

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY PUBLIC HEARING -
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 6:45 PM**

The public hearing on the proposed zoning ordinance changes of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Ben Holien at 6:45 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Also Present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: Deb Morem and Terry Schoonover.

No comments were given during the meeting.

Motion Johansen second Fuller to close public hearing. All yes, motion carried

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, JULY 8, 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. Citizens present: Deb Morem, Michelle Christner, Joy Christner and Terry Schoonover.

Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Citizens – Morem addressed the council about her frustrations on how an incident involving her husband damaging the city dock was handled several years ago. Also upset about a letter she received to clean up their riverfront area recently and complained about skunks in her yard. Michele Christner addressed the council about the letter she and her neighbors submitted with complaints about another neighbor's chickens/waste in the yard. She was told that the City has sent a letter to the property owner requesting all waste be removed or the chickens be removed permanently. Johansen will follow up with the property owner. Terry Schnoonover attended the meeting to introduce himself to the council. He is running for State Assembly District 29 seat and is a local resident from rural Cochrane.

Recreation – Holien told the council that the county health department had written their report on the 10th Street well. It has passed all water testing inspections but does not meet the Department of Natural Resources well standards so the report is mandating the City drill a new well within a year. Current well can continue to be used but a plan will need to be put in place at budget time. Still need to see how much it will cost to abandon old well in Ball park and if we can afford to do that this year. Fuller said CAC 4th of July Celebration went well even with weather. Holien updated on Piechowski Memorial Shelter, still waiting on cement to be poured. Asked Meier to work on trimming trees along shelter area and knock down the weeds.

Council discussed the proposed golf cart ordinance that has been reviewed/edited by the city attorney. Would like the wording about crossing county roads at specific locations removed. Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve golf cart ordinance with changes. Yes-Fuller, Beseler, Czaplewski. No - Johansen. Motion Carried 3-1. Ordinance must be published before it goes into effect and a permit application will be put together by the Clerk for review.

Finance – Council reviewed the 2023 audit. Czaplewski went over audit report with council. Revenues and expenses were right on budget. Motion Johansen, second Beseler to approve the 2023 audit as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Cemetery – Discussion on veteran flag holders.

Building - 5 permits issued this month. Council discussed zoning ordinance changes. Motion Fuller, second Johansen to approve changes to Buffalo City Zoning Ordinance Chapter 350 as printed. All yes, motion carried.

Health & Safety –Dog issues discussed. Dog running on 24th Street. Owner doesn't seem to care and would rather just pay the fine. Discussion on how to get him to see the problem. First fine with that he needs a solution after this fine. Johansen will also follow up on the chicken issue on 11th Street. All cameras are now installed in park and boat landing. Council viewed the system.

Public Works – Closed street between Herman and Humboldt on 14th due to high water and will open once water is completely off the street. Well capping at ballpark needs more info and an estimated cost. Discussed crack seal bid. Could do the one big project of Humboldt or all the small sections. Consensus to do the Humboldt project this year and leave the others for next year.

Riverfront – Kiosk is in place and waiting for sponsor sign. Will work on issue of jackets blowing off the hooks. Riverfront reinspection was postponed due to high water. Committee will reevaluate and find a new meeting date towards the end of the month. Discussed upper spring lake dock being moved in high water. Asked superintendent to try to get the debris dislodged and removed so dock can be secured again.

BBCM – Discussion on brush prices that were increased due to new DNR regulations on burning.

Mayor's Update – Discussed a letter from Lost Pirate Tiki Bar & Grill owner Keith Mueller asking for options to access to park for septic system replacement for his business. Council consensus Mueller should look into using his parking area first or putting a holding tank in instead. If he can't find a resolution there he will need to come back to the council to discuss purchasing part or all of the park across the Street but Mayor and council feel that should only be considered if no other options can work.

City Superintendent – Would like a thank you sent to Buffalo Lumber and Tie for donation of all mulch around city trees and sawdust pile for 4th of July.

City Clerk – Discussion on pickleball courts. Need fencing at bottom fixed so balls don't get out. Discussed temporary second court options. Clerk will look into a portable net system and talk to the group about chalking lines.

Motion Johansen, second Fuller to approve sale of Columbarium niche AW1-3 to David & Janina Kennebeck; AE1-8 to Mark & Susan Fetting.; and AE1-7 to Richard & Susan Stirn. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Czaplewski, 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