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The City Council of Buffalo, IA met on Thursday, March 14, 1996, with Mayor Phil Hoover presiding, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Councilmembers Paula Anderson, Tom Harland, Jr., Dave Kinsinger, Kent Roe and Betty Walters. Absent, none.

Mayor Hoover then declared the meeting open for a public hearing on adoption of the fiscal 1996-97. Mayor Hoover said the tax rate is the same as this year's rate, which is 6.65 per thousand and the ag rate is the same as this year. As no comments were received, either verbally or written, Mayor declared the public hearing closed.

Motion then made by Walters and Roe to approve Resolution #17-96, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FISCAL 1996-1997 BUDGET." All members voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Hoover requested permission from council to attend the spring and fall sessions of the IMFOA meeting in Des Moines. He told them if he wasn't in all of the sessions last year, he was in meetings with F.E.M.A. representatives, Emergency Management Division representatives or other officials who helped us with finalizing the last few homes in Buffalo who were still in question as to whether they would be torn down or reclassified or allowed to conform. All of them have been taken care of in one way or another, with the help of these officials. Motion by Harland and Anderson to allow Mayor Hoover to attend these meetings. Voting yes were Harland and Anderson. Voting no were Kinsinger and Roe. Walters did not vote either way. Mayor Hoover said he is going to attend the meetings.

Motion by Anderson and Harland to pay \$70.00 for Ralph Jewett to take a home study course for his sewer license. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Harland and Walters to table the Flood Plain Management Class until the next regular meeting when we have more information. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Harland and Roe to approve the price of \$792.00 for a sign with rules to be put up at Rose Hill Cemetery. All ayes. Carried.

Spring cleanup was discussed. Mayor Hoover will find out when the city will receive free dumping at the landfill and we will have a city-wide cleanup at that time.

Motion by Kinsinger and Harland to pay the recorders fee at the courthouse for the annexed property that the state put into our city limits. All ayes. Carried.

The council will review the applications for the city attorney position and have a special meeting on Monday, March 18, 6:30 p.m. to decide who they wish to interview for the position. They will review them at their leisure over the next three days at City Hall. This is to be the only item on that agenda.

Committee meeting payments were discussed. If a councilmember has more than one committee meeting in one night, he will be paid for each meeting. The clerk is to check into a new recording sound system for council meetings.


Part time uniform allowance for part time police officers was discussed. We have three part time officers, but one of them only works part time in Buffalo and nowhere else. The past policy has been only to buy shirts and emblems for part time officers. Motion by Kinsinger and Walters that the one part time officer be allowed to purchase other items with his share of the allowance. All voted aye. Carried.


Motion by Kinsinger and Harland to have Mark Cleve continue with our police trials. All voted aye. Carried.

There will be a special meeting on March 20 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue with Rick Fielder at his request. This will be the only item on this agenda at the council's direction.

Community input was asked for. Walters said Linda Sindt of Montpelier is going to have a fishing derby this June. The one held in Buffalo in the past has been discontinued. She would accept any help or donation with this. There will also be a craft show. Harland said about \$2,000 is still needed to order the "Buffalo School" sign and he will ask Sue Stalder of the P.T.A. to attend the April 01 meeting to discuss funds for it.

Motion by Roe and Walters to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. All voted yes. Carried.

Signed: 
Phil C. Hoover, Mayor of Buffalo, IA

Attest: 
Carol Bernauer, City Clerk, Buffalo, IA