

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019-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 7 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czapski, Larry Johansen and Kevin Mack. Absent: Ben Holien. Citizen present: Deb Morem. Motion Mack, second Johansen to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Citizens – Deb Morem discussed clean up of black locust trees on the riverfront along the bank in front of their home. She said she is willing to work on taking them down over the holidays if the City would discard of the debris. Lorenz told her he would have the City Superintendent haul the brush away.

Health and Safety – Discussion on car on 9th Street. Mack will talk to owners to remind them that the City has an unlicensed vehicle ordinance and the vehicle is not in compliance.

Finance – Motion Mack, second Czapski to approve the City's 2019 mill rate at \$22.50/thousand. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation – Lorenz said employee schedule is in place. Rink will begin to be flooded with cold weather this week thanks to the use of the new liner. City's hope is always to have the rink running for kids during the Christmas break.

Building – Two permits issued.

Public Works – Czapski said she received confirmation that the state has accepted the grant application she submitted for the newly created street grant program. Council discussed a few complaints with the first slush/snow fall of the season recently. Mack showed pictures of a vehicle parked along the street that was covered in mud and slush after the plow went through. Council feels property owners need to realize if their vehicles are parked along the street right of way they can get covered from plowing. Will remind superintendent to try to go as slow as he can, but with the capabilities of the old plow truck it isn't always feasible to go very slow.

BBC – BBC board will be meeting to consider allowing Town of Milton into the agreement next week with an updated agreement contract for all 4 municipalities to consider. Czapski said the municipalities will need to consider that agreement at their January meetings.

Mayor – After consulting with the City Attorney the council agrees they would like to make a counter offer to the one other bidder on the 17th Street lots. Lots 1 and 2 remain unsold. The counteroffer will be the same price that Lot 4 sold for, \$8,510. Motion Mack, second Johansen to offer Lots 1 and 2 to bidder Ron Speltz for \$8,510 each. All yes, motion carried. Clerk noted that the City Attorney said all closing documents and information on the sale of Lot 4 are being mailed to her office. She hopes to have the closing set up by the end of December. Council does not feel attorney needs to be there.

Clerk – Motion Mack, second Johansen to approve cemetery plot N ½ of N ½ 129 to Stampka. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Czapski to approve operator license for Hill (B&S). All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Czapski to appoint 2020-2021 election inspectors Leahy, Kassel, Fritsch, Zastrow and Hesch. All yes, motion carried. Clerk told the council that the Ruben family has generously donated \$5,000 towards new playground equipment. An entire set of swings including a specialty swing the Ruben's requested that can

carry an adult and child at the same time have been ordered and will be installed at the 10th Street park next spring.

Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to convene into closed session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(f). All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Johansen to reconvene into open session per WI Statute 19.85(2). All yes, motion carried.

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

Russell Lorenz, Jr., Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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