

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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. City Superintendent Eric Mann. Citizens present: Leon Pronschinske and Hank Rollinger.

**Citizens** – Pronschinske addressed council about the letter he got outlining a new conditional use permit guideline that requires all permit holders to fill out paperwork to register each year and pay a yearly fee to keep the permit. He was told this has been a long standing ordinance that hasn't had a yearly permit fee before but the City would like to keep the communications up between the permit holders and the city and feels the fee should be added while implementing this process. He also had questions about the access road to trailer park open to Jefferson Street. He was told this access is the trailer park private property so the City can't control the access but will look into it.

**Finance** – Czaplewski pointed out that the city's levy has not increased in many years while the schools keeps going up. Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve the 2025 Mill Rate. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried.

**Recreation** – Fuller updated the council on the status of the Pickleball project grant. The group did not get the T-mobile grant they applied for but plan to reapply for the next cycle. Holien said their non-profit is complete and they have pledges and fundraising at over \$10,000 towards the project. Community Action Committee plans for fishing contest are in place for January 31.

**Building** – 2 Permits issued. Discussion on alley between 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Street being blocked by a fence. Fuller will talk to owner about placement.

**Cemetery** – Planning for Wreaths Across America event December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Health & Safety** – Letter has been sent about unregistered vehicles on 4<sup>th</sup>/Herman Property. Beseler will try to contact tenant also. Mann said he is having some issues with vehicles parked in right of way causing plowing problems. Clerk will get him notes to put on the windshields and also post on facebook.

**Tri-Community Fire Board** – Holien said no changes were made on board.

**Public Works** – Discussion on possibly hiring on call employee for plowing or other tasks. Discussion on over time hours and/or comp hours. Consider building up to 40 hours comp at a time. Will review employee handbook in January.

**Mayor's Update** – Holien would like the council to consider appointment of Hank Rollinger to fill the vacant alderperson seat. Motion Fuller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beseler to appoint Hank Rollinger as Alderperson-at-large to the Buffalo City Council to fill the vacant term through April 2027. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried. Discussion on benefits for city superintendent and city clerk. Both the life insurance policy and vision policy that were offered to Mann need two employees on to carry. Ehlenfeldt would be willing to opt in to both if the council agrees. Motion Beseler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Czaplewski to approve offering life and vision insurance to employees. All yes, motion carried.

**City Superintendent** – Council discussed plowing with Mann. Feel its going well for first winter with new employees.

**City Clerk** – County Road OO meeting with engineers, county, and public will be delayed until early 2026. Motion Czaplewski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beseler to approve appointment of election inspectors for the 2026-2027 term. Inspectors appointed: Ruth Leahy, Linda Hesch, Carrie Frisch, Mary Lou Briggs, Liz Schwab, Heidi Henkes, Marilyn Marquardt, Carol Burmeister and Dan Schultz. All yes, motion carried . Motion Beseler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fuller to approve sale of columbarium niche AE1-6 to Bracking. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Beseler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fuller to approve sale of columbarium niche AW2-3 to Albert. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Beseler, second Czaplewski pay bills. All yes, motion carried. Motion Beseler 2<sup>nd</sup> Czaplewski to approve minutes from last months meeting. All yes, motion carried. Motion Fuller, second Beseler, to adjourn. All yes, motion carried.

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Ben Holien, Mayor

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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