

**CITY OF BUFFALO CITY REGULAR MEETING-
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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, George Fuller and Kim Beseler. Larry Johansen arrived at the meeting at 7:50pm. City Superintendent Stan Meier was on an ambulance call and arrived at the meeting at 7:45pm. Citizens present: Deb Morem.

Motion Beseler, second Fuller to approve minutes from the previous meeting. All yes, motion carried.

Citizens – Morem thanked for having minutes and agenda posted.

Recreation – Clerk told the board that we were able to apply for the entire balance of the money for the park and found out recently that we were awarded the amount over the \$24,000 grant to cover the additional \$3,359 expense. That and the money not used to replace jailhouse doors this summer due to problems finding the doors leaves the budget with a balance of about \$10,000 which is enough to replace the park well as mandated by the WI DNR. Motion Fuller, second Beseler to accept the proposal from Schaffner plumbing for abandoning the old park well and replacing it with a new well to the DNR code. Discussion on applying for the third and final year of the Urban Forestry Start up grant. Motion Beseler, second Czaplewski to approve Resolution 2024-01 for the Purpose of Funding Urban Forestry Projects. All yes, motion carried. Discussion on advertising for skating rink attendants.

Finance – Discussed the monies that were put into 6-month CDs earlier in the year. We can renew at a rate of 4.75% for another 6 months at this time. Motion Czaplewski, second Fuller to renew CDs. All yes, motion carried.

Building - 7 permits issued with two new home construction permits issued. Another new home application being reviewed. City had a request to have a storage container brought in and used for a shed. Holien asked council opinions on issue. The ordinances do not define what can or can not be used for storage. Would have to be permitted as a garage due to size meaning larger side yard setbacks. Discussion on if it would be considered an eye sore or building. Building committee will meet to discuss and bring back to council.

Health & Safety – Discussion on alley maintenance and adding to ordinances. Czaplewski looking into putting something into ordinance to have someone maintain bushes/trees that are intruding on the alley. In property maintenance could add alley in with the streets and right of way to keep clear. Discussion on how to distinguish whose trees and brush are the issues and who to charge. Holien doesn't think the alleys are needed to be cleared. Fuller disagrees and thinks homeowners should be responsible to keep things growing from off the property. Czaplewski will work up some ordinance ideas and bring them back to the council. Beseler brought up issue with excessive cars and junk piled on a property on 4th Street.. Letter to be sent to actual property owner not to the tenants.

Public Works – Need to get a new street sign for RJ Way in the Cyrus Subdivision. A building permit for a home was recently approved on the street. Cyrus is aware and will be working the street as specified in the subdivision agreement.

Riverfront – Discussion on getting docks out.

Tri-Community Fire Board – Fire Board meeting was held last week. 2025 budget amount went down slightly. Fire Department is not planning on any big expenses in 2025.

BBCM – Discussion on municipalities subsidizing some of the cost of taking brush to the center to try to help lower costs. Czaplewski isn't sure what the rest of the board will think of it. Fuller likes idea of certain dates advertised for free brush days that the municipalities subsidize.

Mayor's Update – Any budget ideas needed by next month.

City Superintendent – Working on painting disc golf. Checking on crack sealing and also working on numbers for budget.

City Clerk – Motion Fuller, second Beseler to approve sale cemetery plots F135-1 and F 135-2 to Holly Mueller. All yes, motion carried. Motion Czaplewski , second Fuller, to approve municipal sale of beer at the last Wednesday in the Park on September 25 in the Buffalo City Park. All yes, motion carried. Reviewed LP quotes. Motion Czaplewski, second Beseler, to approve continuing contract with Consolidated at a rate of \$1.32/gallon. Other bids received from Quality Propane for \$1,489 and Premier for \$1,699.

Motion Fuller, second Beseler to go into closed session per WI Statute 19.85(1)© to discuss employee evaluations and compensation and then return to open session per WI Statute 19.85(2). All yes, motion carried. Motion Johansen, second Czaplewski to come out of closed session. All yes, motion carried.

Other Discussion - Larry and the county health department both met at 11th Street Chicken owner and there was no smell at all in the yard. Clerk said food trucks will continue to come to the park in the month of October.

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

Ben Holien, Mayor

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk

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