

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY
2021 PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020-6:45 PM-MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING-
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 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 Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Niki Secrist. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Finance – 2021 Budget was discussed. Levy will remain the same as 2020. Ambulance funding discussed. Will leave budget amount at \$10,000 and would agree to pay \$10/capita up from \$7.50/capita last year. Motion Secrist, second Czaplewski to approve the 2021 Budget. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried.

Cemetery – Meier would like committee approval to take out 3 dying or dead trees that need to be removed. Council consensus to replace next year. Water has been shut off, but need to check heater to make sure it works.

Recreation – Discussion on if City is okay getting rid of an old scoreboard that has been stored at Foelsch Park for years. Consensus of council to give away to interested person. Secrist wondering about new signage for Foelsch Park walking trail and clearing paths better. Secrist will look into help from groups at school. Trunk or treat had a record turnout estimated at over 350 kids. Discussion about using park for different city sponsored events.

Building – Four permits issued since last meeting. Discussed South River Road property and building permit that was issued in 2017 with stipulation that a new home would be built replacing the current home that would be attached to the permitted garage. Council consensus the property owner misled them into the agreement signed three years ago. Current proposal shows only a breezeway attaching the garage to current house. Owner says future plan is to build house up to two stories to match the garage. Mack asking council approval because this was a council decision three years ago. If the breezeway was proposed three years ago it would have been approved even though that wasn't what the council was led to believe was going to occur. Czaplewski said this is why an agreement like this shouldn't be approved to begin with. Secrist questions if he will finish what he says he will. Consensus of council to allow permit as is with warning that work needs to be completed in 120 days or old agreement will go into affect.

Health and Safety – Property maintenance issues on Schiller discussed. Ninth Street still cluttered and no proof that any vehicles were registered. Johansen will work on Ninth Street property and Mack will work with Schiller Street owner. Noise/Exhaust braking ordinance discussed due to trucks hauling for the Corp of Engineers dike work. The city wasn't made aware of the project happening before it started but it's done now. Meier will double check streets but not aware of any new damage. Mack would just like to see engine braking made illegal in general. Shed on front street that was falling down. Has a new shed there with no permit. Another

shed falling down on a different front street property was sent a warning letter that must be removed.

Public Works – Meier working on getting estimates on possible Street projects next year. Discussed large street project next year and taking out loan for the project that will keep our loan payment the same and keep our tax levy the same. Discussed difference between a five or ten year loan. Mack is still working on getting the new municipal building well drilled this year. We may need to put money aside for well drilling in 2021. Front door has been ordered.

Riverfront – Mack would like to see some more beaver trees removed during the winter months. Meier will contact Mann Tree Service to help with the cutting. He will also talk to county to come through and possibly remove dead trees on their right of way on the riverbank. Twenty foot section given back to City. Will be combined with another adjacent 20 foot section already being leased. A few complaints about the city docks being out and explained that contractor that takes docks out needed to have his equipment somewhere else so they needed to be removed early.

BBC – Last month open on Tuesdays. December through March open only Saturdays.

Mayor – Discussed future Fourth of July celebration. Discussion on communication with a potential land buyer in the new Cyrus/Barth Subdivision near Spring Lake. City was contacted by potential buyers who would like to split two one acre lots into 2 parcels. City checked with assessor and Wisconsin Department of Administration and the parcel can legally be split without any approval by council. The parcels would still be much larger than our required lot size. Czaplowski said if seven houses are built then City could potentially need to develop a street there depending on where they are located.

Superintendent – Asked if wanted 28th Street quoted in street bid. Council consensus not at all. Discussion on neighbor parking on the street. Fire station blacktop and concrete was fixed. Discussion on grading on west side of fire department.

Clerk – Will check with last year's attendants and possibly advertise for skating rink attendants due at December meeting. Discussed rental of community room. Since the Covid started city has only allowed small civic groups to use the room for meetings. We have had a few requests for rentals for private parties recently. Council consensus that parties can be reserved.

Motion Czaplowski, second Johansen to go into closed session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss part-time employee applications. All yes, motion carried. Motion Fuller, second Johansen to reconvene into open session per WI Statute 19.85(2). All yes, motion carried. Interviews will be conducted of three applicants by two of the council along with City Superintendent.

Other Discussion – Discussed putting list together of city lots we could probably sell.

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

Kevin Mack, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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