

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021-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 and Niki Secrist. Citizens present: Carrie Fritsch, Brach Seitz, Brian Gosse, Jack Dittman, Tim Huebner and Fred Brown. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier.

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

Citizens – Carrie Fritsch, a city election worker, said she would like to thank the clerk for her organization in running the election. She also asked how the city’s dog ordinance works as far as dogs at large. Mack told Fritsch the ordinance was under review several years ago, and it was decided at that time to leave it as it was written that dogs must be in their owner’s control at all times.

Finance Committee- Street bids for 2021 repave and chip/crack fill were opened by the mayor and reviewed by the council. Several options are available but the council needs to decide what type of loan will work best for the options presented. Motion Czaplewski, second Secrist to table the street bid decision until the next meeting. All yes, motion carried. Discussed loan options presented by Waumandee State Bank and Alliance Bank. Both were within .04% of each other. Alliance did present several options up to a 10 year loan with a locked in rate and balloon payment after 5 years. Council consensus that all street bids and loans would need to be reviewed and compared with a decision made next Monday.

Public Works – Mack said he was contacted by Davy Engineering about a possible project for the 24th Street run off water. Davy rep told Mack he thinks the American Recovery Grant money the municipalities have been told will be coming to them should be able to be used for storm water management. Czaplewski said she has been listening to guidance and it is unclear at this time what projects will qualify for the grant money. Council will continue to review as more information is available.

Cemetery – Catholic Cemetery was abandoned by the church over a year ago now. Under state statute the City is now responsible for maintaining it. Meier will mow as needed. Clerk needs to get official minutes from the church board that it was abandoned. Discussed flowers by the columbarium and friends of the cemetery group organizing again for the year.

Recreation Committee – Secrist said a 4th of July met and will be meeting again next week. Some groups have dropped out as far as helping and others will be limiting their help. She said the parade and fireworks are her priority right now getting planned. She will report to the council after the next meeting. The C-BC Little League has been dissolved into the Pirate Youth Athletic Association. All little league in the C-FC area will be operated through this organization this year. Funds leftover in the C-BC account will be transferred to PYAA. Secrist said there are still many questions about how much time the fields will be used in the City. Council consensus to hold off paying any funds to the PYAA until we know more about their financial state and plans for the summer season. Discussed Scenic Valley Swimming Pool financial statements. Council would like info about how the pool will operate this year. Meier said the volleyball and tennis/pickleball nets are up.

Building Committee – 13 permits issued this month

Health & Safety – Johansen would like to see the City take more of a stand on the Schiller Street property. Council discussed options and consensus was to send fine letter warning that after 10 days the fine would be issued if the entire property was not clear of debris and unregistered vehicles and if things remained on the city right of way. Ninth street property owner continues to work with Johansen at this time.

Riverfront Committee- Docks need to be put in. Mack said the 10t Street south dock poles will need some work. Would like to do riverfront inspections in middle of May. Clerk will need to put out notifications to give people time to clean up from the winter.

BBC&M – BBC&M Recycle Center will be open now for summer hours Tuesdays 2-6pm and Saturdays 8am-4pm.

Mayor – Surveying city owned river road properties was discussed. Seitz questioned whether the city owned the properties. Mack assured him they are part of the original City plat map. The City will be surveying the properties and offering them for sale to the adjacent property owners for the cost of surveying and legal work to transfer ownership. City clerk has talked with 18 other adjacent property owners that would like to purchase these properties. Seitz was told it was up to him whether or not he decided to purchase. Motion Czaplewski, second Johansen to have all 11 city triangles surveyed and the 6th Street marketplace lots surveyed by Burt Surveying. All yes, motion carried. Municipal Building well was drilled and tested under 4ppm for nitrates and has cleared the Department of Natural Resources requirements. Mayor wants iron test done.

City Superintendent – Sweeping has started. Private property owners land will not be cleaned off. Any private property owners that would like to sweep their yards into the street before the superintendent sweeps are welcome to.

Clerk/Treasurer – Motion Czaplewski, second Johansen to approve the 2021 city insurance policy with the League of Municipalities insurance at a rate of \$10,979 to include all coverage.

Other Discussion – Council discussed 1st quarter ambulance bill. Agreed the spreadsheet info looked good but would like to see the actual payroll record that shows these amounts were paid out. Also question if an apology will be coming. Consensus to keep bill until next Monday’s meeting.

Motion Secrist, second Fuller to pay bills. All yes, motion carried.

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

Kevin Mack, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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