

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018-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: Kevin Mack, Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen and Ben Holien. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: Allan Dahl and Roman Tillman. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Mack, second Johansen to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation – Allan Dahl presented the council with petitions he circulated at local businesses asking the council to consider allowing ATVs on City streets with 226 signatures. Council discussed use of ATVs. Mack said he is concerned that there are safety issues if ATVs are allowed on the streets in some areas in the City. Council discussed holding a non-binding advisory referendum in the November election to find out whether or not citizens think allowing ATVs on streets is a good idea. Discussion that roads leading in and out of the City are in Town of Belvidere jurisdiction so unless they allowed ATV use on their roads ATVs would not be allowed to access boat landing at the very south end of Spring Lake or anything north of Buffalo City. Council said this is something they would discuss with Town of Belvidere after the referendum and before any decisions were made. Motion Mack, second Holien to approve Resolution #2018-01 calling for an advisory (non-binding) referendum question to solicit public input regarding changing current city ordinance to allow use of ATV/UTVs on City streets and county roads in the municipality. Question to read: “Should the City of Buffalo City, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, allow the use of ATVs/UTVs on all streets within the City limits?”. All yes, motion carried.

Building – Seven permits issued. Discussed Board of Appeals meeting in July. Board asked Council about fining person who built deck without permit. Mack said the only other fine the council has issued a few years back was for a permit that was actually issued and not followed correctly. That permittee was well aware of the setbacks he was supposed to meet based on previous permits he had. Council feels the property owner that built the deck without applying for a permit was led to believe she didn’t need a permit and tried to correct the problem by applying as soon as she knew. Consensus that no fine would be issued. Discussion on property with gate across alley. Mack said gate was removed and most of the fencing down. Council okay with progress. Discussion about 10th/Herman Street property. Lorenz left a message from the owner and has not heard back after last month’s meeting when the council said they were not willing to go along with the proposal the property owner made. Lorenz would like the process of condemning the structure on the property to start. Clerk will get info together and have at the September meeting.

Finance – Discussion on excess 2017 budget funds. Motion Holien, second Mack to designate \$3400 of 2017 excess budget to the 2018 park budget and \$5964 of 2017 excess budget to the 2018 streets budget. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried.

Health and Safety – Discussed 9th Street property health concerns. Council would like a letter served giving property owners 30 days to clean up all junk, debris, unlicensed vehicles, weeds. Fines will be issued at \$10/day for the first 30 days and \$20/day after 30 days until yard is in compliance. Clerk to have the letter with the Property Maintenance Ordinance served to the property owners.

Cemetery – Meier said the contract mowers are having a hard time with all the solar lights placed next to gravestones. They catch them when trimming and damage or knock off and then it takes time to replace them. Lorenz said to tell the mowers to either just take them out and set on the stones or do their best to trim around. City will consider changing rules to state that we are not

responsible for broken items that are not placed on the foundations themselves as our current rules state.

Riverfront – Clerk reported all riverfront spaces that were fire lanes have been given out off the wait list. The wait list decreased by about 20 spots with the switching around and opening of the new spaces.

Mayor – No applications for part-time employee have been received. Clerk to advertise in more papers and on Facebook. Have had a high school student filling in to help Superintendent a few hours a week. Contract plowing of City buildings/lots was discussed as a way to possibly get by without a part-time employee.

Superintendent – Concrete work at the fire station should be done in the next few weeks. Meier will work with fire department to find places for the trucks when the work is being done.

Clerk – Need to look into Foelsch land lease to see if current person would like to continue to lease. This needs to get done before budget time.

Motion Mack, second Holien to pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Holien, second Mack to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk