

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY  
2020 PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019-6:45 PM-MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The Budget meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor, Russ Lorenz. Roll call: Kevin Mack, Ben Holien, Jeannie Czaplewski and Larry Johansen. Citizens present: None. Meeting was held as noticed. Lorenz opened the floor to public comment. No citizens spoke. Motion Holien, second Johansen to adjourn the meeting. All yes, motion carried.

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY SPECIAL MEETING-  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Russ Lorenz at 7 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, Ben Holien and Kevin Mack. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizen present: Matt Ward. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

**Cemetery-** Rates for columbariums to be installed in 2020 were presented. Motion Holien, second Johansen to approve the updated Cemetery Rates and Policies as printed. All yes, motion carried.

**Finance** – 2020 Budget was discussed. Levy will remain the same as 2019. Motion Czaplewski, second Mack to approve the 2020 Budget. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried. Discussed updating 2019 budget to reflect the 2018 excess carryover money total of \$23,988. Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to move \$12,000 of 2018 excess funds to 2019 riverfront expenses budget to cover the cost of the new 10<sup>th</sup> Street docks. All yes, motion carried. Motion Holien, second Mack to move \$1,000 of 2018 excess funds to the 2019 municipal building maintenance and repair expenses budget to help defer cost of new heating system in the fire department. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Johnansen to move \$3,500 of 2018 excess funds to the 2019 flooding expense budget to cover costs. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Holien to move \$3,744 of the 2018 excess funds to the 2019 Council expense budget and \$3,744 of the 2018 excess funds to the 2019 Machinery Operations expenses budget. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation – Rink employees Sanborn and Bensmiller will return. Lorenz would like at least one more employee. One application received. Applicant only 14 years old. Lorenz will have her work with the returning employees for now. Clerk will advertise position more on facebook and website.

**Building** – One permit since last meeting. Discussed possible Board of Appeals in January for a garage that will not meet height limit if built.

**Health and Safety** – Discussed 19<sup>th</sup> Street property. Council feels progress has been made. Will keep an eye on the property. Unlicensed vehicle on property that has been a problem in the past was also discussed. Will check on this.

**Riverfront** – 10<sup>th</sup> Street docks removed for winter.

**BBC** – Czaplewski said the single stream recycling will not start until February. BBC has decided to change winter Saturday hours to 8am-4pm, cutting one hour off operating hours, beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>. Currently discussing options to maintain access or ownership of the bobcat at the site.

Board has decided to charge municipalities for bringing garbage and brush to the site. Will be kept track of by each municipality at \$3/bag and \$10/load of brush. Board will be considering allowing the Town of Milton into the BBC agreement as a partnership at the meeting in December. Needs municipal board approval. Motion Holien, second Mack to allow the Town of Milton into the BBC Recycling Center as a partner. All yes, motion carried.

**Mayor** – Lorenz opened 17<sup>th</sup> Street lot bids. Bid received for Lot 4 from Bonita Weis for \$8,510 with a check for 10 percent down. Bid received for Lots 1, 2 and 4 for \$5,001 each for a total of \$15,003 from Ron Speltz with a check for 10 percent down. Motion Mack, second Johansen to accept the lot bid on Lot 4 from Bonita Weis in the amount of \$8,510. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried. Motion Holien, second Mack to reject the bid from Speltz for Lots 1, 2 and 4. All yes, motion carried. Council would like to counter offer for Lots 1 and 2 to Speltz once discussed with the City attorney.

**Superintendent** – Plow truck being fixed. All ash trees infected on city property have been removed. Superintendent plans to work on infected trees on city right of way in Spring Lake area soon.

**Clerk** – Motion Mack, second Johansen to approve operator license for Burros (Ratz), Mueller and Berger (Cove). All yes, motion carried. Motion Holien, second Mack to approve selling cemetery plot 109 N ½ of N ½ NEW to Kochenderfer and White. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Holien to approve online banking access for the City Clerk (view only). All yes, motion carried.

**Other Discussion** – Mack told the council a local business owner asked about having fireworks to celebrate the 160<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Buffalo City. Information about the event is not known. Consensus of the council that a permit would be needed if on City property and liability insurance proof needed and the City would not want to be part of the sponsorship.

Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Mack, second Johansen to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

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Russell Lorenz, Jr., Mayor

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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