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The Buffalo, IA City Council met in special session on Monday, February 28, 1994, at 7:01 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Phil Hoover presiding. Present were Councilmembers Josie Collins, Tom Harland, Jr., David Kinsinger, Dick Nissen, Betty Walters. Absent, none. Purpose of the special meeting was to have a meeting with Linwood Mining & Mineral officials.

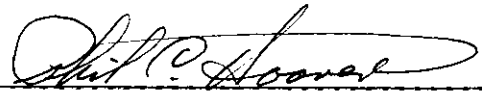
Motion by Walters and Nissen to approve Resolution #16-94, "A RESOLUTION FOR EMBARGO ON CITY STREETS." This will be in effect from March 10 thru June 08. All voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Harland and Kinsinger to approve Resolution #17-94, "A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE FISCAL 1994-1995 BUDGET." The hearing will be held on Monday, March 14, 1994, 6:00 p.m. City Hall. All voted aye. Carried. The tax rate will be \$6.1652, down from \$6.49 in the previous budget of 1993-1994. Motion by Kinsinger and Collins to table Rick Fielders request to attend a wastewater class. All voted aye. Carried.


Council and Mayor and City Attorney Mark Cleve then met with Linwood Mining and Mineral Co. officials Greg Bush, Larry Bush, Jim Teel and Bob Niemela. Linwood wishes the City to approve the reissue of \$2.4 million dollars of Industrial Development Bonds that were originally issued in 1985. Linwood is seeking a lower interest rate on the resale of these bonds. There was discussion between everyone concerning the taxes that actually come to the City of Buffalo from the property taxes paid by Linwood. From a total of \$66,000 paid in taxes, Buffalo receives only \$837.59, according to a printout from the Court House. There was discussion about the curb and gutters being filled with rock and debris, landfill concerns, city liability on the bond issue, the garbage that fell into the mine shaft from the landfill above, safety concerns for the miners, purchase of additional property the landfill may use, annexations, etc. Motion by Kinsinger and Nissen to table any decision until a meeting that will be held on Monday, March 21, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. All voted aye. Carried. Carol Bernauer asked Mr. Bush if the garbage had been removed from the mine that fell into it, and was told the garbage had been removed and the hole filled with lime.

Community input was asked for. Bernauer told council the rate for tax asking went down because the city's valuation is over \$3,000,000 more this year. Even though the rate went down, if a homeowner's valuation went up, they may pay the same amount or more. The county assessor's office went thru the city and reevaluated this past year. Greg Bush said he will do some checking into their taxes to see why Buffalo receives such a small amount.

Motion by Kinsinger and Nissen to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. All voted aye. Carried.

Signed: 

Phil C. Hoover,
Mayor of Buffalo, IA

Attest: 

Carol A. Bernauer,
City Clerk of Buffalo, IA