

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY SPECIAL MEETING-  
MONDAY, JULY 18, 2016-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 5:30PM**

A special meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Russ Lorenz at 5:30 p.m. Roll call: Lisa Schuh, Ben Holien and Jeannie Czaplewski. Kevin Mack arrived at 6 pm. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier.

**Riverfront Lease:** Council discussed Riverfront lease agreement. Proposed changes to the agreement with the Corps of Engineers will clarify the wording to assure only City of Buffalo City property owners will be allowed to obtain riverfront leases from this point forward. The City Council will have the final say in any lease agreements. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve changes to the agreement as printed to include only property owners and also the Council as the decision making body including the Description of Riverfront Committee duties, SMGP Property Rights and SMG10 Permit Waiting List. All yes, motion carried.

**Animal Ordinance:** Council consensus to not add cats to any of the ordinance with exception of the proposed feces section that requires owners to pick up feces on public or private property. Exotic animal section will also be added along with animals of husbandry to include chickens, horses and all other husbandry animals. Section added on keeping of bees with a maximum of 2 hives. Leash requirement discussed. Council split on adding a leash law. Majority of council felt the problem dogs come out of yards, not those that are being walked.

**Weed Ordinance:** Proposed changes in ordinance updated to take out goats beard and milk weed to be in line with the state ordinance.

**Camping Ordinance:** Discussion of adding abutting lots to the description of how far from a principal residence a camping unit can be placed. Consensus to leave ordinance as is.

**Zoning Ordinance:** Accessory buildings and private garage definitions were discussed. Proposal will have the two separated with different set backs associated with each. Private garage description will also include the option to build on adjacent lots within 20 feet of the lot a main building is on (which would allow for building across the alley) as long as the garage is not more than 100 feet from the main building. Schuh left at 7:10. Commercial and residential zoning maps were reviewed with discussion on changes to the spot commercial zones around the City that are no longer used for commercial uses. Consensus of council to propose changing the commercial zoning of 8 locations throughout the City that are not used as commercial properties. The changes are proposed to protect the continuity of the residential zones.

**Public Hearing on Proposed Changes:** Clerk will publish notice of changes in a Class 2, 2 week notice in the Recorder and post all changes. Public hearing on the changes in the Zoning, Animals and Weeds ordinances was set for Monday, August 15, at 6 pm at the Buffalo City Municipal Building. Immediately following the public hearing a Special Council meeting will be held to consider the changes to all three ordinances. All property owners with proposed zoning changes will be notified by the Clerk.

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

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk