

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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 Czapski, George Fuller present, Mack present via Zoom. Johansen absent. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: John Rosenow. Motion Fuller, second Czapski to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Citizens: John Rosenow of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission presented the organizations plan to sign the entire state with MRT (Mississippi River Trail) bicycle route signage. The trail already exists but has not been signed. In order for the organization to get legislative approval and money to sign the route, each municipality the route travels through must show support of the trail by signing a resolution in favor. The route comes through Buffalo City on County Road OO (River Road) and continues all the way through the city limits. The city will have no monetary obligation for signage by signing a resolution in support of the MRT in the city limits. Rosenow said he will be attending meetings at all other local municipalities to ask for the same gesture of support, and the group hopes by 2023 the signage will be in place. Motion Fuller, second Czapski to approve Resolution 2021-16 in support of the Mississippi River Trailway through the City of Buffalo City. All yes, motion carried.

Finance: Motion Fuller, second Czapski to approve the 2021 mill rate at 23.33/thousand. All yes, motion carried. Council discussed excess 2021 funds from the sale of the 6th Street lots and monies unused from the street loan. Motion Czapski, second Fuller to move \$35,000 of excess street loan, \$18,000 excess street construction budget and \$17,000 from 6th Street lot sales, for a total of \$70,000, to the city's Machinery Fund. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried.

Cemetery: Council discussed rates including the discrepancy in the columbarium burial rates between week day and weekend and holiday rates. New rates that reflect the City Superintendents time, especially on holidays, were considered. Motion Fuller, second Czapski to approve new cemetery rates with an increase in columbarium burial rates to \$300 on city non-work days. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation – Rink attendant applications were discussed. Motion Czapski, second Fuller to hire Eric Schuh to work as a rink attendant. All yes, motion carried. Second applicant will be told no at this time. Clerk will try to find more applicants. Will also ask previous worker if she would help train Schuh. Fuller gave a Community Action Committee update. The organization will be sponsoring the annual ice fishing contest on January 29th. They are also working on getting their own federal id number and plan to get funds transferred out of City account. Proposed update to the 10th Street park shelter was discussed. Fuller and Meier will work to get plans drawn up that can be presented to the Wanek family. City received a \$500 grant from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Insurance fund to be used for park and recreation. Consensus of council to use to purchase a new liner for the skating rink. Rubber mats for under the playground equipment were discussed but feel they would be very spendy. Meier will look into the mats for future projects and grants available.

Building – Eleven permits issued this month. Discussion on the condition of the property on South Belvidere Street currently for sale. Mayor will be contacting building inspector and health department for inspection of property.

Health and Safety – McQuiston case was dismissed after Mack and Johansen concluded that the McQuiston had made significant improvements of the property condition. The original case will

show a guilty verdict, as he pled no contest to the first charges. Mack will continue to communicate with him to ensure the property does not deteriorate in condition. Dog issue on Schiller discussed. Clerk has warned owners. A temporary license for a fourth dog was issued. That will not be re-issued this year. Ordinance states fines for barking can only be issued with multiple neighbor complaints. The clerk has only received one complaint. Semi trailer parking near 28th Street was resolved as the owner moved the trailer onto a neighboring agricultural zoned property.

Public Works: Council reviewed plow guidelines. Discussed reflectors along the street. Guidelines state reflectors can not be closer than 4 feet to the street. The city is not responsible for any reflectors within for feet of the street being knocked down or broken by the plow. Discussion on when and what is plowed. Mayor will continue to work with Meier on case by case basis.

Riverfront Committee – Corps of Engineers approved cutting all the marked trees on the riverfront. Meier will work with the county starting in January on the cutting. Docks will be removed this week.

BBCM – Czaplowski said progress continues to be made working with a private contractor on taking the site over. Motion Fuller, second Czaplowski to approve the updated Buffalo County Recycling Contract. All yes, motion carried.

Mayor’s Update: Motion Czaplowski, second Fuller to approve the 2022 contract with Scenic Valley Emergency Medicine not to exceed the amount of \$27.50/person based on the 2020 census of 1007 population. All yes, motion carried.

City Superintendent – Discussion on hiring someone to cut 5 large trees in street right of ways or alleys. Superintendent will get another quote.

Clerk – Motion Fuller, second Czaplowski to approve appointment of Ruth Leahy, Judy Zastrow, Carrie Fritsch, Linda Hesch and Mary Lou Briggs as election inspectors for the 2022-2023 term.

Motion Czaplowski, second Fuller to pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Fuller, second Czaplowski, to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

Kevin Mack., Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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