

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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: George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Absent: Larry Johansen and Jeannie Czaplewski. City Superintendent Eric Mann. Citizens present: Greg Jencen, Tim Paul, Terry Heggeman, Sandy and Mark Bestul, Carol Burmeister, Gena Kriesel, Ben Schams and Sean Tenant. Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve minutes from the previous meetings. All yes, motion carried.

Citizens – Jencen would like to point out a street intersection at 19th and Schiller can be a hazard due to vehicles and other items in the right of way. Kriesel told the council she was recently elected president as River Valey Pickleball group. They continue to work on the grant for new courts and are applying for non-profit as well as fundraising. They shared letters with the council from community leaders who support their group and project and 3 bids they have received for the new courts. Discussion on moving potential court location to volleyball area. Council told the group they didn't feel this was a good option. Location can be discussed further once the project has the funding behind it. Paul was here to discuss the letter he got about staying in a camper in his brother's yard. Had slept in last fall and again this summer. He was informed this does not meet the Ordinance that limits camping days to 21. He said he would be out Nov. 1st and Holien told him he could apply for an extended camping license to get through until he moves out. Tennant asked the council how another councilperson that was not in attendance could be removed without cause and felt he was being targeted by the mayor. He was told by Beseler that everyone on the council besides the person in question agreed that actions needed to be taken and there was cause that was documented in the last month's minutes. He questioned actions of council over recent ordinances changes and was told these were all posted in advance and discussed at length at several public meetings prior.

Building – 4 permits issued this month including a new home, replacement garage, fence and roof.

Finance – Reminder to get any budget items to clerk by the first week of October. Meeting dates will be discussed later. ARPA funds have all been used up now with the last amount going towards the total park bathroom repairs. CDs will be renewed at 4.05%

Recreation – Park Bathrooms open and working. Beseler questioned the dog leash sign in the park and why it isn't in the ordinances that way. Council agreed to review the dog ordinance at a future meeting. Fuller would like Superintendent to take the tree by playground that is dropping limbs down.

Cemetery – End of the year appreciation party for Friends of the Cemetery will be in early October.

Health & Safety – Beseler discussed the letters sent and responses on camping as well as a few other issues around the City. She continues to follow up with her list.

Riverfront – Dock removal discussed. Holien would like some brackets changed to remove easier in the future.

Tri-Community – Small amount added to budget. Our amount is up \$1,500 from last year. Fire department will get us amounts for a building wide generator and some lighting for garage before budget time.

Public Works – Discussed the options for putting out mowing bids for next season. Bids will need to be reviewed at October meeting prior to budget.

Mayor's Update – Spoke on situation with Alderperson after last month's meeting. Holien reiterated at no time was this a personal vendetta and that once the City started receiving questions about the ethical incident in question he requested the help of the City Attorney.

City Clerk – Bids for the Folesch farm land lease for 2026-2028 were opened. Two bids were received: Schams - \$180/acre ; Bollinger - \$167/acre Motion Beseler, second Fuller to approve Schams bid at \$180/acre for a three-year contract for the Foelsch farmland for Ben Schams. All yes, motion carried.

LP Bids were reviewed for upcoming heating season. Council consensus to stay with the same company from previous years. Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve Consolidated LP bid. All yes. Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve Resolution 2025-01 Allowing Buffalo City to Apply for WI DNR Forestry Grant. All yes. Motion carried.

Tabled action on alderperson until October.

Motion Fuller, second Beseler to go into closed session per WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss employee evaluations and compensation; and return to open session per WI Statute 19.85(2). Motion Beseler, second Fuller to come out of closed session. Employee compensation will be included in the 2026 Budget.

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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