

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 -MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by President Jeannie Czaplowski at 7 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplowski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller; present via zoom – Mayor Kevin Mack. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier.

Motion Johansen, second Fuller to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Scenic Valley Emergency Medical 2021 Report was not available. No one at meeting.

**Recreation** – A local Boy Scout has offered to clean up and remark trails at Foelsch Park as his Eagle Scout project. Council would love his help. Would like trails cleared and cleaned up, signage for trails redone. Fuller and Superintendent Meier will work with the scout. Fuller said the Community Action Committee held a successful fishing contest with a pretty big turnout of people. They are working on getting their non-profit status and changing bank account info over from city. Frisbee golf course should be set to go in right away this spring. Dealing with poor ice conditions at the skating rink due to the warm temperatures, precipitation and then quick freeze over the weekend. Consensus of council to keep closed for now due to more warm days in the forecast. If the ice would melt some and refreeze smooth the rink could be opened again but will not spend time re-flooding. Fuller will be working on plans for the shelter project with the Wanek family.

**Building** – 5 permits issued this month.

**Public Works:** Discussed bids from Scenic Landscape for mowing city properties. Would like a new bid without the 6<sup>th</sup> Street lots. Will review that bid at March meeting. Consensus of council mowing of all additional properties not needed at this time since we are looking at hiring a part-time employee that can help with mowing. Would like Meier to ask for prices on as needed/emergency basis for the extra areas.

**Riverfront Committee** – City crew has been cutting riverfront trees with a county crew. Some of the bigger trees are not able to be cut and drug up the bank without a payloader. Consensus of council to ask county to bring payloader for time needed on the big trees at \$49/hour as they quoted.

**Tri-Community Fire Board** - Department used money out of their emergency funds to put a down payment down on the new truck. This money will eventually be reimbursed from the municipalities with the payment when the truck arrives.

**BBC&M** – Czaplowski said BBCM board met in January with Cyrus. County board met and both want to proceed with take over but need to work out details at this time including a lease of land between Village of Cochrane and Cyrus and sale of the building that county owns. Cyrus would build on the location the building is on now.

**Mayor's Update:** Last 2 lots on 6<sup>th</sup> street have been purchased. Motion Fuller, second Johansen to approve Resolution 2022-01 selling Lots 3 & 4 of the original 6<sup>th</sup> Street Marketplace City lots to Karen McKenzie and Brett Fernholz at a cost of \$18,200 plus closing costs. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried. Motion Johansen, second Fuller to approve Resolutions 2022-02 through 2022-05 approving sale of city owned properties along river road to the neighboring owners (Bruegger, Klante, Johnson & Frana) All yes, motion carried. Only one triangle city owned property remains unsold to an owner who is asking about title insurance and a warranty deed.

That owner has been told he can request the title search on his own and provide the City with a copy. Once the City has this we will have our attorney draft a warranty deed to sell the property to him at the same costs the rest of the buyers purchased at.

Motion Johansen, second Fuller to go into closed session per WI Statute 1985(1)(c) to discuss employee applications. Motion Johansen, Second Fuller to come out of closed session. All yes, motion carried.

Four applications for part-time employee were reviewed. Council decided they would like to add a part-time employee to work 10-12 hours per week hoping that the current part-time employee will stay to work similar hours. Motion Johansen, second Fuller to offer a part-time position to Gene Grotjahn. All yes, motion carried.

**City Superintendent** – City dump truck is in need of additional repairs. Waiting on parts from Universal Trucking.

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

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Kevin Mack., Mayor

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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