

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, OCT 9, 2023 -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: Rylan and Karla Patzner.

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

Recreation – Rylan Patzner, Boy Scout from Troop 110, was at the meeting to present his Eagle Scout proposal to the council for a loaner life jacket stand at the 10th Street boat landing. Council was shown an example of a similar project, but Patzner said he wants to make the kiosk a size that would work best for the City and space available. They have been told that the Ruben family of Buffalo City has made a donation to the Boy Scouts towards the project. The Patzner family plan to stock the jackets and maintain the kiosk. Discussion on how well honor system works. Council told Patzner they like the idea and as long as the kiosk is made out of a low-maintenance material and they plan to take care of the stocking and winterizing the City is on board. Patzner said he is aiming to have the project done this spring or by mid-summer at the latest. Council told Patzner he should go ahead with the project approval on his end. Motion Beseler, second Fuller to approve the life jacket loaner kiosk project to be placed at 10th Street boat landing. All yes, motion carried.

Council discussed the proposals for the shelter roofs in the park. Four bids were received from Flyway Construction, Conley Construction, Ideal Steel Roofing and Dan Slabaugh's Construction. The Conley and Flyway bids were significantly higher. Flyway (\$16,425) Conley (\$14,800) and the Ideal bid was rejected due to lack of liability insurance. Motion Czaplewski, second Johansen to approve proposal from Dan Slabaugh's Construction LLC in the amount of \$9750 to replace shelter roofs in the park. All yes, motion carried. Holien would like council to consider him for steel roof on Piechowski shelter as well when we get to the point in the project.

Council discussed purchases of new playground structure and rubber mulch at park. Purchases will be submitted as part of the county health department grant reimbursement. Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve payment of \$16,259 to Playground Boss for playstructure to be placed in 10th Street park. All yes, motion carried. Motion Czaplewski, second Beseler to approve payment of \$11,100 to Rubber Safe Playgrounds for playground mulch. All yes, motion carried. Holien told council he is meeting with contractors to finalize location for Piechowski Memorial Shelter and get the project moving this week. Holien asked Meier to clean up some of the tree limbs around the edge of the woods in Foelsch Park before construction. Fuller said Community Action Committee is starting to work on July 4th event.

Finance - Discussed moving some of the City's savings funds into short term CDs. Motion Beseler, second Czaplewski to approve transferring \$120,000 of the Perpetual Care Fund; \$70,000 of the Machinery Savings Fund; and \$80,000 of the Fire Equipment Savings Fund all into individual 6 month CDs at the 5.21% rate. Roll call vote. All yes, motion carried.

Cemetery – Discussion on how full columbarium is and when we could consider purchasing a new one. Discussion on granite foundation installation.

Building - 8 permits issued this month. Johansen would like to discuss new construction in a floodplain and how it will affect existing properties. Discussed on amending ordinance to clarify floodplain building. Holien will add to a future building committee agenda.

Public Works - Discussion on project planning and calendar. Discussed spot sweeping of areas. Discussed street lights on south end of South River Road. Excel can put a new light in on the north side of the street for \$750, They will also change the lighting on the other poles to LED for no charge. Council said they would wait until budget time on the new pole discussion, but get the LED lights changed for now.

Riverfront - Discussion on changes that will be looked at in April/May. Docks will be going in tomorrow.

BBC&M - Council discussed brush loads to dump. Meier burned some this winter so thinks we may just keep with the per load rate of \$50. We won't go with an annual price at this time.

City Clerk - Motion Fuller, second Johansen approve sale of cemetery plot E120-4 to Less'Ard/Tweedy. All yes, motion carried. Motion Czaplewski, second Beseler to approve sale of cemetery plot F 131-1 to Bates. All yes, motion carried. Motion Johansen, second Czaplewski to approve sale of cemetery plot E 121-1 to Halling. All yes, motion carried.

Motion Fuller, 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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