

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 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: Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Absent: Jeannie Czaplowski. Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. No citizens present. Motion Fuller, second Johansen to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Finance – ARPA expenditures were reviewed. Clerk said next month the council will need to amend the budget to account for the expenditures that will carry over into 2025.

Recreation – Fishing contest is set for January 25th. Skating rink should be open this week. Tree Savy pruned the trees this week that they planted last year. Park tree was taken down this week.

Cemetery – Wreaths Across America event went well.

Building - No permits issued.

Health & Safety – Talked to property owner on 9th Street about getting things off the street right of way and cleaning up some.

Tri-Community Fire Board – Holien gave a report on the semi-annual Tri-Community board meeting held Jan 8th. 2024 calls were reviewed. Department doesn't have any big plans right now. A few building update requests were made and they were told it would be budgeted at next year's budget time. Fuller would like to see a light that gets brighter when they are using it and not on bright all the time. Belvidere Chairman Ron Speltz was elected the new chairman of the board.

Mayor's Update – Discussed carryover of City Superintendent's vacation and personal time. Had 28 hours not used. Will have 20 hours after this pay period. Motion Johansen, second Beseler to payout Meier on remaining 2024 PTO/Vacation. All yes, motion carried. Council must also update the Employee Handbook to reflect the changes to the clerk's time off as presented at employee review and when the 2025 budget was approved. Motion Beseler, second Fuller to approve changes to the Employee Handbook to reflect update of clerk's PTO and sick day accumulation allowed. All yes, motion carried. Mayor discussed changes to 2025 committee appointments after the April election. Looking for other council members to possibly chair most of the committees this year.

City Superintendent – Discussed changeover in part-time helpers. Current PT person will be resigning and have had someone interested in replacing him.

City Clerk – Initial remote audit will take place this Thursday. In-person audit has been scheduled for the end of February. There will be a February primary election.

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

Ben Holien, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

date approved