

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020-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: James Bremer. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier.

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

**Citizens** - Bremer told the council he will be discontinuing planting flowers and keeping up the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Herman coming into the City after this year.

**Cemetery** – Meier reported that the very old ford lawn mower used to pull the water tank around the Cemetery needs a new engine, but it hasn't been used at all this year. The Friends of the Cemetery group has been doing all the watering without using it. Council agreed mower can be junked and we do not need a new one right now. The columbarium was placed in July. Council discussion on why it was not placed where the council talked about placing originally. Mack apologized for not communicating with the council before deciding to change the location and have it placed in the middle of the cement strip that was poured in the spring. Mack said there will be plenty of room for the addition of many other units in time. He hopes to see five to seven in the future.

**Finance** – Discussed 2019 audit report. The first half columbarium payment was not budgeted. Budget amendments for the second payment and other changes in 2020 should be made. The City had an excess of \$18,738 at the end of 2019. That amount can be moved to the 2020 budget. Motion Czaplewski, second Johansen to approve the 2019 audit report. All yes, motion carried. Discussed columbarium funds. All money for purchases should go back into the fund the money was taken from. Clerk will set up accounts so it can all easily be tracked.

**Recreation** – Secrist has worked out the purchase of two benches for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Dock area with funds donated from a citizen. Secrist said she is looking into a frisbee golf course for the park. She has someone willing to do the labor on the project for free. She will bring numbers to the next meeting.

**Building** – Four permits were issued. One renewal. Discussed 2<sup>nd</sup>/River agreement with resident to build or connect house to garage built three years ago. Deadline for work to be done is approaching.

**Health & Safety** – Joahnsen said Schiller Street property owner continues to make improvements. He will stay in communication with him. 9<sup>th</sup> Street property owner has not accomplished anything on the list he was given. His deadline was the end of July. 18<sup>th</sup> Street lot with unregistered boat, camper and collapsed shed has not had any communication with the City. They were given a deadline of July 31<sup>st</sup> also. Consensus of the council to send both property owners warning letters that they will be issued a fine for \$25/day plus court costs if all work is not done by September 13. The fine will be retroactive beginning today's date, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Belvidere/10<sup>th</sup> Street property owner will be sent a warning letter on the dumpster that has been on the property for a very extended period of time. Deadline to remove will be September 13<sup>th</sup> or he will be fined. Discussed 9<sup>th</sup>/Belvidere property. Council is aware it is under foreclosure. Mack is still interested in having it inspected for safety reasons to determine if a raise order should be considered.

**Public Works** – Crack sealing bid from Fahrner was reviewed. Motion Czaplewski, second Johansen to approve the bid for \$14,632 for crack sealing in the City. All yes, motion carried.

**Riverfront** – The riverfront committee sent six final notice letters to leases with a 15-day deadline for them to make the necessary repairs to their docks or steps or have their lease revoked. Mack has been in contact with all but one and they have all made the necessary corrections. Several other letters were sent to lease holders who had poles, board, debris or barrels still on their spaces. Most have corrected or contacted the City and are working on cleaning up.

**Mayor** – Council discussed the proposed Buffalo County ATV ordinance. Clerk will let Buffalo City County Board representative Bill Bruegger know that the ordinance restrictions on dates and times would not be conducive to operations of ATVs in our City. It would restrict and not allow hunters or fishermen the access they would need to ride their ATVs at the times and dates they would like. Ambulance contract was discussed. Mack said he will want to discuss all options with the Tri-Community Board members at the next meeting. Mack would also like the pool contributions and little league contributions on the tri-community agenda.

**City Superintendent** – Park improvements are almost done. Picnic tables have been placed on cement slabs around the park and the new swing set is in place. Work on trees around the City continues.

**Clerk** – Motion Johansen, second Fuller to approve the sales of columbarium niches to the following people: Brommer (AE1-1); Comero (AW2-5); Lorenz (AW1-4); Lorenz (AW1-5); Loesel (AW2-6); Swanke (AW3-5); and Burmeister (AW1-7). All yes, motion carried.

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

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Kevin Mack, Mayor

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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