

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 and Niki Secrist. Also present: City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: Ron Olson and Al Kochenderfer

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

Citizens: Olson and Kochenderfer were here to present financial information from the Scenic Valley Ambulance Service as a follow up of a Council request for a third quarter update. Reviewed financials with the council. Olson reported runs so far this year were 54 transports/31 non-transports which many of those are lift assists. In 2020 total runs for the year were 67 transports and 21 non-transports. Number of volunteers is down because inactive members were asked to turn in their pagers if they weren't going to take calls and others have quit for medical reasons. He said they do have a few new recruits they are waiting on background checks for and are hopeful for some classes starting soon. Olson said they haven't dropped any calls this year. Mack questioned if volunteers are stepping up to cover hours because of on call pay like they said they would. Discussed possible contract options staying at \$27.50/capita for next year. The council will budget at this amount and the contract for next year will need to be approved in December.

Cemetery - Lewiston monument would like to give us a quote on fixing stones. Meier will get prices for budget planning.

Recreation – Discussion on frisbee golf course. Viewed proposed map from Authentic construction. Would charge \$5,000 to do all work for 9-basket course including tee pads, baskets and all other miscellaneous needed. Secrist said at that price the labor would mostly be donated. Johansen questioned if tee pads are needed. Mack had several questions about bid he wants answered before project begins. Fuller said he is wondering about spending money on tennis/basketball instead of this project. Discussed resurface of tennis/basketball courts. Meier presented quotes for fixing from Pavement Consulting Services. Not all council agrees the resurface is needed. Decided to look into the tennis/basketball courts more at budget time for next year. Possibly use funds from sale of 6th Street lots.
Motion Secrist, second Czaplewski to approve spending up to \$5,000 on frisbee golf course in 10th Street park. Mack and Meier will work with Au on final course design.
Discussion on park shelter and looking at better quotes before budget time. Possible designs to include stone posts, open layout, small kitchen, upgrade electrical, maybe possible add on at a later time, concrete along sides more. Consensus to get a sketch and quote to get to Waneks. Secrist will work on quote by budget time.

Building – 20 permits issued this month.

Health and Safety – Court date set for 19th Street property owner set for October 28th. Committee agreed to offer him a deal to clean up entire property and pay attorney fees. Has until October 14 to get all done and the fine would be waived. Have not heard if he has accepted deal yet.

Riverfront Committee – Corps of Engineers rep met with Meier and he said he would work on getting all ribbon trees reviewed for cutting.. He said he felt a lot of the ones marked will be okayed to come down. The work will depend on what help we have from the county.

BBC – Still working with Cyrus on facility possibilities.

Tri-Community Fire Board – The fire department can't find the truck they were looking for now due to market. Board approved spending more money for the tanker.

Mayor - Mertes alley easement was discussed. Motion Fuller, second Secrist to approve property easement for Patricia Mertes at 745 N River Road for the portion of her house that sits on the alley. All yes, motion carried.

City Superintendent – Meier family would like to donate bench for the park. Meier said he has been getting compliments on new flags around town and wants to reminds citizens the VFW donated all the new flags. Discussion on when to sweep chip seal rocks. Mack said to wait for awhile to let it set as long as possible.

Clerk – Motion Czaplewski, second Johansen to award to Premier Cooperative the 2021-2022 LP Bid at a pay as you go price of \$1.549. All yes, Motion carried. One other bid was received from Serverson Oil for \$1.699. Discussed the 2020 census final numbers and redistricting. The city will be forced to create wards per WI State Statutes that say all municipalities over 1,000 in population must have wards. Clerk has confirmed with the Wisconsin Election Commission that ward seats are not required. While the City will need to split into two wards, all council seats may remain at-large. Council consensus to have attorney move forward drafting ordinance to split into two wards that will be defined using 12th Street as the border. This made the most sense as far as equal populations. Ward 1 will include everyone north of 12th Street and Ward 2 will include everyone south of 12th Street. Ordinance must be approved at the October meeting to meet the state redistricting guidelines.

Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 30th at the Buffalo City Park.

Motion Czaplewski, second Secrist to convene into closed session to discuss employee evaluation and compensation. All yes, motion carried. Motion Johansen, second Fuller to reconvene into open session. All yes, motion carried. Employee raises and changes will be reflected in 2022 budget.

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

Kevin Mack., Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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