

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 -MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Ben Holien at 7 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Kim Beseler Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: Amanda Lacey, Ron Olson and Robert Lupton.

Motion Beseler, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Citizens – Amanda Lacey introduced herself to the council. She is running for C-FC School Board in April. Ron Olson addressed the board with the Scenic Valley Emergency Management 2023 yearly review. Recruiting effort this year did not have any leads. Discussed volunteer numbers and still needing more drivers and EMTs. Olson talked about replacement of ambulance in the future. Would like the municipalities to consider a fund for replacement equipment like they do for the fire department. He said the group has a small group of volunteers that only have so much extra time for fundraisers. Holien questioned how far out the expense of a new ambulance would be. Olson said at least 2028. Holien would like to have a better number if the municipalities are going to have to start budgeting for this in the future. Holien also asked if the fees charged are competitive with other services in the area and Olson told him they are. He said volunteers are appreciative of the quarterly on-call check they now get.

Finance – Discussion of high yield accounts. Talked about moving the perpetual care fund to better option. Clerk will bring options to next months meeting

Recreation –Holien told the council the City received word that we will get \$24,000 to spend on a new playground structure at the 10th Street Park from the Buffalo County Health and Human Services grant process. The structure/safety landscaping that was submitted came to a total of \$23,900 without installation costs. Work must be done this year. Talked about how to get the rubber mulch to cover old playground and new if City has to kick in some so all is done with mostly city installation. Holien would like Meier to get working on all the park project as soon as possible. Holien will work on Foelsch update. Will need to wait on road bans before we get concrete now. Meier found a company from Eleva that sells/plants trees and gives 5 year warranty. He will be working with them this year. Johansen questioned the trees being cut at the park. Fuller told him they were the invasive trees marked by the arborist last year that we took down in waves and we will be replacing more this year with the grant money.

Cemetery - Mausoleum pest control was discussed. We have a quote from Plunket but Meier thinks he can just take care of it himself this summer. Council told him to go ahead.

Building - 2 permit issued this month.

Health & Safety – Motion Johansen , second Beseler to approve the proposed changes to Property Maintenance Ordinance Chapter 244 “Vision Clearance” to include vehicles parked in the vision clearance. Roll call vote, all yes, motion carried. Ordinance will be published and take effect 15 days after publishing.

Public Works -Motion Fuller, second Johansen to approve changes to the Vehicles & Traffic Ordinance Chapter 330 and to direct City Superintendent to adjust the stop signs accordingly. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried. Ordinance will be published and take effect 15 days after publishing and signage changed.

Discussion on mailboxes being moved across 10th and 12th streets out of the park. All will be notified and city will help get all moved when City superintendent has the time.

Tri-Community Fire Board – Holien would like Meier to get estimate on fire station electric work.

BBCM Board - Czaplewski told the council Cyrus may consider a yearly brush fee but more research needs to be done yet.

City Clerk – Motion Johansen, second Fuller to approve the sale of Columbarium niche AW 1-8 to Donald Blank. All yes, Motion carried. Motion Beseler, second Johanesen to approve operator license for Oreskovich and Schierer. All yes, motion carried. Motion Fuller , Second Johansen to approve parcel combination of Slaggie parcels. All yes, motion carried. Motion Beseler, second Czaplewski to approve parcel combition of Mertes parcels. All yes, motion carried.

Other Discussion: Beseler reminded council they are invited to the VFW dinner.

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

Ben Holien, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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