

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 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 and Kim Beseler. Absent Larry Johansen and George Fuller. Also Present City Superintendent Stan Meier. No citizens present.

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

**Finance** - Czaplewski brought up perpetual care and trust to beautify funds in high yield savings online instead of the local CDs they are currently in that are making a lot more right now. The trust to beautify can't actually be spent but could be initiated with more money. Holien would like to look into what local banks could give us first to see if they could compete. Czaplewski said they are FDIC insured even though they may not have brick and mortar buildings.

**Recreation** –Holien said he would like the council to start thinking about putting together a 5-year park and recreation plan for the City. A wants and needs list and work on how to fund them. He would possibly like to put citizens on a committee to help come up with ideas and steer the committee along with the council. Not just for the 10th Street park but Foelsch and the ball park as well. The Foelsch plan is to get concrete going as soon as possible in the spring for the Piechowski shelter.

**Cemetery** – Beseler gave a report on the Wreaths Across America event held December 16th at the city cemetery. It was very well attended despite wet weather. The committee is planning for next year with changes based on learning from this years event. Would like to see Huebsch used by private families for funeral events if needed.

**Building** - 2 permit issued. Would like to look at garages, set backs and other issues we have had with board of appeals and review our ordinances.

**Public Works** -Discussion on brush prices at dump and what else we could do with the brush. Looking at working out a yearly fee we could pay. Discussed street lights on lower Spring Lake.

**Tri-Community Fire Board** - Holien gave an update from the board meeting last week. Have a few more volunteers. Discussion on what department charges to go to fires and what they get paid back. There was discussion on putting charges on tax bills but the board did not like that idea. There was also discussion about future county-wide fire districts but Holien said that was a discussion for a long time in the future. The department asked for some electrical work to be done in the station this year. City agreed to get work completed when possible.

**Mayor** - Holien would like council suggestions on ordinances they would like to review over the next several months. Possibly start with the ordinance that specifies the stop sign at 5th and Humboldt Street. Wording could easily be removed to change this ordinance and remove that stop sign. Public Works will meet to make that suggested change. One trailer has not moved at shop for 18 weeks. Holien would like to see guidelines set up for oversized vehicle parking at the city shop.

**City Clerk** - Columbarium niche tabled to February. Not enough to sign the deed.

**Other Discussion:** Beseler brought up lot on corner of 10th/Herman and possibly having that donated to City for use that could possibly be a welcome to City, Veteran's memorial. Discussed

better signage to the entrances to the City by Foelsch or other areas. Possibly better area at the Ballpark.

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

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Ben Holien, Mayor

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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