

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, OCT 9, 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. No citizens present.

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

**Recreation** –Fuller recapped the October 1st committee meeting where maintenance issues were discussed for budget. Roofs for shelters are probably the top priority. Electrical upgrades in shelters, bathroom upgrades, etc. were also discussed. Czaplewski said he probably needs a priority list for budget meeting. Jailhouse upgrades including doors, windows and tuckpointing will be looked at in conjunction with historical society. Bathroom smartlocks and timed lighting were discussed for bathrooms. Talked about cement apron around shelter on the hill with bigger front apron. Fuller will put priority list together for budget time. Holien told council the Folesch plan has been approved by Waneks and waiting for cement work to be done hopefully this fall with construction work to potentially be done during winter weather permitting. Need to decide where to put the swing and get in as soon as we can. The Haukoos family has been waiting to see it placed. Discussion on letter received by solar company.

**Finance** - Budget meeting October 23. Discussed what would like to do with the money that was designed to recreation fund from North End last month. Account wasn't opened because the minimum amount to open a money market account is \$2,500. Motion Beseler, 2nd Fuller to add \$1,500 of city funds into park fund to start \$2,500 account. All yes, motion carried.

**Cemetery** – Huebsch electrical work is almost done and then cleaning will be done. Friends of Cemetery group had end of the year party. Beseler brought group thank you cards and a cake. Ehlenfeldt purchased travel mugs for each of the volunteers from the City as a thank you this year.

**Building** - 8 permits issued this month. Board of Appeals meeting on November 2nd. Three on agenda including a house addition, garage and semi parking.

**Health and Safety** - Dog attack on 18th Street is being dealt with currently by Buffalo County Health Department. Discussion on what will happen if dog remains in city. Clerk needs to follow up with County and council needs to have a plan for future.

**Public Works** - Discussed mowing bids. Scenic Landscape kept their rates the same as last year. One other contractor had asked about bidding but did not like that the council reserves the right to chose bids and is not obligated to chose the bid solely based on price. They did not put a bid in at this time and the council is very happy with the service provided by Scenic Landscape. Fuller would like to look into robotic mowing for cemetery. Talked about skidsteer lease or tractor lease instead. Meier getting quote for the tractor lease from Linstrom. Advantage would be more mobile but it would be bigger.

**Riverfront** - Holien denying permit for someone wanting a permit to build a ramp on bank. Second permit issue ongoing dispute between neighbors. One moved dock and is now ignoring city request to move back. Will be sent second request to move back and if not moved will consider taking his space away. 10th Street dock pilings invoice is in the bills.

**BBC&M** - Czaplewski told council recycle center hours will change in December so they are consistent year round. They will be open Tuesdays 3-7pm and Saturdays 8am-1pm. Motion Czaplewski , 2nd Fuller to approve 2024 recycle contract with Buffalo County. All yes, motion carried. Discussion on DNR requirement changes on burn pad at the center. Will be a lot more labor intensive which will make the prices go up for brush loads.

**City Superintendent** - Cemetery flowers should be pulled tomorrow. Water turning off next week. Docks will try to keep in until after duck hunting.

**City Clerk** - Motion Fuller, second Johansen approve transfer of cemetery plot 71 S ½ NEW #1 from Sandra Loesel to Beverly and Dennis Daniel. All yes, motion carried. Motion Johansen, second Beseler to approve operator license for Lorenz, Hess and McFarlin (B&S). All yes, motion carried. Motion Czaplewski, 2nd Johansen, to approve the LP bid from Consolidated Energy Company for \$1.41/gallon. All yes, motion carried. Second bid was received from Quality Propane for \$1.559 pay as you go or \$1.509/pre-pay. Clerk brought up possibility of not publishing minutes in the official newspaper to save money next year. The state changed the statute a few years ago allowing cities to publish minutes on the website only. It costs between \$200-\$350/month to publish minutes. Council agrees minutes do not need to be published in the newspaper. They can be posted on the website like they are currently after approved and a link can be noted in the meeting notice in the newspaper each month.

Motion Beseler, 2nd Fuller to go into closed session per WI Statute 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss employee evaluations and compensation. All yes, motion carried. Motion Fuller, 2nd Czaplewski to return into open session. All yes, motion carried. Employees were given reviews and compensation noted that will be part of the 2024 budget.

Motion Czaplewski, second Beseler pay bills taking \$10,075 from ARPA funds for the dock piling bill to Waymiller Marine, Inc.. All yes, motion carried. Motion Johansen, second Fuller, to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

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Ben Holien, Mayor

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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