

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-  
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 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 and George Fuller. Absent: Kim Beseler. Citizens present: Terry Hegeman and Eric Mann. Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

**Citizens** – Hegeman presented a proposal to the council to upgrade pickleball/tennis courts. He got an estimate from Monarch Paving to upgrade the pickleball courts. Estimate is for tennis court only side and would expand the court size to make more room. Total for project estimated at \$65,000. The group is looking into a T-mobile grant that has a maximum of \$50,000. Prairie Moon foundation has also said they could fund some of the project according to Hegeman. Fuller would like to make sure the T-mobile grant is not a matching grant because the city doesn't have the money in the budget at this time. The council also does not want to eliminate the tennis court. Holien said he'd rather see the skating rink area used if the courts are going to be torn up and completely resurfaced. He agreed the city would not do work on only half the courts. It would have to be the entire basketball/tennis court surface at one time which he said the City does not have money to fund at this time. Grant money needs to be available for a few years so the City can put what it needs to into the entire project. Holien has proposal to put temporary court lines in to add more pickleball courts, and buy nets to put up when using on extra courts like they do now. The council said they want to make the best facilities possible for the group but must keep the entire park in mind and the budget. Gave okay to go ahead with the grant application. In meantime will put the temporary lines/courts in for the group using a personal donation from a schoolhouse volunteer to cover the costs of the temporary upgrade with the City park budget covering the rest.

**Recreation** – Park bathrooms will remain shut down until we get septic issues fixed. Schaffner gave estimate on piping to the septic at \$5,000. Discussion on getting temporary pickleball courts lined and purchase the nets so the group has more courts. Clerk will get supplies ordered and public works department can line the courts.

**Cemetery** – Contract grave digger going well. Will continue to use for full burials when new superintendent starts and figure out cremations and columbarium opens as they come.

**Building** – 8 permits issued. Fuller wants to review zoning ordinance on fences. Questions on wording about visibility and setbacks. Would like to table until next month. Discussion on third street garage questions from neighbor. Council feels the complaints are unwarranted. The variance was granted with no input at the time last fall from any neighboring property owners.

**Health & Safety** – Will move speed signs for summer to 10<sup>th</sup> Street and River Road. Complaint on chickens on 12<sup>th</sup> Street again.

**Riverfront** – Riverfront inspections were June 2. Letters were sent to about 15 lease holders for minor items on river and in banks plus ropes tied to trees that need to be removed per Corps of Engineers policy.

**Public Works** – Introductions of our new City Superintendent Eric Mann. Discussion on items that will need to be done as a priority.

**Mayor's Update** – Discussed letters sent to Barth addition owners to cut their brush/weeds. These are city lots just like all other lots and must follow city ordinances including the cutting of grass/weeds.

**City Clerk** – Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to adopt Resolution 2025-01 adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS). All yes, motion carried.

Motion Fuller, second Johansen to grant Operator's License to: River Ratz: Fernandez, Peterson, Langhorst, Anderson, Gagner; B & S: M. Michaels, K., Michaels, Marco, Lynch. Luna, Katula, Lorenz, Repinski, Pruka, Hohmann; Lost Pirate: Fernholz and Zastrow. All yes, motion carried. Motion Johansen, second Czaplewski to grant Liquor Licenses to- (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 Czaplewski, second Johansen to grant Class B Temporary Beer License to the VFW Post 10406 (July 4, 2025 – Buffalo City Park). All yes, motion carried.

Motion Fuller, second Johansen to grant a Fireworks Permit to Community Action Committee with Liability Insurance through Platte River Displays, Inc. (July 4, 2025 – Buffalo City Park). All yes, motion carried.

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

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Ben Holien, Mayor

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Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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