

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 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, Jr. at 7 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, Ben Holien and Kevin Mack. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizen present: Ron Olson, Don Wicka and Jared Cyrus. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Johansen, second Mack to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Ambulance Contract -Scenic Valley Emergency Medicine Director Ron Olson addressed the council with the 2019 ambulance contract. He reported the service had 100 calls last year, with 77 being transport calls. He said they continue to be very short on both drivers and EMTs. The service is looking at recruiting EMRs, which could possibly make the training a little easier and possibly easier to recruit more. Motion Holien, second Mack to approved the 2019 contract with SVEM at \$7.50/capita. All yes, motion carried.

Citizens Comment – Wicka addressed the board requesting 28th Street be opened and at least graveled. The board told Wicka they have already addressed the issue in previous meetings with him and that the City has no money budgeted to open the street or no reason to open it since there are no houses that need access beyond his and his neighbors who already have garage access off North River Road. Wicka asked for the street to be marked so he and his neighbors could use the same area. Meier will mark the 60 foot street tomorrow.

Building – Five permits issued.

Public Works – Discussed the recent flood issues and prep. Mack said he and Meier helped drill several holes around the City to get some of the water draining when we had the quick thaw. He would like the City to consider turning some of these into permanent drains like at 8th and Herman. He will look into what needs to be done to clean the current ones out and if possible to make some more permanent ones. He is also planning to meet with Davy Engineering tomorrow to discuss the flooding issue that occurs off the fields north of 24th Street. Lorenz and Meier plan to be there also. Meier sandbagged the lowest culverts and with the help of many C-FC students had over 2,500 sandbags filled in preparations for the predicted high river levels. Council was very happy we were prepared and thankful for the help. Sandbags will be stored for future use. Considered bids for the grading of Foelsch park corner and removing of stumps. Bid from JD Excavating for \$2,000 and one from Buffalo County Highway Department for \$1,239. Motion Holien, second Johansen to accept the bid from Buffalo County. All yes, motion carried. Motion Holien, second Mack to approve the 2019 mowing contract with Scenic Landscape for all cemetery mowing and trimming and City lots mowing. All yes, motion carried.

Cemetery – Johnson monument will be here to estimate cost of this year's stone restoration project next week.

Riverfront – City docks were removed due to much damage from winter and rising water. Lorenz said we should consider taking them out from now on even though they were made to stay in. Holien added we may want to look at taking 2nd Street dock out also.

BBC – Czaplewski said the BBC board and County Recycling boards will both meet next week. The Cochrane clerk has resigned and they are currently training someone for her position. Czaplewski wanted the council's approval to have the BBC board consider hiring the Buffalo City clerk as her replacement as the BBC secretary. Council agreed they would be on board with that.

Mayor – Discussed a possible subdivision on South River Road with new land owner Jared Cyrus. Cyrus said he would like to plat a total of 14 lots with one access road off of the lower Spring Lake Road. Council told Cyrus they think the subdivision is a good idea and would like to work with him on getting it approved both through them and through the state. Cyrus was told the City will want regulations in place to allow only residential use on the land. They will also want to have the street designated as his responsibility for now and require it be up to City Street standards for possible future City ownership. Clerk will work with City attorney to put a development agreement together and find out who Cyrus should contact for state approval. Discussed old city trailer. Motion Mack, second Holien to sell the trailer to Russ Lorenz, Jr. at a price of \$1,000. All yes, motion carried. Discussed used city dock that will no longer be considered with trade in value when purchasing the new dock this year. Mack said the frame is bent and pieces missing, as well as floats missing. Council told clerk to put for sale on facebook for \$500. Estimate cost to remove the old bell and bell tower from the schoolhouse was \$1,500. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve paying to have the tower removed. All yes, motion carried.

Clerk - Motion Holien, second Mack to approve operator license for Dascher (B&S). All yes, motion approved. Discussed replacing a fence that was damaged by the county grader when it was in town after the big snow storm. Lorenz stated the fence was on City property. Holien felt the fence was the City's responsibility to fix since the grader actually hit it. Property owner estimated cost to replace fence was around \$65. Consensus of council to offer \$65 to replace but the fence must be placed on private property, not City.

Motion Holien, second Mack to pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.
Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk