

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 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 and George Fuller. Absent: Larry Johansen and Kim Beseler. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. No citizens present. Motion Fuller, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

**Finance** – ARPA expenditures were reviewed. Motion Fuller, second Czaplewski to amend 2025 budget to reflect \$29,806.66 of ARPA in revenues and \$29,806.66 to Foelsch Park expense for remaining expenses in Piechowski Memorial Shelter project. All yes, motion carried. Discussed disability plans. Clerk getting quotes for policies.

**Recreation** – Fuller said the ice fishing contest was good for the Community Action Committee. Sold all 350 buttons available this year. Turnout was also good. Will be planning for 4<sup>th</sup> of July starting in March. Discussion on bringing planning in under City committee due to lack of volunteers. Skating rink open and going well keeping ice in decent condition.

**Building** - 2 permits issued. Discussed issues with 14<sup>th</sup> Street property including no building permit for storage container placements, no building permit for remodel to residence and neighbor complaints of someone living in the shed plus an “Open” sign outside the building also. Attorney said containers are not considered a structure per our zoning/building ordinances. Holien would like to see a stand alone storage container ordinance that would require the containers be removed if approved. Ordinance will be drafted for Health & Safety committee to review with Attorney guidance.

**Health & Safety** – Johansen was not at meeting. No complaints aware of. Meier has had some vehicles parked too close to the street for plowing. Letters will be sent.

**Public Works** – Discussion on abandoning alley between 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Streets behind River Ratz Saloon/Lodge. Fuller has spoken with owner of River Ratz about his holding tank under the alley between Ratz and Great River Lodge. Don’t feel the entire alley should be closed so there is still access from Schiller Street. Utilities would still have access to either end. Fuller has spoken to business owners who are willing to work together on alley access. Council consensus to let them decide what could be closed off if wanted. Holien said he if they agree a fence can be put up. Clerk gave an update on Urban Forestry Grant and discussion on becoming a Tree City USA city.

Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to move into closed session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(b) to discuss employee matters. All yes, motion carried. Motion Fuller, second Czaplewski to move back into open session per WI Statute 19.85(2). All yes, motion carried. Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to accept resignation of part-time public works employee Eric Latham as of March 2025. Motion Fuller, second Czaplewski to hire Jim Gilchrest as a part-time public works employee as soon as he is able to start. All yes, motion carried.

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