

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00PM**

The Regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Russ Lorenz at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Lisa Schuh, Kevin Mack, Ben Holien and Jeannie Czaplewski. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier; citizens Gwen Mathers and Greg Jencen. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous regular meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Finance: Matt Reeck spoke to the council about investment options for the cemetery perpetual care fund. Reeck gave the council a few different portfolio options with different levels of risk. Council discussed the investment in bonds, CDs and stocks. Consensus to continue discussion at August meeting.

Public Works: Consensus of council to budget for the replacement of the Schoolhouse roof in 2017. Contractors will be notified that we will take bids for the project next spring.

Recreation: Little league baseball tournament this weekend. Holien working on basketball hoop upgrade project along with funding options for the project.

Building Committee: Six permits were issued this month.

Cemetery: Council discussed dwindling funds available for trust to beautify graves. Would like to get away from offering the option. The City only makes one percent or less on interest of the fund, and that amount doesn't even come close to covering the cost of the flowers each year. City sold almost 200 trusts. Only about 20 of those have a 25-year expiration date on them, the rest are perpetual and can only be discontinued if the cemetery is abandoned by the City according to the City Attorney. Adding more to the list will only put the City deeper in financial trouble according to Lorenz. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to cease selling trust to beautify graves with all current trusts to continue to be honored through their date of expiration. All yes, motion carried. Schuh said she has had questions about the trimming off of flowers planted in the ground around headstones. She said she had a complaint that some were cut and some were not. The new policy put in place in May only allows flowers to be in pots off the ground or on the stone foundation itself. Lorenz said the contracted mowers have been told to cut the flowers on the ground especially if they are hard to work around or dead. Some flowers may have been missed in the cutting. Lorenz said the council hates to penalize those that have planted flowers and maintained them well for years but it is too time consuming and too much of a judgement call to ask of a company we pay to cut the grass. All will be cut off per the new policy. Complaints can be addressed to Lorenz. Meier said a Johnson Monument rep will be here next week to look at what it will take to fix the very old stones.

Riverfront: 10th Street dock repairs were done. Holien has secured funding for the 2nd Street fishing dock project that was initiated by a large contribution from a citizen who lives near there. Consensus of the council to get the dock ordered and in with help paying for it from the Ruben family, C-BC Lions donation, National Wild Turkey Federation and some City funds that were put aside for it. Holien would like to look into what it would take to get the Spring Lake area dredged back open for easier access.

Citizens: Greg Jencen commended the council on taking the initiative to get the street work done this summer. Mathers addressed her concerns with any possible cat ordinance the council may be considering.

Clerk: Motion Mack, second Holien to approve operator licenses for: Schively and Lewis for River Ratz and Pruka and Young for the Cove. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Mack, second Schuh to go into closed session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss employee applications. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Holien to reconvene into open session. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Schuh to hire Greg Jencen as the part-time city employee starting at \$13/hour with a review after 90 days and potential of raise to \$14/hr at that time. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Mack, second Holien to pay bills. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Holien, second Mach to adjourn meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk