

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 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. Citizens present: None. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier.

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

**Finance Committee-** Discussed options for 2021 loan for major street construction and possibly to fund other city projects. Clerk will get loan options from Waumandee State Bank and Alliance Bank for next months meeting. Bid notices and advertisements have been sent for street project with bids due at the April meeting. Cemetery chip sealing is in the bid requests. Projects discussed not in budget but possibly in loan: resurface basketball court, municipal building signs, reimburse machinery fund for truck purchase, park shelters, frisbee golf, radar signs, street brine equipment, cold storage building at shop, little league main shelter and digital welcome sign.

**Public Works** – Meier has had help from Buffalo County workers cutting the trees along the riverfront. This is the last week they will be here.

**Cemetery** - Started trimming trees last Friday. Flowers ordered from Cabbage Patch.

**Recreation Committee** – Secrist said a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Community leaders interest meeting was held in February. The Lions Club said they lack membership and do not want to be the sponsoring organization of the celebration this year. Other local non-profits are wavering as far as interest in participating and raising money. Czaplewski thinks we need to know how much money a business would sponsor so we can tell if we can afford bands, inflatables, etc. Maybe food trucks could be an option to bring in since non-profits are not wanting to participate as much. Secrist said the carr show rep reached out to her and they are interested in the event again this year. Secrist will be contacting local businesses to find out interest and to see if a community/business group could possibly be set up to sponsor the event. City insurance agent has said the city can cover the entire event under their current policy.

**Building Committee** – One permit this month. The deadline for a River Road property owner to have his house attached to a garage that was approved previously expires on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Health & Safety** – Johansen said both properties at Schiller Street and Ninth Street continue to be a problem. He would like to look into what it would take to condemn a property. State inspector has helped us with this before. Johansen also had a complaint of a slow sign placed in the middle of the street. Meier was ordered to remove it if he sees it and take to the City Shop.

**Riverfront Committee-** Meier said he has been cutting all the beaver chewed trees, ash and black locusts on the riverbank starting at the northern city limits. Corps of Engineers was here and is aware and okay with the trees that are being removed. Mack said when he mentioned us planting new trees in areas they said there is a possibility that they would help out with that. Mack discussed the upper spring lake landing and possibly putting the old dock removed a few years ago from 10<sup>th</sup> Street there but trying to install so the high current won't destroy the dock. Discussion on those that have altered the riverbank and getting some control on that.

**Mayor** - Our part-time employee has resigned. We will offer the job to the next candidate. Initial well reading at 104 ft was 3.9 nitrates/mil. Waiting on the official test before the well is capped. The only other option would be to go much further down.

**City Superintendent** –. Discussion on eventually having to replace the old dump truck. Discussed option of buying a new F350 with a V-plow through the lease program at Sugar Loaf. Mack and Fuller both feel an F-350 could easily handle all plowing that the dump truck does and we have a dump trailer so do not use the truck for that anymore.

**Clerk/Treasurer** – A policy for council to use city issued chromebooks was discussed. Consensus to go with policy and all signed and took their chromebooks. Council will each make their own decision on using personal email or creating an email specific for city business.

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

Motion Johanesen, second Secrist to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

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Kevin Mack, Mayor

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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