

**PUBLIC HEARING
BUFFALO CITY COMMON COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025 – 6:45PM**

The public hearing of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Ben Holien at 6:45 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Absent Larry Johansen. Also Present: City Superintendent Eric Mann. Citizens present: Gena and Bob Kriesel. No comments were heard. Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. All yes, motion carried.

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 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, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Absent: Larry Johansen. Also Present: Gena and Bob Kriesel. City Superintendent Eric Mann. Citizens present: Gena and Bob Kriesel. Motion Beseler, second Fuller to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Building – 2 permits issued. Discussion on zoning ordinance-fences and if 3’ set back is needed. Consensus was to not add 3’ set back. Motion Fuller, second Jeannie to change fence zoning ordinance as written to include new setbacks for fences depending on their composition. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation – Fuller is working with former president of PYAA to get new shed in ballpark and redo batting cage area. PYAA will fund the projects. Would like Mann to work with them and also address issues at the concession stand. Fuller reported several groups including the C-FC FFA, C-FC Golf and VFW received nice profits from the 4th of July celebration. Council discussed the second quote on taking care of bathroom plumbing issues with minimal work from plumber and the City crew doing most of the digging and extra work. Motion Beseler, second Czaplewski to approve quote of \$1,925 to Scenic Bluff Plumbing for the work. All yes, motion carried. Mann looking into shade for park that we may get a demo for one Wednesday. Looking for ideas for budget time.

Cemetery – Many compliments on condition of the cemetery.

Health & Safety – Beseler went over health and safety complaints including lawn issues, dog complaints and campers camping on empty lots. Beseler wants to know how far to go with camper complaints and follow ups. The ordinance is clear that they can’t camp without a residence and can only camp for 21 days. Holien thinks enforcement is hard but letters should be sent to remind people. Beseler and Fuller will try to contact 14th Street property owner to make him aware of the ordinance and give 60 days to stop living in the camper. Fuller would like unregistered vehicle inspection done this fall. Mann has two trees in vision clearance he will need to trim that are along road right of-way but in people’s yards. Holien said go ahead and cut.

Riverfront – Spot check was done, and all that were sent letters have corrected issues.

BBCM – Board meeting next Wednesday. Holien would like board to look at prices so that people don’t end up just piling junk on their properties because they don’t want to pay the higher fees. Council feels there is a price standardization issue also.

Public Works – Discussed quote for seal coating in the budget. Quote came back slightly higher but we do have money in the street budget.

City Superintendent – Have mowed some properties that did not mow. Ball fields were sprayed for weeds. Starting park bathroom project this week.

City Clerk – Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to approve cemetery plot transfer of E58 S 1&2 1-2 from Baumann to Beseler. All yes, motion carried. Discussion on CD renewal next month. Foelsch land lease bids will be advertised due next month.

Other Discussion – Wisconsin State Statute 19.45 Standard of conduct, state public officials was discussed as it pertained to an incident earlier this year and alderperson who took a gift of a vehicle from a citizen the council was having discussions about and with regarding building and health violations. Discussion on meeting Mayor Holien and City attorney Terry Madden had in April with said alderperson in regards to the gift of value that should not be acceptable according to the statute. Madden told alderperson he should provide a proof of purchase receipt to clear the matter up, but that receipt has not been provided and Holien was told by the councilperson it would not be. Czaplewski said the gift was one thing but then the alderperson should have recused himself from all discussion and action on any items pertaining to the matter and you can see in City minutes that he discussed and voted on the matters. Beseler stated that holding a council position comes with responsibility to the city and citizens and she feels the entire situation can make the full council look bad. Fuller said he sees that there were chances to make the situation right and those were not taken so he agrees more needs to be done at this time. Holien presented the council with what he feels are the only two options at this point. The council person can resign or the council can go to the District Attorney to pursue charges. Czaplewski would like the city attorney to draft a letter to send to the alderperson giving him the options of resigning or the council will have to pursue legal action. All alderpersons in attendance agreed to sign the letter.

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

Ben Holien, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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