

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 7:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by President Jeannie Czaplewski at 7 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Absent: Mayor Ben Holien . Also present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens Nila and Gary Meyer. Motion Fuller, second Johansen to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Finance – Czaplewski is reviewing audit and it will be presented at the April meeting. Council reviewed three proposals for disability insurance for City Clerk and Superintendent. Czaplewski said she favors the proposal from Reliance Matrix with 6 month short term plus continuance into long term disability. The total for 2 employees is \$121.17/month. Motion Beseler, 2nd Fuller to approve the Reliance Short/Long term disability insurance coverage for a total of \$121.17 a month for both employees starting in April 2025. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation – Stone work at Piechowski Memorial Shelter in Foelsch Park was completed this past week. Just waiting on a countertop and the shelter should be done. Discussion on a dedication date for program. Council will finalize more next month. Fuller started the 4th of July planning with fireworks booking. Will try to get some more volunteer help.

Cemetery – Meier cut some limbs around the Mausoleum that were starting to encroach on the building and trimmed most of the small trees in the cemetery. Will get wreaths taken off very soon.

Building - 1 permit issued.

Health & Safety – Discussion on problem property on 4th and Herman Street. Owner of the rental has been talked to again and said he would deal with the issues that include loud parties and vehicles parked in right-of-way. Committee minutes in packet. Committee talked about dog licensing fees going to the county humane society and what the City gets for services from that contract. Council would like to be represented in this discussion. Clerk will find out more about meeting at county. Storage container ordinances were reviewed by the committee and they would like the council to decide what version of the ordinance should be approved. Johansen does not agree with the section of the ordinance that existing containers should be removed. Neighbors at the meeting said the existing containers being discussed on the one property are within 10 feet of their property line and they do not approve of them being there aesthetically but also because they worry they are in the floodplain. They also asked if the request to put the containers in was denied last fall. The council denied two permits last fall from two different people. The other person did not put a container in. Council consensus that the property owner brought in all three of the containers illegally and should be required to remove them. Johansen did not agree. They also asked the City Superintendent to go through the City to note any other containers that would fall under the ordinance because they would be required to be removed also. Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve ordinance 245 Regulating Placement of Containers for Storage and Residential Use with section 245.3 requiring all current property owners with containers on their properties to remove them within 30 days of being notified once the ordinance is published and in effect. Roll call vote: Johansen – no, Beseler – yes, Czaplewski – yes, Fuller – yes. Motion approved 3-1. Once published the ordinance will take effect and then the existing property owners will be notified and have 30 days to remove or face the enforcement/penalties.

Tri-Community – The old Alma Fire tanker truck was recently purchased by someone and donated to Tri-Community. The department has no use for it and would like to know if the City

would like it to use for trout pond and skating rink fills. Discussed licensing and insuring and where it could be stored. Fuller wouldn't want it to be something the City would need to fix and put money into. Council would like Meier to find out the costs on all first and will discuss at next meeting.

Public Works – City employee Latham's last day was last week. New employee Gilchrest started today. Sweeping started today. County changed road ban weight limits so our signs are different than county ban which we go by. Council said to leave our signs the way they are. Someone questioning paving the alley in an area behind their house to the main street. Historically we have allowed asphalt but not cement. Would need to be flush with all yards. Discussed salt/sand pile storage.

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

Ben Holien, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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