

**HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025,
BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 6 PM**

The Buffalo City Health and Safety Committee was called to order by Mayor Ben Holien.
Present: Health and Safety Chairman Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Holien. Also present
City Clerk Jenny Ehlenfeldt.

The Committee discussed the Buffalo County contract with Buffalo County Humane Society as it pertains to dogs and the resolution the county will be revising. County Administrator Lee Engfer asked for municipal input on the contract and money that is collected for dog licenses going to the Humane Society. Committee would like county to know the City did not feel like a service is provided on a timely or adequate basis when needed in the past. Also do not feel like the service is needed as much as help with uncontrolled and stray dogs. Clerk will get Engfer the committees notes.

Discussion on storage containers being placed in the City limits. Holien explained that after the request by two citizens were made last fall and the council did not agree on an ordinance to regulate containers the property owners were told they could not place anything at this time. One owner placed two containers and then after being warned by the Mayor he should not put anymore on his property, placed a third. City Attorney Terry Madden said he doesn't feel the containers fall under the zoning/building ordinance. Mayor Holien suggested a stand alone ordinance regulating shipping containers and other storage type containers. If approved by the council this ordinance could allow for existing containers to be required to be removed according to Attorney Madden. Johansen does not agree with telling someone they need to remove their containers. Holien said he would like an ordinance written by the Attorney to be presented to the full council at the next meeting. Stipulations on containers, if allowed, were discussed. Holien said if containers are allowed, there needs to be stipulations on where they can be placed, how many, etc. Fuller agrees they need to at least meet the set back of an accessory building but would like to see the council consider the ordinance that only allows containers on a short-term basis for construction and moving. Because the committee is not agreeing on the wording of the ordinance, Holien said the draft ordinances can be presented to the entire council and they can decide which version is acceptable. Versions will include a section that makes the existing containers be removed, a version that allows existing containers but with set back specifications and a version that permits all containers with guidelines.

Committee also discussed living conditions of a property that may possibly be lived in that has not been built to living standards. This will continue to be reviewed by the attorney and Buffalo County Health Department.

Motion Johansen, second Fuller to adjourn the meeting. All yes, motion carried.

For the Health & Safety Committee
Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk