

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. No citizens present. Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Finance – Discussed 2024 mill rate. Rate went from 24.22 to 13.11 per thousand this year due to the increase in the city’s overall assessed value. Our city levy stayed the same but school, county and technical college levies all increased. Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve 2024 mill rate. All yes, motion carried. Motion Czaplewski, second Beseler to move \$4,175 in the machinery fund designated to use for the 10th Street park well project that did not get completed this year. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation – Fuller gave an update on the Community Action Committee’s plans for a January ice fishing contest again this year. Reviewed two applications received for skating rink attendant. Holien recommendation to hire both. Motion Beseler, second Fuller to hire both candidates for rink attendants. All yes, motion carried. Discussed with Meier getting rink filled with possible help of fire department as soon as weather permits.

Cemetery – Beseler reminded the council the Wreaths Across America event is this Saturday.

Building - 3 permits issued.

Health & Safety – Meier got a dog running complaint near Jefferson. Will look into more.

Tri-Community Fire Board – Holien said the annual Christmas party was last Saturday. The department also elected officers. All positions will remain the same as 2024.

BBCM – Czaplewski went to county meeting. She pointed out that BBC is still not getting as much money as Mondovi from the county but did not get a response on why. Czaplewski said she will spend more time discussing with the county board next year.

Mayor’s Update – Discussed beginning process of a Veteran’s Memorial in Buffalo City. Holien asked Beseler if she would be willing to start the idea process. Meier said he has started looking into more park grant money that could work for this project also. Holien also discussed the Community Action Committee and getting it away from the City. As much as Fuller and Beseler do for the committee, he would like to see other community members more involved and step into the leadership roles so the City doesn’t look like the oversight. Beseler and Fuller said it is very hard to get volunteers. Discussion on not having the 4th of July event if more volunteers don’t step up to be on the committee and do the work.

Motion Fuller, second Czaplewski 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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