

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020-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 Czapski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Niki Secrist. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. No Citizens present due to Covid-19. Citizen access via Zoom meetings.

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

Mack discussed Resolutions 2020-01 through 2020-04 allowing the sale of City property located along River Road between 17th and 18th Streets. These small triangle shaped properties that were platted in the original City plat have now been surveyed and designated lot numbers. City has offered sale of them to the adjoining property owner's only as the access to these properties is through the City owned triangle. All owner's on the block have agreed to purchase lots for a sale price that equals the cost of surveying and City attorney fees. Motion Czapski, second Fuller to approve Resolution 2020-01, 2020-02, 2020-03 and 2020-04 to sell Lots 1 through 4 on River Road between 17th and 18th Street to adjoining property owners. All yes, motion carried.

Cemetery – Concrete for columbarium is in. Columbarium will not be placed by Memorial Day due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mack does not like that the concrete looks like an extension of the road. Discussed placing benches or eventually flower bed at start of concrete so no one can drive on it. Flowers will be placed by Memorial Day and Clerk will get Friends of Cemetery to help place them and Veteran's flags.

Recreation – The C-BC Little League notified the clerk that they will not be operating this summer due to Covid-19 restrictions. Czapski questioned whether the pool will be. City will wait to hear. Mack idea to spend budgeted money for little league and pool to upgrade park facilities such as tennis courts, pickle ball courts, basketball courts and possible frisbee golf. Ideas and costs will be brought to June meeting. New swing set will be placed soon. Possibly just frame work until the playground facilities are allowed by open by state order.

Building – Eight Permits issued. Mack has talked to South River Road property owner who has an agreement with the City to build a house attached to the garage he built 3 years ago. He assured Mack the house would be attached by his deadline in November. A zoning change was discussed with a possible buyer of a South River Road property. The buyer is considering operating a welding shop on the property. Mack said he would like to see the council consider changing the Zoning Ordinance to allow the Board of Appeals to consider industrial zone businesses with a conditional use permit in a residential zone. As it is written currently, only commercial uses are considered. Council consensus to review possible changes to the zoning ordinance and consider scheduling a public hearing and vote on changes in July. There is a lot to consider when allowing an industrial use in a residential zone. Mack said the Board of Appeals has the authority to put any conditions they see fit on the permit if granted.

Health and Safety – Johansen visited the property that the City has received complaints about on Schiller Street. Photos were taken and a letter will be sent. Mack said he talked to the property owner and was told he would be moving in June. Clerk will send letter giving him a timetable of June 15th for significant improvements and June 30th for a total improvement and requirement of inspection at that time or fines will be issued at \$25/day.

Riverfront – Most recent draft of the Riverfront Management Plan with Corps of Engineers was reviewed. Highlighted changes include requiring lease holders to transfer with the sale of a property if they will no longer pay city taxes; requiring transfer with the sale of a commercial property; restricting docks from obstructing navigable waters; and raising riverfront fees from \$50/20’ to \$60/20’. Motion Johansen, second Czaplewski to approve the revised Riverfront Management Plan. All yes, motion carried. Committee met about a 20’ section given back. Adjacent lease holders have offered to switch spots so the 20’ can be added to another 20’ to make the ideal 40’ section. Committee recommended approval. Motion Fuller, second Secrist to make the swap of lease holders. All yes, motion carried. Committee will conduct full inspections first week of June that will include photo documentation of all riverbank from river and road.

Mayor Update – Mack explained that after finding out the Lions Club would not be hosting the 4th of July Celebration this year due to Covid-19 he formed a committee to discuss the City overseeing the event with the help of Tri-Community Fire Department, Scenic Valley Ambulance, Cochrane VFW and other organizations and businesses. Each said they would discuss with their respective boards and members and got back to Mack this week saying they are not comfortable being apart of the event this year. Mack said he would really like to still see something in the park for the 4th but will wait and see what happens with the state order at this time. Mack will be holding Mayor Office Hours the first Monday of every month from 9am to noon for those that would like to discuss any city related issues with him that may not want to come to a meeting. Clerk will get posted.

City Superintendent – Sweeping almost done. Main streets left. Preparing for Memorial Day. Flowers will be here next week. Clerk to organize group to help with flowers and vet flags.

Clerk – Camping permit for Lorenz, 119 W. 22nd Street, was discussed. Motion Johansen, second Fuller to approve camping permit within 200 feet of 119 W. 22nd Street residence for up to 3 units for no more than 60 days between May 1 and October 1, 2020 for personal use only. Fuller, Czaplewski and Secrist – yes. Johansen – No. Vote 3 to 1, motion carried.

Czaplewski noted that the clerk was recognized in the League of Wisconsin Municipalities magazine in an article about how clerks around the state conducted the April election during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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

Kevin Mack, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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