

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021 -MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Kevin Mack at 7 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Niki Secrist. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: Ben Adank, Jerry Conway, Tim Beckendorf.

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

**Citizens:** Tim Beckendorf concerned about lots on 6th street that are for sale. Water sits on those lots and worried about if they get filled in the water will run into his lots and house. Mack said he thinks if the lots get built on it can help the water issue. Beckendorf still feels the water will be an issue and would hope the City would keep a lot to build a water catch area. Mack said possibly a drain could be put in.

Mayor opened bids for the 6th Street lots. Jerri Schreiber: Lot 1 - \$6000; Niki & Zeke Secrist: \$7500 for Lots 1-4; Mark Engstrom: Lot 1 - \$9600, Lot 2 - \$9100, Lot 3 - \$6300. Discussion on sale of lots. Assessor said lot value is around \$9500. Motion Czaplewski, 2nd Fuller to sell Lots 1 and 2 to Mark Engstrom for \$9,600 and \$9,500. Roll call vote. Yes – Johansen, Czaplewski, Fuller. Abstain – Secrist. Vote 3-0, motion carried. Discussion on selling Lots 3 & 4, city will offer to sell these two at the same cost

**Finance** – 2020 Audit reports were discussed. Finals will be here for approval at next meeting. Will have \$32,158 in excess funds over budget that we can put towards something for this year. We are going to need to set \$15,000 aside for ambulance according to Czaplewski. It will be in our 2021 payables due. Ambulance calculations done by Czaplewski but we didn't get a second quarter bill yet.

**Public Works** - Street project discussion. Monarch was paid minus 10% until we get some things fixed. Scott will be working on chip sealing soon.

**Cemetery** – Plumbing problem again. Meier wants to make sure city thanks former superintendent Cory Baker for taking care of his mom's burial.

**Recreation** – Secrist gave a report on the 4th of July Celebration. The community group will have about \$4,000 after all expenses to use towards next year. Mack commended Secrist for doing a great job. Discussed getting started on next year's event now and booking things early. Secrist discussed a request from a citizen about an ultimate frisbee game using empty city lots. Consensus of council to let the group use city owned lots on 14th-15th on Humboldt Street.

Discussed little league now as a part of PYAA. Ben Adank, representative of PYAA, discussed the program and request for money with the council, participation numbers and letter. Mack asked what happen to the little league money from community ball which should be CBC and Fountain City ball \$6,900 came into PYAA program account for community ball. Czaplewski asked what happened to the \$30,000 in their bank account in fall of 2019 when the ball program didn't even operate in 2020. Discussed what Fountain City has contributed for their enrollment is around 75 participants and Buffalo City participants are only estimated at 35. The PYAA is a non-profit organization with a board and budget. Adank said CBC and Fountain City community ball approached them about taking over the summer ball program. Czaplewski asked how the other programs are funded. He explained they are self-funded. Discussed coach pay. Adank said

concessions were not run this year due to a lack of volunteers willing to organize them. Tournament didn't happen because there wasn't enough time, but he said next years tournaments are already being planned. Mack questioned why Buffalo City should subsidize the program for all municipalities. Also participation is only counted by address so townships aren't included in the participation numbers. Consensus of council to hold off on giving PYAA any money at this time until more is known about the \$30,000 that was in the C-BC Little League bank account in fall of 2019.

**Building** – Six permits issued.

**Health and Safety** – 19th Street property maintenance fine had a pretrial conference scheduled with City attorney, and the 9th Street fine had a court date set in August.

**Riverfront Committee** – Discussed the meeting with US Army Corps of Engineers representatives and new regulations we need to make sure all permit holders are following.

**BBC** – County meeting last week. Discussion on future of facility.

**Tri-Community Fire Board** – Tri-Community Fire Department will be holding an Open House on August 28th with chicken, beer and pop. They will apply for a liquor license at the next meeting.

**Mayor** – Council discussed proposed ATV ordinance. Motion Johansen, second Secrist to approve ATV ordinance as written. Yes - Fuller, Johansen, Secrist. No – Czaplewski. Motion carried. Discussed old street pulverized material. Discussed semi parking at city shop. Mack said to put the pulverized material there for semi parking.

**City Superintendent** – Meier wondering about putting a number code on shop lock. Meier wants to know what to do with old mowers. Council agreed the mowers should be sold. Discussed logo for truck. Clerk will get prices and get it ordered.

**Clerk** – Motion Johansen, second Fuller to approve cemetery plot 109 S ½ of N ½ NEW to Cindy Grable. All yes, motion carried.

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

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Kevin Mack., Mayor

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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