

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, MAY 10, 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, Niki Secrist. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: None

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

Public Works - Street project discussion. Mack would like Monarch to do the shoulder work for an additional cost estimated around \$2,000. Consensus council that would be better than Meier spending all summer working on it. Money can be taken out of street maintenance budget. Street paving will be done this week and shoulder work done by Memorial Day. Discussed the leftover rock fill. Fuller would prefer city use it at Foelsch or spring lake landing or keep for future use rather than give it away. Scott said they would be in town this or next week for crack fill. Chip seal will be after July 4th.

Cemetery – New planters being constructed for near the columbarium.

Recreation – Secrist gave 4th of July update. VFW talked with Seitz electric and a new 50amp service out of the bathroom area could help at the park and for the celebration. Quote was \$400 for materials needed and Seitz electric would donate labor. Consensus to take out of park expense budget. Secrist said the Community Action Committee needs a checking account and it will need to go through City for right now because the bank won't set up without non-profit status. Consensus of council to open a City account in the name of Community Action Committee with Alderperson Niki Secrist as a signer on the account. Committed activities so far: car show, parade, fireworks, ambulance hot dog stand, 5K run/walk, trout pond, inflatables, sawdust pile and music. Council discussed how many streets to close. Agreed 12th/Belvidere and Humboldt for now. Discussion will continue on 10th Street by the park. Reviewed 2021 pool info, financials from previous year and plans to run the 2021 season. Reviewed the membership numbers from different municipalities. Discussed differences in what municipalities pay based on the numbers. Would like to see each municipality pay based on the numbers. Want to tell pool we would like to see a different approach in contributions that is figured out prior to the September Tri-Community meeting. Consensus to keep contribution at \$9,000 again this year as budgeted. Reviewed 2021 little league info. Will be run by Pirate Youth Athletic Association this year and the monies in the C-BC little league account have been dissolved into the PYAA account. Council has a lot of questions about participation, costs, what other municipalities are contributing and how much our fields will be used. Secrist will reach out to PYAA to get a representative here for next meeting.

Building – Seven permits issued. Board of Appeals granted Beseler variance to add on to the residential home and conditional use permit to allow Birtzer to operate a pet grooming business out of her home.

Health and Safety - Property maintenance issues on 19th Street. Motion Secrist, 2nd Johansen, to issue owner of 311 W 19th Street, fines of \$250 for the past 10 days plus court costs with fines to continue every 10 days at the same rate if significant improvements are not made. All yes, motion carried. Johansen talked to 9th Street property owner about working on the condition of his property again. Owner told Johansen he is working on it. Johansen wants to give him a month to make progress. Consensus to send him fine warning letter. Mack would like an unregistered vehicle check done. Meier will work on check after Memorial Day.

Riverfront Committee – All city docks are in. Riverfront inspection meeting will be Monday, May 24th at 2:30pm. Mack talked about riverfront spaces that have been altered illegally. Trees marked with pink ribbons are to eventually be cut. They are dead, beaver chewed or ash. Mack finding a contractor willing to come in and cut at a reasonable rate. Discussion about burning on riverfront. Consensus of council burning should not be allowed to preserve the integrity of the river bank itself.

Mayor - Discussion on ATV Ordinance and the county ordinance. Mack wants to know what council wants to do with the ordinance. Johansen wants to open all city streets. In and out of every city entrance would need to be marked. Fuller would like to talk to other communities about how they regulate the use on streets. Discussed regulations on what months atvs can be ridden and how the county ordinance is worded. Mack discussed enforcement. County has said will only enforce on county roads. Czaplewski would like ordinance that shows city can't be held liable. Other council said city can't be held liable. Discussed city registration and charge for them. Would proof of insurance be required. Could put a liability clause in registration. Amending current ordinance would be easier than creating a new one. Secrist would prefer not to even use county ordinance. Mack would like to use county ordinance with exceptions. Mack also discussed the recent news from CCTV that they will be discontinuing cable service. He is not happy and concerned for Buffalo City residents who do not have other options that they understand.

City Superintendent – Sweeping done. Consensus to sign 6th Street lots to get interested buyers now before advertising for bids once they are surveyed.

Clerk – Motion Johansen, second Fuller, to approve columbarium sales to Neil Lietha (AW3-9) and Heidi and Greg Lisowski (AW2-4). All yes, motion carried.

Other Discussion - Discussed SVEMS payroll amounts given to council.

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

Kevin Mack., Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

date approved