

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024-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.

Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation – Holien told the council that the cement and building plans have been updated to the Ashley engineer requests. Waiting for contractors to get the work done at this point. Community Action Committee planning 4th of July. Discussion on 10th street park pavilion cement work and landscaping. New trees will be here this week. Discussed adding trees to schoolhouse area next year. Put this year's in the park.

Finance – Audit was approved last week. Just waiting on final documents.

Cemetery – Friends met and planned pre Memorial Day and summer help. Volunteers to help clean from school.

Building - 5 permits issued this month. Committee met to review the zoning ordinance. Would like to propose the changes outlined in the packet as they pertain to hardships with property well, septic and utility placements. If council is okay with changes will have the City attorney review and correct wording. Would also like to amend the term limits set in the ordinance for the Board of Appeals members. Committee feels the board is not easy to fill and terms shouldn't be limited. Lastly, they discussed garages across alleys from homes and across streets from homes. Ordinance was changed to allow people to build across the alley. This allows a garage to sit on a parcel and be sold alone. Discussion on whether there is a difference across a street or alley. Discussion on whether the council would like to limit building across either. Ordinance changes will go to the attorney for review and come back to council before a public hearing is held.

Public Works – Proposal from Fahrner for infrared patches. Council agreed to go with Fahrner proposal as per budget for the patches and get crack fill report.

Riverfront – Eagle Scout hopes to install life jacket kiosk in the next few weeks. Council reviewed updated plan and location. Discussed committee minutes and proposed changes to the management plan with the Corps of Engineers. Committee trying to make setback guidelines for docks that need to be followed. River space will need to be marked before any work is done. Committee would also like to change the time frame to 6 years for committee members.

Tri-Community – Electrical work approved, possibly done already in the station. Not in budget.

Mayor's Update – Discussed vacating alley section between businesses. Discussion of what issues it would cause between the neighbors. Council would like the septic marked. Willing to have it permanently marked off but need to see it marked first. Not willing to vacate at this time.

City Superintendent – Bobcat changing lease program from \$3,000 to \$5,000 this year. We budgeted \$3,000. They are going to 2-year program. Council told him to look into other options first but will probably need to go with the new lease price. Need the bobcat. Discussion on

mailboxes in the park again. Consensus of council to schedule, notify all involved and have the move done before 4th of July.

Other Discussion – Fuller brought up golf carts and if they should be allowed by ordinance. They technically are not allowed now but you see more and more driving around. Council discussion that if we announce they aren't allowed who will control it. If we control it though how are we controlling issues and liability. Add discussion and regulations to golf carts in City limits to June meeting.

City Clerk - Motion Beseler, second Johansen approve sale of cemetery plot F 131-3 Hager. All yes, motion carried.

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

Ben Holien, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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