

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2019-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The Regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by President Ben Holien at 7 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, Ben Holien and Kevin Mack. Absent: Mayor Russ Lorenz, Jr. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizen present: Deb Morem, Gene and Lois Beilefeldt and Jared Cyrus. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

**Citizens Comment** – Tom Clark addressed the board with the C-BC Lions Clubs plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration to be held at the Buffalo City park on July 4<sup>th</sup>. All activities will take place as usual including beer tent, kids activities, car show, food stands and parade. Motion Mack, second Johansen to approve the Temporary Class B Liquor License for the C-BC Lions Club 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at the Buffalo City Park and to approve a fireworks permit for that evening. All yes, motion carried.

The Beilefeldts addressed the board with their complaints about a neighboring property owners loud noises, dust affecting their property and the junk laying around their yard. Morem also commented on the property.

**Health and Safety** – Council discussed the property at 9<sup>th</sup> and Belvidere Streets. A warning letter with fine warnings had been sent again. Council has been informed the dumpster will not be removed due to lack of payment. Feel the vehicles are all licensed at this time and junk is better, but understand the issue of the noise and dust from the make shift go cart track in the yard. Johansen will warn the property owner that any use of go carts will constitute a public nuisance and each document occasion will be issued a fine. Issue with roof on Third Street discussed. Mack to talk to owner to tell them it must come down. City has received a complaint about the dirt and weed pile at 19<sup>th</sup> and Schiller. Mack will discuss with owners.

**Building Committee** – 5 Permits issued. Board of Appeals granted a variance request for a 5’ side yard variance for addition to residential property on 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Public Works** – Mack working with Davy Engineering on flood mitigation map. Will be getting us options with costs soon.

**Cemetery** – Holien said the committee met with Thrivent Financial representatives who will be at the next council meeting with investment options for the perpetual care fund to hopefully at least make enough money to cover the cost of the flowers the city is obligated to place due to the deeds that were signed for eternity years ago. We now get about \$800 a year interest on those funds and spend \$5,000 a year on flowers. Committee also discussing adding a columbarium option to the cemetery for above ground cremation urns. Clerk to put together a Friends of the Cemetery information campaign to hopefully get volunteers and funds to keep the cemetery looking as nice as it does.

**Riverfront** – 10<sup>th</sup> Street dock pilings will be put in temporarily before the 4<sup>th</sup> with permanent 12’ pilings scheduled to be placed later this summer. Mack still working with DNR and Corps of Engineers on breakwater options. Still thinks bouys would be nice to mark the channel out of the City but not the big ones the City has on hand. Meier said garbage at the landing has been very full several times. He thinks someone is dumping their personal garbage in it. He also said it had fish guts in again this week. Dock conditions discussed. Holien said riverfront committee should meet this month if possible to do inspections.

BBC - Czaplewski said electronics are now being accepted all the time at BBC for a charge. County is also discussing going to a single stream recycle program sometime soon.

**Mayor** – Council discussed 17<sup>th</sup> Street lots. Czaplewski said if she can sell them for what she said, she should. Mack agreed the council doesn't want to get into the real estate business. The grass is getting tall on them and other lots in town. Meier has been getting the clerk info and she has been sending letters. Weeds notice was published in the Recorder as always and mowing can be done and charged back to the owners at any time once the weeds/grass are over 8 inches tall. Discussed the Spring Lake Subdivision with Jared Cyrus. Council reviewed the draft subdivision agreement put together by the City attorney. Council would like to sit down with the attorney and Cyrus to cover the areas they want covered including residential zoning, water mitigation and street development. Clerk will set up meeting. Current subdivision plats are at the state for review before the City gets them.

**Superintendent** - Meier working with county on getting radar speed signs up. Vanover won't be cutting any trees here until the detour in Fountain City ends. Holien read a letter the council received commending Meier for a job well done.

**Clerk** - Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to approve granting Class B liquor licenses to River Ratz Saloon, LLC (Pawlak) and The Cove, Inc. (Neitzel) and Class A liquor license to B & S Express (Michaels). All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Czaplewski to approve issuing cigarette license to River Ratz Saloon, LLC and B & S Express. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Johansen to approve granting operator's license to: River Ratz: Harm, Jewell, Hasnon, Prevost; B & S: M. Michaels, K. Michaels, Marco, Cowell, Halvorson, Koenig, Gleiter, Meier, Dasher. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Mack, second Johansen to pay bills with corrections made. All yes, motion carried.  
Motion Johansen, second Czaplewski to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk