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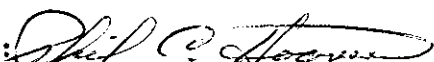
The Buffalo, IA City Council met in special session on Tuesday, October 04, 1994, at 7:02 p.m. at the Buffalo Community Center with Mayor Phil C. Hoover presiding. Present were Councilmembers Josie Collins, Dave Kinsinger, Dick Nissen and Betty Walters. Absent, Tom Harland, Jr.

The purpose of the special meeting was to have an upgrade information session on the water project with Steve Honse of Schemmer Associates and Dave Tallman from Bi-State Planning Commission.

Honse told the audience the City should have at least a storage capacity of 125,000 gallons of water to fight a fire, and our present storage tower holds only 50,000 gallons. He recommends a storage tank of 200,000 gallons to meet new requirements and for future water usage increases by the customers of our system. The old storage tank needs to be scraped down to the bare metal and repainted and repaired. They estimate the cost of this to be between \$80,000 and \$90,000, for the painting only, and another \$12,000 for parts. He would recommend not doing this and giving up that tower. It could be sold and dismantled, and whomever purchased it would be able to do the painting and repairing easier with it on the ground. He also recommended a softener to treat the hard water before it goes thru the system. People on restrictions would have to drink filtered water instead of the softened water, but in the long run the softened water would be best for our pumps, water lines, hydrants, water heaters, etc.

At 8:05 p.m. Dave Tallman explained the grant of \$400,000 we are applying for and the survey that was mailed at random to City residents. The last time a survey was taken in Buffalo for a grant, the eligible percentage was 43.56%, but now it's at 63%, which gives us extra points for the grant. The paperwork for applications is December 15, and the agency will announce the grant recipients approx. 90 days later. Bi-State's fee for doing the paperwork is \$1,250. A tentative motion for Bi-State to proceed with the required paperwork for the grant was made by Walters and Kinsinger. All present voted yes. Absent, Harland. Carried. The formal vote will be at the next council meeting. The City's financial condition and other types of funding for the project will need to be known to get the grant. The entire project will run about \$900,000 and will be financed by bonding.

Motion by Walters and Nissen to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m. All present aye. Absent, Harland. Motion carried.

Signed: 

Phil C. Hoover,
Mayor of Buffalo, IA

Attest: 

Carol A. Bernauer,
City Clerk of Buffalo, IA