

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY 2022 BUDGET HEARING-  
MONDAY, NOV 8, 2021 -MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 6:45 PM**

The Public Hearing on the 2022 Budget was called to order by Mayor Kevin Mack at 6:45 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller. No public was present. Motion Johansen, second Fuller to adjourn the public hearing. All yes, motion carried.

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, NOV 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. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: Brach Seitz. Motion Johansen, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

**Citizens:** Brach Seitz questioned the city website not being updated monthly. He also wanted to know why the city didn't have a public hearing on the newly created ward ordinance and why it was created. Mack explained the ordinance did not take a public hearing and was mandated by the state because the city's population is over 1,000. Seitz said it wasn't mandated last census and was told the city has not been in compliance for the past 10 years. Questioned the council wanting to use a business donation for replacing a shelter in the park, he thinks the tennis/basketball court should be resurfaced first. Council explained that the business owner's decision was to put money towards shelter and the courts are actually in the 2022 budget. Discussed land acquisition of city property in front of Seitz's home. He will not accept quit claim deed and will not proceed with purchase until next year.

**Finance:** Motion Fuller, second Johansen to approve the 2022 budget as printed. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried.

**Cemetery:** Water is shut off. Ready for winter.

**Recreation** – Will post for rink attendants. Plastic is out and will be patching it and getting ready. Czaplewski hopes that rink can be opened before Christmas break. New tree planted in park in memory of superintendent's mom. Park has been winterized, water shut off. There will be a porta potty moved to the rink before it opens. Fuller and Meier will look over Frisbee golf course tomorrow.

**Building** – Twelve permits issued this month. Board of Appeals denied one variance due to neighbor objections and approved the other. Line of sight and 25 foot front yard set back discussed. Mack would like council to think about changing the regulation.

**Health and Safety** – McQuiston given until Dec. 1st to have property cleaned up or his fine will be upheld by the court. Discussion about property conditions. Mayor and council not in agreement about if the condition is acceptable. Mayor feels owner is making progress. Johansen feels all cleaning has stopped since the court date. Other council agrees the condition of the property is not acceptable. Mayor will continue to watch until the deadline and make his decision at that time based on the court document. Discussed trailer parked on private parking needing to be moved. Council will give him until end of November to have completely off residential property.

Property conditions and condemning properties discussed. Mack spoke with the listing realtor on a currently for sale property. He has also spoken with the Health Inspector and may call the building inspector.

**Public Works:** Monarch paving would like to meet with city on street construction issues. Mayor would like to meet with Meier and them.

**Riverfront Committee** – Down payment made on kayak launch. Discuss dock spacing. The actual riverfront regulations do not have in writing how much space must be left between dock and edge of leased space. It is told to those that apply to put a dock in they must leave at least 5 feet on either side. Mack would like to see the regulations updated so this is in writing. Clerk also suggested giving the requester an actual copy of the approved permit with this in writing on it. Meier would like Corps to come and confirm approval of trees to cut for the winter. County has agreed to help with cutting along riverbank again.

**Mayor's Update:** Motion Johansen, second Czaplewski to approve Resolutions No 2021-07 thru 2021-15 to approve sales of lands adjacent to River Road properties (Burmeister, Holien, Great River Lodge, Roterling, Kostner, Milek, Herrmann, Lockington and Prindle). Roll call vote. All yes, motion on all resolutions carried. Part time employee discussed. Current employee would like the city to start looking for someone new. He said he would stay on as needed. Discussed looking at former applications. Current employee would stay through winter to help limited hours. He would also fill in in emergency situations as an on call employee. Discussed two part time employees sharing duties so they didn't have to work as much throughout the week. 19th Street park discussed.. Neighboring property owners would like City to consider selling them the larger "pie" area that we consider a park. Council discussion that these are actually lots between 18th and 19th. Consensus to keep as a city park for now. Clerk will look into if they are on the grandfathered buildable list. Mack would like to appoint Fuller as the chairman of the Recreation Committee. Motion Johansen, second Czaplewski to approve Fuller as the new chair of the recreation committee. All yes, motion carried.

**City Superintendent** – Chip seal rock has all been swept up. Tree trimming along streets will be done this week. Christmas lights up the last week of November.

**Clerk** – Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to approve columbarium sales to Glander (AW1-6) and Schutz (AE1-9). All yes, motion carried. Motion Johansen,, second Fuller to approve operator license for McDonough and Robbins for Lost Pirate. All yes, motion carried.

**Other Discussion -**

Discussion on Municipal Building air and heating system. Mack said to go ahead and have installed this year if possible. Discussion on water cooler at the municipal building. Consensus to not fix after multiple service calls. With new well, the system is not needed.

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

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Kevin Mack., Mayor

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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