

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017-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 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Kevin Mack, Ben Holien, Jeannie Czaplewski and Larry Johansen. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier. The meeting was held as noticed. Motion Czaplewski, second Mack to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

**Recreation:** Little league will be doing field work soon. Also considering putting in a bigger shed in the future.

**Public Works:** Council told Meier to make sure Scott Construction gets the crack sealing done before the end of the month.

**Cemetery:** Committee meeting set for October 16<sup>th</sup> before budget meeting to discuss consolidating Cemetery funds with General funds.

**Finance:** Propane quotes for upcoming heating season reviewed. Quotes received from: Premier Co-op for \$1.029 prepay price for 6,000 gallons or \$1.079 pay as go with 10% down; Severson Oil - \$1.049 prepay for 6,000 gallons and Quality Propane \$1.109 pay as go up to 6,000 gallons. Discussed staying with Quality after several good years of customer service. Motion Mack, second Holien to approve contract with Quality Propane for \$1.109 pay as you go for 2017-18 heating season for up to 6,000 gallons of LP. All yes, motion carried.

**Building Committee:** Three permits issued. Board of Appeals approved a 16' front yard variance for home at 126 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Mack currently reviewing a garage permit.

**Riverfront:** Tenth Street Dock repairs were done last week. Reworking of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Dock was not done. Will need to get Waterworks back to fix the issues. Mack brought up the possibility of the City dredging the river cut from the Main channel into Buffalo City. He feels it will soon be filled back up again. Corps of Engineers representative told the clerk several studies by both themselves and the WI Department of Natural Resources and US Fish and Wildlife would be required before any type of private dredging was approved. Mack feels the City dredged many years ago. Clerk will look for past dredging info before next meeting. Overnight parking along River Road was discussed. Council feels there is not much they can do if the parking is off the street. River Road is a county road so any issues would need to be addressed with them.

**Health & Safety:** Property maintenance on Herman Street property was discussed. The owner was informed the council needed plans in writing. Holien to convey this to him again when he speaks to him. Holien said he has inspected the property that received the conditional use permit for rabbits several years ago and it is acceptable. Holien has had some complaints of skunks. City needs to find someone to recommend to private property owners if they are having issues. Unlicensed vehicles were discussed.

**Tri-Community Fire:** Mack presented the information from the September fire board meeting. The City's portion of the departments 2018 budget is up about \$1,000 from this year at \$21,988. The truck replacement plan has gone to a 30 year replacement and the City will have to look ahead to the future equipment replacements scheduled for 2020 and beyond. New truck will come in the spring of 2018. The final City payment for the truck will be due at that time.

**BBC Recycling:** Holien reported that BBC has approved a contract with Waste Transport to handle all garbage, undesirables and recyclables at the landfill beginning January 1, 2018. This contract should save BBC about \$2,000 per year. Starting in 2018 there will also only be 2 electronics pick up days offered in the county with one in Mondovi and one at BBC. The County has also agreed to pay BBC \$7,500 to take over all the services provided. This will be put into the BBC budget along with the municipalities contributions which Holien said will remain the same for 2018.

**Superintendent:** Meier said he is beginning to get things ready for fall. Painting concession stand and replacing sod around the new shed in the cemetery. All equipment should be ready for winter season except possibly the pick up truck needing tires. Lorenz told Meier if the truck needs tires he should get them soon.

**Clerk:** The River Valley Ducks Unlimited would like to donate a tree at the fire station/municipal building in memory of former City Clerk Jane Walczak. Council would be honored to have them plant a tree. Meier told to work with the organization to find a good spot for the tree. Motion Holien, second Mack to approve sale of cemetery plot 106 S ¼ of N ½ NEW to James Bade. All yes, motion carried. Motion Holien, second Mack to approve an operator license for Gleiter (Cove). All yes, motion carried.

Motion Holien, second Czaplewski to go into closed session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss employee evaluations and part-time employee applications. All yes, motion carried. Motion Holien, second Mack to return to open session. All yes, motion carried. Superintendent and City Clerk given raises to be reflected in the 2018 budget. Motion Mack, second Holien to offer part-time employee position to Mike Heinz at \$14/hr with around 20 normal hours per week and on call for snow plowing and burials as needed. Heinz will have an employee review after 90 days. All yes, motion carried.

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

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk