

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022 -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. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: Ron Olson

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

Citizens: Ron Olson was here from Scenic Valley Emergency Medical with a report on the 2021 services and financial status of the organization. Ended year financially with a deficit of over \$17,000 in 2021. Did have a large capital purchase totaling over \$23,000 for a power load last year to help load patients. 136 calls with 43 of those non-transport. Czaplewski asked about billing those. Olson said only billed if treated on scene. Olson said there were no more than 10 charged. Training 3 now for driving. Have a few volunteers out with medical issues. Fundraiser on 4th of July went well. Hoping to continue 4th of July fundraiser. Discussion on Olson's question if city has ever tried to recruit new residents. Discussed lack of business and industry mostly due to no sewer and water. Olson said things were going well for the organization in the last year.

Finance: The federal stimulus funds that the city is getting may be easier to find ways to use with new rulings from the federal government. Clerk and Czaplewski will attend a webinar next week to get more details. Discussed spending on run off issues. Can possibly use for any project or purchase including a new dump truck.

Cemetery: Clerk and Superintendent got all paperwork recorded for permits from last year.

Recreation – Community Action Committee updated - first planning meeting for 4th of July coming up. Fireworks costs going up from last year. Discussed basketball court resurface and replacing hoops. Schoolhouse Shoppe offering to pay for the new hoops. Fuller working on shelter plans. Will also contact the contractor on the frisbee golf course to see how soon he will be ready to install. Meier had forester in City looking over trees in park. Marked two or three that are shading other trees and/or not looking healthy. Thinks our trees are being trimmed very well and that we've gotten rid of the ash trees. Went over some planting options and things that were done incorrectly years ago that can be prevented. Discussed grant on trees to purchase.

Building – 5 permits issued this month; one permit denied that will go to Board of Appeals

Public Works: Discussion on Scenic Landscape mowing contract. Mowing prices for cemetery went up \$50/year to \$550/mow and trim. Mowing of lots and Foelsch park stayed the same prices at \$190/mow. Motion Johansen, second Fuller to approve the Scenic Landscape contract at the above rates. All yes, motion carried. Meier updated dump truck cylinder has been replaced. Sweeper tires were replaced. Meier hopes to start sweeping in a week or so depending on snow.

Riverfront Committee – Still have 42 trees that were marked to cut that have not been. They are all by some type of obstacle that make them hard to cut. By docks, boat houses, power lines, etc. Discussed the liability issue. Johansen said he thinks the lease holder should be responsible for cutting these trees if they want them cut, that the city shouldn't be responsible. Czaplewski added that the Corps said they don't care if dead trees stand for years and would actually prefer they stand for habitat. Consensus of council that if the lease holder wants the tree removed they need to move their docks, etc. or remove the tree themselves. Discussion on access on riverfront.

Riverfront is a public space and anyone can walk on or access river from any location along riverbank. Steps and docks are the leasee's private property and can not be used by public.

BBC&M – Czaplewski said BBCM board is still in talks with Waste Transport and Cochrane's lease on land with them is moving forward.

Mayor's Update: Motoin Fuller, second Johansen, to approve Resolution 2022-06 to sell last section of the city owned riverfront triangle properties. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to go into closed session per WI Statute 1985(1)(c) to discuss employee compensation. Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to come out of closed session. All yes, motion carried. Council agrees to make adjustments to part-time employee compensation after closed session discussion.

City Superintendent – Meier is hoping to start sweeping. He will be clearing leftover wood from riverfront tree cutting.

Other Discussion - April 11th will be normal meeting and second meeting will be April 18th.

Motion Johansen, second Fuller to pay bills without the one for welder lease. All yes, motion carried. Motion Czaplewski, second Johansen, to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

Kevin Mack., Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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