

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026-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, George Fuller, Hank Rollinger and Kim Beseler. Also present: City Superintendent Eric Mann. Citizens present: Carol Burmeister, Lisa Palkowski, Mark Bestul and Greg Jencen . Motion Rollinger, second Czaplewski to approve previous meeting minutes. All yes, motion carried.

Citizens - Burmeister saw in the county health committee minutes that City is working on an Airbnb ordinance. Council told her that was not correct. She and Palkowski would like the council to consider something. Feels there are too many now buying properties and could be issues. Council consensus that the city will leave the regulations at the state and county level.

Recreation –Council reviewed committee minutes with the pickleball group May 19th. Group is getting some new bids and continues to fundraise. Mayor commended group on great job of fundraising. Fuller said 4th of July plan coming along nicely. Discussion on water by Veteran’s Memorial park by sign.

Finance – Czaplewski explained the 2021 Street Loan will need to be extended. We will have \$127,642.35 left on the loan after our payment this month. Alliance has given us a rate of 4.75% to extend to next year and Motion Beseler, second Rollinger to approve new loan at 4.75% interest rate. Roll call vote, Motion carried. All yes.

Building – 7 new permits issued since last month: garage addition, fences, roofs, interior remodels.

Cemetery – Committee minutes were reviewed. Discussed utilizing Huebsch Mausoleum. City would like to encourage public to use it by reserving through clerk. Czaplewski asked about having a refundable deposit in case of damage. The Huebsch/Vaudrail family is in the process of finalizing their donation to the city but requested that the amount be added to the official resolution. Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to approve Resolution 2026-01 (Revision A) Honoring the Support and Obligations to Maintain the Huebsch Mausoleum in the Buffalo City Cemetery. The council thanked the Vaudrail family for the pledged \$60,000 donation. Discussion on some cemetery stones that are either partially buried in the ground or sitting crooked on their foundations. Mann said he isn’t comfortable trying to reset any old stones but could work on the flat stones that are getting buried into the ground. Czaplewski would like to see them left the way they are. Holien feels it’s a liability for the city to not fix some that could fall on someone. Beseler thanked the city crews and volunteers for making the cemetery look so nice.

Health & Safety – Unlicensed vehicle fines were sent last week. Twelve certified letters were sent in the beginning of May giving the property owners 15 days from the time they signed for the letter to remedy their vehicle issues. Two fine letters were sent last week to those who ignored the letter. The fine letter gives them until June 22nd to remove or license the vehicles or a fine of double the amount will be issued. Discussed the mowing ordinance and what should need to be done to notify any property owner’s before mowing. According to the clerk most are habitual offenders and have been sent letters in years past with no response. A notice is published, posted on the city webpage and on Facebook. Beseler has questions on the wording of the ordinance. She would like to have a committee meeting to discuss more. Discussion on 10th/Herman Street property. Would like to talk to owner about options to purchase or maintain more.

Riverfront – Clerk/Superintendent re-inspected. There are still a few issues with docks or steps that the Clerk is working on notifying permit holders. Two spaces will need to be cleaned up by City crew. They are both coming back to the City. Beseler wants to know why riverfront permit holders are allowed to never maintain them but keep them. Council explained the corps agreement does not require any weed trimming, maintenance or use to lease the space. They and the DNR have told us in the past they prefer the bank to be kept natural.

Mayor's Update – Discussed fourth of July details and items the council will hand out at 4th Parade. Czaplewski will work on handouts with Clerk. Discussed other items related to 4th Celebration.

City Superintendent – Discussed a few tree issues. Will hire contractor to remove a few. Discussion on Foelsch Park swing. Swing was built from a kit that did not make it stable enough. Council will look at replacing at budget time.

City Clerk –

Motion Fuller , second Beseler 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 Beseler , second Czaplewski to approve Operator’s License River Ratz: Sobotta, Fernandez, Peterson, Mueller, Risch, Curtis Langhorst, Anderson; B & S: M. Michaels, K., Michaels, Marco, Lynch. Luna, Lorenz, Flug, Pruka, Kern. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Fuller , second Czaplewski to approve Class B Temporary Beer License – VFW Post 10406; Agents – Kimberly Beseler, William Green & John Dehnke (July 4, 2026 – Buffalo City Park). All yes, motion carried.

Motion Czaplewski , second Rollinger to approve Fireworks Permit – Community Action Committee with Liability Insurance through Platte River Displays, Inc. (July 4, 2026 – Buffalo City Park) All yes, motion carried.

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

Ben Holien, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

date approved