

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022 -MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 6:00 PM**

The regular meeting of the City of Buffalo City Common Council was called to order by Mayor Ben Holien at 6 p.m. Roll call: Jeannie Czaplewski, Larry Johansen, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Also Present City Superintendent Stan Meier. Citizens present: Chris, Haukoos

Motion Johansen, second Beseler approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Recreation – Holien discussed material bids on Piechowski Shelter. Expecting cost to be \$15,000 plus in materials and trying to get a concrete number. Fuller estimated around \$3,500 Will need to get a rough estimate on that for budget. Will put out to bid for contractors for early spring. Need to budget for this for the spring. Fuller likes the brown treated wood. Got bids on the materials for swing. School said wouldn't have time to put together. Materials would be around \$750 for cedar treated. Work day at Foelsch will be this Saturday with Scouts and FFA. Community invited to help. Because Piechowski land is adjacent and trails connect Meier would like some no trespassing signs to mark end of trail. Council agreed. Mehus and his father putting a lot of work into the project. City can ask if anything need for Trunk or treat. Council all busy and can't help. Holien brought up bringing more things to the park in the summer like music and food trucks. Want to talk a little more for budget time that maybe City could plan ourselves.

Cemetery – Dying shrubs around the Huebsch Mausoleum were removed. Crabapple trees were also removed. Urban tree grant was applied for which can be used towards trees in cemetery also.

Building - 5 permits issued this month. Discussed shed on 18th and Herman Street. Fuller hopes the Facebook post explaining that a permit is needed for a shed gets some attention. People need to know that they need a permit before they can put a shed in. Discussion on how many controls we want to put on what is permanent and what isn't. Soft-sided sheds aren't that permanent. Ice-shacks are not permanent and can be moved. Holien would like to look through the zoning ordinance again soon.

Health & Safety – Discussion on 9th Street property. Johansen is keeping an eye on it and can discuss with property owner if needed.

Public Works - Veg shack owner is asking about renting any city empty lots. Czaplewski thinks if he abandons it after a few years it would be a mess. Holien said he didn't see an issue with him renting lots that can't be used for anything else in the flood plain. He would like to discuss with owner more.

Riverfront - Speltz would like to take docks out in the next 2 weeks or will need to bring lift back later. Holien thinks maybe we need to reach out to Coulee Region Dock this year to schedule second or third week of November. Maybe have Speltz take out 2nd street and kayak docks soon and then have 10th Street taken out later by Coulee Region so there is more time for hunters to use it. Meier will look at any riverfront that we need to contact owners to move docks for winter so the trees can come out over winter.

BBCM – Czaplewski told the council the board is still trying for a January 1st take over by private contractor. Hoping to have a contract to approve at our November council meeting.

Mayors Update - Motion Johansen, second Czaplewski, to approve land lease for Foelsch farm land to Schams heifer Express, LLC for the 46.7 acres of land at \$160/acre for a total of \$7,472 per year for the next three years. All yes, motion carried.

City Superintendent – Meier won't be here for November meeting. He said he Will be clearing water lines out soon so bathrooms will be closed. If before trunk or treat we will get porta potty's in.

Clerk – Motion Beseler, second Fuller, to approve Resolution 2022-08 For the Purposes of Funding Urban Forestry Projects. All yes, motion carried.

Other Discussion: The Haukoos family came to the meeting to talk about having swing built at Foelsch Park. They have talked to a few local residents that said they would be willing to build the swing if the City funded the materials. Holien told them they have gotten material bids around \$1500 and that the city will try to add it into the budget if possible for 2023.

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

Ben Holien, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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