

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 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. Absent: City Superintendent Eric Mann. Citizens present: Leon Pronschinske, Jenna Todd, Kelsey Baures and Ron Olson. . Motion Fuller, second Czaplewski to approve previous meeting minutes. All yes, motion carried.

Citizens – Pronschinske apologized to Beseler about comments at January meeting. Appreciated by Beseler. Ron Olson, director of Scenic Valley Emergency Services, was at the meeting to go over the 2025 calls and ask the council to approve the 2026 contract which remains the same. Olson noted a very large donation that was used towards a new ambulance from Bert Schaffner for \$100,000. Contract will be on the April agenda for discussion/approval.

Recreation – Todd and Baures were here representing the Pirate Youth Athletic Association. Have about \$10,000 in grant money plus PYAA funds for new batting cage and new bigger shed that will be built by a C-FC class. Here to make sure those plans meet city expectations. Holien said the city is good with the plans and will work with the group. City needs to get the concession stand enclosed better also this year. Holien added the city is glad the PYAA is using facilities and improving them. Fuller reminded the neighbor across from the little field would like to see netting to keep balls from going into his house/yard. City can do normal field maintenance. Holien said he would like future plans to remove little field grass infield also considered. Rollinger would like to offer the city compensation to move the old shed out of the ballpark and to his property to make room for the new shed. Shed is in poor condition. Motion Fuller, 2nd Beseler to give Rollinger the old shed at the ballpark for the cost of removal. Yes - Beseler, Fuller, Czaplewski. Abstain – Rollinger. Motion carried.

Finance – Czaplewski said she reviewed the 2025 audit and it looks good. Audit will be on the April 2025 agenda for approval.

Building – 5 Permits issued this month. Fuller discussed information from the floodplain training he went to. First street application for changing garage to residence is waiting for septic and well plans to be approved before permit will be reviewed.

Health & Safety – Clerk and Beseler working on contacting a dog owner who continues to let her dog poop in her neighbor's yard. Several letters have been sent in the last few years. Beseler trying to make contact with owner to tell them we will issue fines if it happens again. Unlicensed vehicle inspection should happen soon.

Public Works – Will put bids out in April due back in May to review. Discussion on asking county possibly bidding projects for us. Won't bid, but we know they have worked for township work on estimates previously. Superintendent cremations, looking for possibly hiring a high school student for mowing. Discussion on flags for 250th Year. Council consensus a few around the park area would be nice.

Mayor's Update – Council discussed the CTH OO special meeting last week. Mayor felt it was good to hear all comments and concerns. City needs a formal response submitted by the comment deadline which is at the end of this week. Consensus of the council that none of the presented plans are acceptable. Holien said he does like some of the intersection changes proposed. Curb and gutter seems like it could cause a lot of other problems that the City would have to fix in the end. The City will submit a response that the council feels none of the plans are practical. They would prefer just a standard repave project that does not change any right-of-way for property

owners and that they do see the benefit in most of the proposed intersection changes. Speed was also discussed and the city will continue to look into what it would take to get the Department of Transportation to lower.

City Clerk – Motion Beseler, second Fuller to approve the buy back of cemetery plot 56 N ½ NEW from Ricky Bauers in the amount of the original purchase price of \$350. All yes, motion approved. Motion Beseler, second Fuller to approve the sale of Columbarium niche AW2-9 to Julie Carney. All yes, motion carried. Motion Fuller, second Czaplewski to approve an operator license for Greg Flug (B&S). All yes, motion carried.

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

Ben Holien, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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