

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 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. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: Corey Baker and Matt Biesterveld.

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

Citizens: Baker and Biesterveld are here to request the Class B temporary liquor license for Saturday August 28th 11am-8pm for the Tri-Community Fire Department Open House. Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to approve Class B liquor license for Tri-Community Fire Department at 245 E. 10th Street. All yes, motion carried. Biesterveld said the department will be getting the new fire department sign up before the open house.

Finance – 2020 Audit reports were discussed. Motion Czaplewski, second Secrist to approve the 2020 final audit. The city ended with an excess of \$32,158. Czaplewski reminded the council that additional monies will need to be set aside to pay 4th quarter ambulance bills due to the entire amount not being agreed upon last year at budget time. This will be around \$16,000 more than what we budgeted. Discussed needing better plow for new truck for this winter season. Looking at selling or trading. Motion Czaplewski, second Johansen to move \$16,000 to ambulance expense and \$16,158 to machinery fund for future use. All yes, motion carried. Discussion on future fire department expenses for upcoming truck purchases. Discussed using additional money not in budget from sale of 6th Street lots for resurfacing tennis/basketball courts. Secrist said new basketball hoops would also be nice and she is aware of at least one person willing to donate the cost of one and will work on trying to get donation for second as well. Will get more information about possible new park shelter with funds donated from Waneks in memory of Dave Piechowski. Discussed moving money from the 2021 little league operations budget to use in park expenses for a 9-hole frisbee golf course. Secrist working on course design with local contractor. Motion Czaplewski, second Johansen to move \$5,000 little league to park expense for 2021. All yes, motion carried.

Public Works - Chip seal will hopefully be starting next week. Damage to newly repaved 22nd street was done by a Menards truck. Discussion on who should pay for damage. Mayor will look into. Waiting on Monarch repairs.

Recreation – Community Action meeting last week. They are planning a January 29th ice fishing contest to replace the Lions contest. Discussed post 4th of July and beginning planning for next year. Mack brought up possible horse pull. Discussing concrete around west shelter and getting it replaced with help of a local contractor. Consensus to get concrete redone with money in park budget.

Building – 48 permits issued this month, a majority are roofs.

Health and Safety – 19th Street property owner had a pre-trial conference with the city attorney. Attorney is looking into some questions the property owner had and will keep the Clerk posted on new trial dates. 9th Street property owner did not appear or contest his fine at a court date last week. He was found guilty and assessed the entire fine amount which was just over \$450 with court costs. Johansen doesn't want to offer a settlement to the 19th Street owner because he will just go back to where it was before. Council consensus they would like to start fining 19th Street

owner more daily fines and send 9th Street property owner another warning with another fine. Committee will discuss with attorney.

Riverfront Committee – Talked about pleasant valley properties riverfront and things that still need to be cleaned up.

BBC – County meeting Thursday.

Tri-Community Fire Board - Meeting September 1st.

Mayor – Quit claim deed requests for properties on Front Street and River Road were discussed. Consensus of council that quit claiming parts of alleys is not a good idea. Mack will talk to the two owners. Discussion on 14th/15th and river property and several properties that are one parcel that run through the alley. If these alleys were vacated at some point, we don't know because it wasn't recorded. Clerk will be looking into title searches on properties in question. A new certified survey map of the 6th Street marketplace lots needs to be approved due to the addition of an alley which varies from the original plat map. Motion Fuller, second Johansen to approve the certified survey map as presented by Burt Surveying. All yes, motion carried.

City Superintendent – Once chip seal done will wait 2-4 weeks and then will sweep the rocks up. Talked about use for the chip seal rock.

Clerk – Motion Secrist, second Fuller to approve the sale of columbarium niche AW3-8 to Steve and Darlene Auer. All yes, motion carried.
Discussion on presented bartender operator licenses. Motion Secrist, second Czaplewski to approve operator license for Johansen (B&S). Czaplewski, Fuller, Secrist – yes; Johansen – abstain. Motion carried 3-0. Motion Secrist, second Johansen to approve operator license for Sobotta (River Ratz). All yes, motion carried.

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

Kevin Mack., Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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