

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024-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 and George Fuller. Absent - Kim Beseler. Also Present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: Richard Haeuser and Sheriff Mike Osmond.

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

Haeuser would like to make a request to the city before purchasing the seeding for a large area of wildflower growth in his lawn. Council questioned the large area and keeping up with the weeds. Haeuser said he understood the need and would make sure it is not full of weeds. Alley will be a grass mix. Council gave approval and said any issues in future would be revisited.

Haeuser gave the board an update on the fire department floor being resurfaced. Grinding was done today and he and others will reseal later this week. La Crosse Milling has donated the use of the automatic floor cleaning machine. Holien would like update on when the new overhead electrical will be installed. Haeuser would also like City to look into a better exhaust for some of the trucks.

Sheriff Mike Osmond addressed the council with his Sheriff's Department update for the year. Presented the statistics for the county's 911 calls, responses, and other happenings for the year. The department continues to take part in the traffic safety grant program and has installed many cameras throughout the county in conjunction with several municipalities. Discussion on possible future efforts with the City.

**Recreation** – Meier working on installing new playground equipment with help of city crew. New mulch is under the old equipment and will go under the new equipment. Bathroom work including new toilets and lighting has been completed. Need them to get an on/off switch so they aren't on all night. Cement work around the one shelter still needs to be done. Holien gave an update on the Foelsch park project. Hoping concrete for the Piechowski Memorial Shelter will be poured soon and the shelter will be constructed shortly after. Need to decide location on swing before pour cement for skirting on shelter so the cement can be poured for that at the same time. Fuller wondering if we could organize a community clean up for people to come take dead trees that are already laying around in the park or some dead that are standing to get paths and undergrowth cleaned up. Holien said we should try to find a group that would be willing to organize it maybe for next year.

**Finance** - Discussed having to keep a minimum balance in the machinery fund so the minutes were adjusted to reflect taking \$65,000 out to put into a CD instead of \$70,000 because that would not have left enough in the fund.

**Cemetery** – Mausoleum electric bill and upgrades were completely paid by the Ye Old Schoolhouse. Council is grateful for their continued donations and support to the city and community.

**Building** - 4 permits issued this month. Holien discussed floodplain ordinance and county ordinance. Also would like to discuss hardships and how they will relate to Board of Appeals. Committee meeting date set for April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Health & Safety** – Discussion on issues around town. Unregistered vehicles in the City will get letters.

**Public Works** – Meier working on pavilion skirting at 10<sup>th</sup> street. Started sweeping main North/South streets.

**Riverfront** – Clerk told council that Patzner received approval from the Boy Scout council to go ahead with the project. He is currently doing some fundraising, drawing a sketch of the final plan and putting a material list together. They will keep updating as the project progresses. Committee meeting date set for Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 5pm.

**Mayor’s Update** – Discussion on school class coming to talk about water testing.

**City Superintendent** – Hoping to have playground in this week.

**City Clerk** - Motion Fuller, second Johansen approve sale of cemetery plot E 123 N 1-2-1 to Mia Rogneby and 123 N 1-2-2 to Ryan Rogneby. All yes, motion carried. Motion Fuller, second Czaplewski to approve sale of cemetery plot F 131-2 to Jacquardt. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller pay bills. 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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