

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The Regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Russ Lorenz, Jr. at 7 p.m. Roll call: Kevin Mack, Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen and Ben Holien. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: Allan Dahl, Brian Michaels, Sandy Michaels and Brach Seitz. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Mack, second Johansen to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Building – Seven permits issued. Two going to Board of Appeals July 26th. Discussed property with unpermitted fence on 14th Street. Clerk will send final notice if not torn down or applied for permit in 15 days of receipt of letter fines will be issued. This includes removing gate from alley. Fine is \$100 per day.

Health and Safety – Mayor has spoken to property owner of 10th and Herman house/land. He would like to donate land and buildings to city with conditions that the intersection be made safer and that the City keeps the property for some type of city-owned park or land. Consensus of council expense to tear down buildings and clean up lots would not be worth it if they couldn't resell to get money back. Lorenz will speak with owner and get back to council. Czaplewski reported that the county does have a dog ordinance that the person she originally spoke with after she was attacked by the dog in the Town of Belvidere did not know about. She was told by a county sheriff's representative that the county does handle vicious dogs. Mack said he would still like the City to look into a vicious dog ordinance.

Riverfront – Lorenz said fire lane/no parking signs will come down. Seitz asked for no parking to be allowed down in the fire lane in front of his house. Lorenz said if anyone did park in there they would take the chance of getting parked in. Those with leases in the area will be asked to park near the street, not down in the fire lane. Czaplewski brought up a no wake zone in Spring Lake during high water situations. Council discussed both spring lake as well as the entire length of Buffalo City. Seitz commented that the city looked into this in the past and it can't be enforced by anyone from the city, only the Department of Natural Resources. Mack said he would still be interested in looking into it.

Fire Board – Final fire truck payment is due this week. Truck should be coming next week. Payment for the truck will be \$30,000 less than originally estimated due to the fire department putting money from their donations and fundraisers, along with money from the truck they sold, back towards the cost of the new truck. Council has approved the payment in the 2018 budget meetings.

Citizens – Seitz questioned the council's talking with AllEnergy Corporation about possible annexation/zoning for a rail spur north of the City. He said he doesn't feel like the council is being forthcoming. He was told that AllEnergy has approached the City several times and have been allowed to be on the agenda for the public city meetings twice, once at a regular monthly meeting, and once at a special meeting because the council did not have time to put them on a regular agenda that month. Both times were noticed as informational meetings only. Czaplewski told Seitz he should know the only way they can gather information as a board is during a public meeting and that is what they were trying to do. Brian and Sandy Michaels addressed the board about possible ATV use in the City. Michaels said they are aware that ATV use will be on the August agenda but they will be unable to attend that meeting. They think there is enough interest that shows ATVs should be allowed in the City either on designated routes or on all streets. Council told Michaels the options would be discussed in August.

Mayor – AllEnergy has been calling council members this week asking for their input. Lorenz said at this time he would like the council to respond to representatives with an official answer. Discussion on lack of plans and information pertaining to finances and where the sand would come from. Council also very concerned about train traffic blocking the crossings to the north and south. Czaplewski said she didn't feel it was the right reason to annex land, but she hopes the county and township will consider the options for this land to be potentially developed in a way beneficial to the surrounding communities. Holien said even if the City ends conversations with AllEnergy they will still need to be aware of what is happening because it will affect our citizens as well. Consensus of the council to inform AllEnergy that the council is not interested in the proposal for annexation/rezone of the land north of the City. Clerk will draft and send letter. Lorenz brought a proposal to have a board set up of Village of Cochrane, Town of Belvidere and City of Buffalo City board members to meet several times a year as a way to keep communications open between the communities. Clerk will send the other 2 boards a letter offering to host the first meeting in September. Lorenz said he would appoint himself and Holien to the board if the other communities are willing to try it.

Superintendent – Meier reported that the part-time city employee will no longer be available during daytime hours due to a change in his other job. He would continue to work in the evenings, but Lorenz said that is not what we are looking for in a part-time employee. The City needs someone available during the daytime hours to work with Meier. Clerk will advertise for a new part-time employee.

Clerk – Clerk has been in communication with county highway commissioner Bob Platteter. Platteter said they county is very willing to help the city with updated speed signs going in and out, as well as in the more congested areas along River Road. Possible additions to include more signage and orange flags to draw attention to the speed limits. Motion Holien, second Johansen to approve operator license for Prevost, Anderson (River Ratz). All yes, motion carried.

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

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk