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The Buffalo, IA City Council met in special session on Monday, December 23, 1996, at 5:35 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Harland, Jr. presiding. Present were Councilmembers Paula Anderson, Dave Kinsinger, Kent Roe and Betty Walters. Absent, Mayor Hoover. Also present were Hugh Priest, Arthur Eggers and Gary Dunham.

Purpose of the special meeting was to hold a disciplinary hearing with Rick Fielder. Fielder had the choice of an open meeting or a closed meeting. He chose, in writing, to have an open meeting. Present with Fielder was his attorney, Hugh Priest. Present for the City of Buffalo was Arthur Eggers. Gary Dunham represented the Teamsters union.

Council then discussed items with Fielder and Priest concerning the disciplinary hearing items that had been listed in Fielder's letter sent to him by the City union attorney.

Motion made by Kinsinger to give Rick Fielder an indefinite suspension, without pay, pending further investigation. Second made by Walters. Voting aye were Anderson, Kinsinger, Roe and Walters. Voting nay, Harland. Motion carried. Council will decide on January 06 at 5:30 p.m. what, if any, disciplinary action is to be taken with Fielder. All keys and all city stuff is to be turned in to Dwain Bollman tonight while Fielder is on suspension. The suspension is effective immediately.

Motion by Roe and Walters to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. All ayes. Carried.

Signed: Thomas J. Harland, Jr.  
Tom Harland, Jr.  
Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: Carol A. Bernauer  
Carol A. Bernauer, City Clerk