a good idea to try one to see how it goes. Insurance renewals were discussed. Motion Czaplewski, second Johansen to approve insurance coverage for 2022-2023 through Spectrum Insurance/League of WI Municipalities. All yes, motion carried.

**Cemetery:** Friends of Cemetery will meet early May with plans to once again help maintain the cemetery all season from pre-Memorial Day clean up through summer watering, weeding and cleaning stones when needed. Meier and Ehlenfeldt will work with the group.

**Recreation** – Fuller said the Frisbee golf course will be installed soon in the park. Discussion on concrete. Basketball hoops were ordered. The Schoolhouse shoppe has offered to pay for the new hoops. Install options are being looked into. Discussed not responsible for injuries sign and sign to recognize the schoolhouse group for their donation. Paving of tennis and basketball courts reviewed. Price went up \$1,100 due to supplies so price will now be \$8,600. Shelter project not going great since we don't have a good idea of what project will be. So many ways to go and construction costs so high hard to get a quote that will be good for more than 30 days. Fuller updated on Community Action Committee 4th of July Celebration plans. They will have grilled chicken again this year done by a group donating their time. Group would like city insurance to cover again. Council said that would be fine with everything at event falling under City umbrella accept fireworks that have their own insurance.

**Building** – 10 permits issued this month. Board of Appeals will meet at the end of the month to consider two variances and one conditional use permit for a business operation in a residential zone.

**Health and Safety** – Johansen handled one dog at large complaint. Has been keeping an eye on the two properties that received citations last year. They continue to make progress in the right direction.

**Public Works:** Monarch paving final invoice discussed. Patch issue at municipal building discussed. Discussed shoulder issues and fixing them. Will hold the check due to lack of information that was requested from them.

**Riverfront Committee** – Kayak launch will be installed soon at Upper Spring Lake Landing. Czaplowski questioned getting new gravel on upper landing if the use will go up with the launch and its already in very bad shape. Discussion on poor condition of landing and what it will take to fix it. Meier will get a gravel quote to the council.

**BBC&M** – Discussion on Waste Transport take over. Waiting on contracts between county and Cyrus and Lease agreement with Village of Cochrane.

**City Superintendent** – Sweeper running again and superintendent sweeping this week. Landscaping around shelter will be done soon. Tree cutting in park done for year. Johansen questioned the number of trees that were cut. Meier was told by the county forester that there are many other trees in the park that should come down. New trees will be planted soon. Fuller asked Meier how soon he would get the liner off the rink. We don't want it to rip and have to replace again next year. Discussion on semi parking at the shop for extended period of time.

**Other Discussion** - Reorganizational meeting at 7pm next Monday. New elected officials will take over at that time.

Motion Czaplowski, second Johansen to pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Fuller, second Czaplowski, to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

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Kevin Mack., Mayor

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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