

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by President Jeannie Czaplewski at 7 p.m. Roll call: Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Niki Secrist. Kevin Mack via Zoom. Citizens present: Al Kochenderfer and Ron Olson. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier.

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

Citizens Concerns – Ron Olson and Al Kochenderfer from Scenic Valley Emergency Medical Services provided 2020 financial statements to the council. Statements were discussed. SVEMS had 84 runs in 2020. Billing was discussed. January 2021 on call rate of 97% was confirmed by Czaplewski.

Finance Committee-

The money to drill the new well at the municipal building was put aside at the end of December because we are still waiting on the well driller. The Department of Natural Resources has been in contact with the mayor and president and warned the drilling must get done soon to avoid additional steps required by the DNR because the current City well is not in compliance due to the high levels of nitrates. Mack said he has been trying to get the well driller to give him a date. He and the clerk will keep trying to get a date for drilling.

Public Works – The 2021 street project was discussed. Meier will go through his street ratings and categorize what streets need complete repave and which streets need crack or seal coat. Czaplewski said we should get the bid specs together right away and council agreed bid requests need to be out by beginning of March with bid approvals at the April meeting. Czaplewski said the council needs to think about what other major improvements or purchases would need to be made in the next five or ten years. Council will need to decide on loan options and final project costs no later than at the April meeting.

Recreation Committee – Secrist would like bids for putting new roofs on both shelters and fixing facia on both. The skating rink opened Friday. Council agreed even if the weather is warm the rink needs to be flooded in December next year using liner. Liner is ripped in areas and will need patches. Fuller said to at least try flex seal this spring and council agreed we need to fix and use again next year. Secrist reported that she has set up a meeting for the Fourth of July Celebration planning with many local group leaders on February 24th. Council agrees the City could oversee the entire celebration with many groups participating in different areas.

Building Committee – Board of Appeals granted a height variance for a garage on 22nd Street.

Riverfront Committee- Meier said he and the contracted tree cutter will be working on riverfront trees in the next few weeks. Mayor would like to see as many taken care of as possible.

Tri-Community Fire Board – Czaplewski said the fire department would like permission to spend up to \$50,000 on replacing a truck that was scheduled to be replaced in 2022. The department has seen some very good used chassis they could purchase with a potential of saving them about \$50,000 instead of buying new. They need municipal approval to spend the money now though. Council consensus the savings on a used truck would be worth it. Motion Fuller, second Johansen to allow Tri-Community Fire Department to spend up to \$50,000 on the

purchase of a new truck and cost to remove/replace the tank. All yes, motion carried. Buffalo City would pay our 47% of this total cost.

City Superintendent – Meier would like permission to trade in the back hoe the City has owned for over 10 years. It does not work with the upgraded bobcat and hasn't been used in years. Bobcat would give the City \$3,500 for the backhoe as a trade in for a container that can be used to hold/haul dirt and other items that will work with our Bobcat at a total cost to the city of \$500. Consensus of council to go ahead with the trade/purchase using machinery budgeted money.

Clerk/Treasurer – Clerk will choose a tablet with keyboard for council and get them purchased.

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

Motion Fuller, second Secrist to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

Kevin Mack, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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