

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, JULY 14, 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, Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Also Present: City Superintendent Eric Mann. Citizens present: Don Wicka. Motion Fuller, second Czaplewski to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

**Citizens** – Wicka again asked the council if they would consider paving 28<sup>th</sup> Street. He was told the council's stance on the project has not changed since the last time he asked. Consensus is the street was plotted for future growth and not to access two garages that were placed in the back of property owner's lots.

**Recreation** – Discussion on redoing park bathroom plumbing/septic issues. City Superintendent would be willing to do a lot of the digging work if we can rent equipment to save costs. Then the piping could be done by a plumber. The original quote was around \$5,000 for the entire project. Mann will get quotes. Fuller said the Community Action Committee's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration in the park went well. Discussed some of the good and bad of the day to improve for next year. Fuller said the organizations that ran each aspect made decent amounts of money and that sizable donations helped the CAC organize things like music, bounce houses, fireworks, etc. this year.

**Cemetery** – Sprayed for bugs last week. Were told there would be a chance FFA would help with some cemetery projects. Will work on this. Discussion on robotic mowers.

**Building** – 8 permits issued. New home construction permits for South River Road and Cty Rd OO. Discussion on new addition on North River Road and whether or not it meets the height requirement. Committee feels the plan meets all zoning requirements including the height so will allow construction to continue with a new permit to be issued.

**Health & Safety** – Discussion on someone planting trees in the alley. Property owner was warned that trees need to be removed. Discussed other properties that need wood piles cleaned up, properties with many vehicles or items laying around the yard, junk in empty lots cleaned up. Council reviewed the chicken ordinance. Motion Fuller, second Beseler to add chickens must be contained on your property at all times to the ordinance. All yes, motion carried.

**Riverfront** – Clerk and Superintendent will do recheck of inspections. City was given permission to work on the corner after 1<sup>st</sup>/River to get overgrowth out. Discussion on camera at Upper Spring Lake landing.

**Public Works** – Looking into some shelving for cemetery shed. Working on vision clearance issues at intersections.

**Mayor's Update** – Pickleball meeting tomorrow night with Recreation committee. Still dealing with the 14<sup>th</sup> Street property issue of someone living in a camper inside a shed. Holien is looking for guidance on what the council would like to do. Johansen said the council is harassing the property owner and should not. Czaplewski feels like he is breaking the city ordinance by camping on a property without a residence. Fuller said there are others camping issues that could be addressed but none that were brought forward that are not on a property without a residence. County Health Department told the city that the living conditions were okay with a porta potty and no running water so they will not pursue anything further. Consensus of council that Holien should not pursue anything further at this time with the property owner. Council will keep an eye

on the situation. Holien reviewed a second letter from Jewell Engineering studying River Road/County OO with the council. Information will follow this fall.

**City Superintendent** – Ballfield sprinklers were started today with no issues. Discussion on more clean up needed on 10<sup>th</sup>/Herman.

**City Clerk** – Motion Beseler, second Czaplewski to approve Resolution 2025-02 for Inclusion Under Group Life Insurance with the Wisconsin Employee Trust Fund. All yes, motion carried. Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to approve operator license for Sobotta and Sowda. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve the sale of cemetery plot F 141-3 and 141-4 to Stiller. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve transfer of cemetery plot E 33 N 1-2 1&2 from Ambrose to Krzoska. All yes, motion carried.

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