

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The Regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Russ Lorenz at 5 p.m. Roll call: Ben Holien, Jeannie Czapski and Larry Johansen. Citizens present: Tom Clark. Also present, City Superintendent Stan Meier. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Holien, second Johansen to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Pepin-Buffalo County Judge Candidate Tom Clark introduced himself to the council. Clark has been a resident of Buffalo City for many years and is running for judge in the spring election.

Financial: Mack arrived at 5:10. Motion Holien, second Johansen to approve the 2017 mill rate of \$21.39/thousand down from \$21.88 in 2016. All yes, motion approved.

Recreation: Meier will begin flooding the skating rink this week. Lorenz will review applicants and hire per council approval. Little League field work was completed this fall. Meier said he would take care of the large sink hole on the big field in early spring.

Public Works: City has the opportunity to apply for the state LRIP grant this year due to another municipality in the county cycle passing. Clerk will submit paperwork for the grant. Project will be decided on and bid out in the spring.

Building: Four permits issued this month. Complaint on outdoor wood burning units received by the clerk. Council feels one unit in question meets all ordinance requirements. Clerk will send other property owner a letter explaining the requirement for the height of the smoke stack.

Riverfront: New riverfront poles were discussed. Poles were placed at the same locations the past poles were at. All should be 100 feet apart measured from the north to south. Mack would like to see the council pay for the trapping of beavers again this winter like they did last year. Consensus of council to offer bounty once again for beavers trapped. Trees damaged by beavers continue to be a problem. Meier will take down the worst ones as he clears brush along the river.

Tri-Community Fire: Mack would like to get bids for the concrete replacement in front of the department as soon as possible.

Mayor: Employee handbook and job descriptions were discussed. Motion Holien, second Czapski to approve the employee handbook and job descriptions . All yes, motion carried.

Superintendent: The grave digger for Alma contacted the superintendent about paying to use our grave heater. Lorenz said he doesn't think that's a good idea due to the issues we have had with it in the past. He is welcome to come look at ours

Clerk: Motion Holien, second Mack to approve the sale of cemetery plots 128 N ½ and 128 N ½ of the S ½ NEW to Gene and Lois Bielefeldt. All yes, motion carried.
Motion Mack, second Czapski to pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Johansen to adjourn meeting. All yes, motion carried.
Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk