

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025-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. Citizens Keith Mueller, Ron Olson and Shaylynn Koldykowski. Motion Czaplewski, second Johansen to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Citizens – Koldykowski was at the meeting tonight to ask about naming a trail after Jeannie Larson, former resident who enjoyed the Foelsch Park trails and decorated them with natural wreaths/ornaments. Larson recently passed away. Council would love to work with the family/friends to name a trail after her. Mueller was at the meeting to discuss a new septic system for his commercial property and options to use the City park. Mayor Holien told him other options must be looked at, the city consensus is that they don't want to give up the park. Mueller gave the council business operating numbers from 2017 which was the last year the business was fully functional arguing the cost of a holding tank and pumping it would not be feasible. He also said the firm he hired said he could not place a system under his current parking lot. Holien asked Mueller to look into other options with the county and the state. Holien said the park is designated green space in the City and he wants it to stay that way. Council members agreed they would not want it privately owned. Ron Olson from Scenic Valley Emergency Medicine was at the council meeting to go over 2024 report. They are about two years out on ordering a new ambulance. Working on more fundraising including a meal/gun raffle in July and other small fundraisers. Thanked city again for allowing Meier to take calls during work hours and he will be very missed.

Finance – Czaplewski reviewed the 2024 audit. Both expenditures and revenues were higher so came out just under \$10,000 in excess of budget. Motion Beseler, second Fuller to approve 2024 audit. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation – Piechowski Memorial Shelter dedication will be planned as soon as possible after the Wanek family is available in June. We will honor Dave Piechowski and family, the original Foelsch Park committee members and the Haukoos family who the swing was placed in honor of. Fuller said the Community Action Committee is working on the 4th of July celebration planning. Discussion on joining forces with the River Clean Up group. Fuller discussed looking at shade options for the park. Would like to look for at budget time.

Building - One new permit issued. Board of Appeals April 24th for garage height restriction. There will be several new board members appointed at re-organizational meeting this week.

Health & Safety – Discussion on the Buffalo County dog ordinance with the Humane Society. A section was added to fine the humane society if they did not collect a dog within 24-hours of being notified. We will put City's dog ordinance back on the agenda for May. Storage container resolution discussed. Council consensus to add wording for residential zoning only, not for commercial or agricultural properties. Public hearing will be scheduled before May meeting and the updated ordinance will be on the May agenda.

BBCM – Czaplewski attended county meeting. Costs to transport and take to recycling center in La Crosse are going up. County plans to raise the per capita to \$5 for other municipalities but BBCM would not be included in that raise increase due to the agreement between the county and BBCM that we do not pay per capita. BBCM meeting will be scheduled in May.

Public Works – Meier addressed the board and reiterated his letter of resignation the city received two weeks ago as of April 18th. Council wishes him the best and thanked him for all his years of dedication to the City. Motion Fuller, second Johansen to approve Meier’s resignation.

All yes, motion carried.

Holien talked about grave digging in interim while in the process of hiring a new City Superintendent. Two quotes were reviewed from Mike Deering and Cyrus Lawn and Landscape. Motion Beseler, second Czaplewski to contract with Mike Deering for grave digging, Do have contract mowing options if we need them. Reviewed the City Superintendent Job Duties and ad for new Superintendent. Holien will work with part-time guys for now to keep them on task leading up to Memorial Day. Will advertise applications due May 8th.

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

Ben Holien, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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