

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY PUBLIC HEARING-
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025-MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 6:45 PM**

The public hearing was called to order by Mayor Ben Holien at 6:45 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Citizens present: Carol Burmeister and Nila Meyer. Holien opened floor to public comment. Council was asked why the change was being made. Holien explained there are already established businesses in the City that have storage containers and the council meant to include the “residential” wording in the original ordinance. Questions were answered and both citizens present were satisfied. Motion Czaplewski, second Beseler to close the public hearing and adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. All yes, motion carried.

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, MAY 12, 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, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. No citizens present. Motion Beseler, second Fuller to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation – Fuller updated the council on park bathroom issues being worked on. Community Action plan for 4th of July moving forward. There are some bald spots without grass in the park that the council feels will be best taken care of after July 4th. Holien would like to paint four pickle ball court lines the opposite way on the court so they can put up 4 courts at one time if the group would like. City could cover the cost of the lines and one more temporary court if the group would like to cover the cost of two more set ups. All could be stored in the bin at the courts.

The tree inventory created by Tree Savvy LLC was presented to the council. This was one of the requirements for this year’s tree grant monies. Tree Savvy will also be coming to plant 11 trees in the park again this year and do any maintenance on the trees they planted last year. Discussed the inventory information on trees in bad condition. Will want to get the tree in poor condition by the playground looked at and possibly removed.

Eagle scout that created trail signs as project a few years ago will help City with a new sign in Memory of Jeannie Larson. Clerk to work with Scout on location and getting put out.

Cemetery – Cremation burials with new contract digger went well. Beseler said we are working to replace the cemetery flag with the proper size. Friends of the Cemetery group will meet tomorrow and plan pre-Memorial Day cleanings and summer flower maintenance. Discussed keeping contractor for all grave digging even after a new Superintendent is hired.

Building - 4 permits issued. Most were for fences and Fuller would like to have the council review the fence section of the Zoning ordinance to clear up some confusing wording. Board of Appeals meeting minutes were reviewed. Variance for garage height was denied. Discussed request for the parcel split on County Road OO. Motion Fuller, second Czaplewski to approve split of parcel. All yes, motion approved.

Health & Safety – Motion Czaplewski, second Beseler to approve the changes to Ordinance #245 Storage Container to add “in a residential zone:”. Yes – Czaplewski, Fuller, Beseler; No – Johansen. Motion carried 3 yes – 1 no. Updated ordinance will take affect once notice is published. Beseler said that she is still working with 4th street property owner to clean up the

rental property including unregistered vehicles, vehicles that do not run and other miscellaneous. Beseler will try to talk to the property owner and tenants. If that doesn't work then they will be sent a letter stating what the fines will be.

Riverfront – Riverfront inspection meeting set for Monday, June 2nd at 6:30PM.

Public Works – Committee reviewed five applications and have set up interviews with 3 of the strongest candidates. Once interviews are complete, the committee will bring their recommendations to the council. Will plan for a tentative special meeting May 21 at 7pm.

Mayor's Update – Happy with the part-time workers stepping up. Working on cleaning out shop as well with guidance.

City Superintendent – No superintendent at this time.

City Clerk – Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve sale of columbarium niche AE1-4 to Janice and Norm Knott. All yes, motion approved. Motion Beseler, second Fuller to approve sale of cemetery plot F 141-1 to Kathryn and Curtis Oevering. All yes, motion carried.

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

Ben Holien, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

date approved