

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY 2024 BUDGET HEARING-
MONDAY, NOV 13, 2023 -MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 6:45 PM**

The Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget was called to order by Mayor Ben Holien at 6:50 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller, Kim Beseler. Public present: JB Bremer and Jon Chapman. Motion Czaplewski, second Johansen to adjourn the public hearing. All yes, motion carried.

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, NOV 13, 2023 -MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Ben Holien at 7 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Also Present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: JB Bremer and Jon Chapman.

Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Citizens: Bremer told council he is working on getting rid of a truck he is fixing and selling so it won't be sitting by his property. Complimented the city superintendent for his hard work and dedication. Wondering if the council is appreciative of his flower area on corner across from his house at entry to city and his seasonal decorations. Questioning if city would put anything in budget for the display. Council said it is appreciated and they thanked Bremer. Czaplewski asked whose property it is. Was told it is Hauser property. Chapman introduced himself to council. He agrees on the hard work of city superintendent. Question on land use on 24th/Humboldt Street and sale of lot adjacent with possible non-residential structure. Council clarified owner could not build a garage without having a residential property there first.

Finance – Motion Beseler, second Fuller to approve the 2024 budget as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation – Holien told the board that he was approached by County Board representative Brian Michaels the first week of November about a county grant opportunity for park and recreation funding for playground and other funds. The clerk had been informed earlier in the year and about a month ago about the grant and had been waiting to get information about it. We never received the application and Michaels realized when the committee met we had not submitted anything. They extended the deadline for us over the weekend last week and Holien and Ehlenfeldt went over our currently budgeted projects and the grant qualifications and Ehlenfeldt submitted the grant application last Monday to be reviewed with the rest. The grant did ask for specifics that benefited children first so playground equipment was submitted in some areas of the parks along with our shelter projects and other ballpark updates. We were told the applications would be reviewed soon. Rink attendants – only one will come back and will be looking for new attendants right away.

Cemetery – Beseler told the council there was a Wreaths Across America meeting last week. Huebsch electrical work still needs to be completed. Waiting for it to be completed before the Wreaths Across America ceremony. Practice run through will occur in a few weeks. Question about the coffee camper being at the event. Council consensus that the camper would be good at that event but should be parked outside the gate and no food or beverage allowed inside the mausoleum.

Building - 3 Permits issued. Discussion on board of appeals and looking over the zoning ordinance to possibly change wording so hardships could better be defined when pertaining to septic and well systems on our city lots. Holien would like to schedule a building committee meeting in early 2024.

Health and Safety – Discussed working with sheriff department on dog issues we are having to see what they will or will not do. Finding someone who will take care of a problem dog issue and changing our ordinance to recoup the cost of dealing with dogs that need to be removed.

Public Works – Meier attended the Local Road Improvement Grant meeting a few weeks ago. Cochrane and Alma will get the grant this two year cycle. We will get it in the following cycle in 2 years. Clerk informed the council we received the forestry grant again this year. Fuller asked about Christmas light installation. Meier has it scheduled.

Riverfront – Meeting October 18th about dock on 19th Street. Committee deemed dock was an issue and letter was sent. Holien was contacted by a surveyor that was possibly hired by the permit holder who received the letter to move his dock and have not heard anything since.

Tri-Community Fire – Fire truck was sold on auction site.

BBC&M – County meeting this week. DNR granted exemption and burning issues have been taken care of. Year round hours will start December 1st. Tuesdays

Mayors Update – Thank you to clerk for work on Wednesdays in the park. Will plan for next year and keep it self supporting. Beseler said she received the question how the city pays for the music. She was told the market vendor fees pay for the music.

City Superintendent – Meier said trailers have been there for weeks without moving. Holien said drivers need a reminder it's not a storage area. It's a short term parking.

City Clerk - Motion Johansen, second Beseler approve sale of cemetery 121 N ½ NEW and 121 N1/2 of the S1/2 NEW to Kochenderfer. All yes, motion carried.

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

Ben Holien, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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