

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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: Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Absent: Jeannie Czaplewski. Also Present City Superintendent Stan Meier.

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

Recreation – Piechowski shelter will be starting as soon as concrete work can be done. Discussed colors for roof and gable. Fuller updated on 4th of July. Community Action Committee planning similar events as last year. Planning a community mailing. Money made in beer tent and food stands goes back to all the groups that run the different events so the committee really doesn't have the funds to add or maintain things like the inflatables, music, etc. Discussion of golf cart ordinance. 1st Street to Spring Lake questioned by Fuller based on what state statutes allow due to speed limits. Spring Lake area would not have access to it due to the speed limit restraints. Other issue is Town of Belvidere/Cochrane still would not be open. Consensus the ordinance can state no traveling on the county roads/streets with speed limits over 25 mph. Will have the attorney review the ordinance we have drafted. Meier told council that there is a well in the concession stand that needs to be abandoned properly. DNR looking into the well at the 10th Street Park as well.

Cemetery – Mayor commended the city workers and volunteers for the condition of the cemetery for Memorial Day.

Building - 5 permits issued this month. Discussion on zoning ordinance changes. Hardship wording updated by attorney and ready for approval. Board of Appeals term limits can stay as is. They can be re-appointed for as many three-year terms as they or the council wish according to Attorney Madden. Discussed options for creating a floodplain ordinance or referring to the county ordinance. Council would like to add wording to state that if someone is building in the floodplain fringe zone they must provide a hydrologic analysis done by an engineering firm to prove that development will not raise regional flood elevations, expand the floodplain zone or affect neighboring properties. This analysis will be due with the building permit application for review and approval by the building committee. Clerk will get changes made, have attorney review and have ready for public hearing before July meeting.

Health & Safety – Johansen has been following up on some burning issues and chicken waste issues.

Public Works – Schoolhouse paving done today. The schoolhouse is paying for the paving. Will be getting some sawing safety equipment with the League Insurance safety grant.

Riverfront – Scout working on getting life jacket kiosk in place. Is pretty much built and just needs to be installed. Riverfront inspection letters sent out. Committee will hold reinspection July 1st.

BBCM – Brush prices will be raised at the recycle center due to the DNR changing the burning guidelines and the cost to implement those changes.

Mayor's Update – Thank you to city crew for keeping ballfields looking good and for getting cemetery looking so good for Memorial Day. Wants council to look at things to prepare for budget in the fall.

City Superintendent – Meier would like to order some new employee shirts and will get new logo.

City Clerk - Motion Beseler, second Fuller to approve Liquor License- (Class “B” Beer & Liquor: River Ratz Saloon-Pawlak and Lost Pirate Tiki Bar and Grill. - Mueller; Class “A” Beer & Liquor: B&S Express-Michaels; Cigarette License: B&S Express-Michaels. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Fuller, second Beseler approve Operator’s License River Ratz: Fernandez, Sobotta, Peterson, Curtis, Iverson; B & S: M. Michaels, Hill, Marco, Hess. Luna, Lorenz, Schierer, Repinski, Pruka, Hohmann; Lost Pirate: Fernholz. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Johansen, second Fuller to approve Class B Temporary Beer License – VFW Post 10406 (July 4, 2024 – Buffalo City Park). All yes, motion carried.

Motion Johansen, second Beseler to approve Fireworks Permit – Community Action Committee with Liability Insurance through Platte River Displays, Inc. (July 4, 2024 – Buffalo City Park). All yes, motion carried.

Motion Johansen, second Beseler 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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