

March 02, 1998

The City Council of Buffalo, Iowa met in regular session on Monday, March 02, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Betty Walters presiding. Present were Councilmembers Paul Anderson, Mitch Greer, Tom Harland, Jr., Bill Sheeder and Ted Teel.

Motion by Harland, seconded by Greer to approve the previous minutes of February 02, 04 and 18. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Harland, seconded by Greer to approve the bills as listed. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Harland to approve the treasurers report for February. Receipts were \$75,058.51 and disbursements were \$66,683.04. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Community Center report was given by Ralph Jewett. Having financial problems with the upkeep of the building. Everything seems to be breaking down all at once. Have several billings that need to be paid in the near future. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Harland, like to propose that the city make a donation of \$3,000.00 to the community center if the money is there. Discussion was asked for, Harland would like to change the dollar amount to \$5,000.00. Anderson withdrew her motion. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Harland, we give to the community center \$5,000.00, if the money is there. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Greer to approve Resolution #12-98, "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAY SINDT TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER COMMISSION." All voted yes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Harland, seconded by Teel to approve Resolution #13-98, "A RESOLUTION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS." All voted yes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

There was no Buffalo Days report.

River Action requesting funds for the River Way Program was discussed. Asking \$900.00 from each town along the river in certain area of Iowa and Illinois. If the city joins the program, we would be included in grant applications for kiosks, etc. This River Way Program has nothing to do with the bike path. Kathy Wine from River Action sent letter to council explaining the program. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Teel that we follow thru and contribute to the River Way Program and be part of it. All ayes. Motion carried. Clerk to decide if to pay out all at once or over the next year. (1998)

The public works report was given by Dwain Bollman. Did rental inspection at a house on Hacker street, it failed so we told owner that he would have to make some improvement if he wanted to continue renting it out. Called DOT and found out what it would take to do the apron work at Oak Street. Did some tree limb trimming for our electrical inspection. Had meeting with Schemmer Assoc. and contractors about liquidated damages on new water building and so far no progress had been made. Engineer still working on the plaque but it would be taken care of. On Friday the 13th, had sewer break, water bubbling up between the track and hwy 22. This break was extra bad because it was under the hwy. Had over 100 ft. of concrete that the break could be under. Plan was to televise the pipe find out exactly where the break was. DNR wanted it fix now. The fix to the break is not a permanent fix. In the future need to figure out something different in that area. Would like to replace the old line with plastic and bore a line under hwy and have the line cased like should have been crossing at Dodge Street.

Had problem at Well #2, the pump wouldn't come on when called for. After some checking found fuse that controls the timer for the lube valve was blown. Replaced fuse and it still wouldn't work. It turned out the timer itself was bad at least the socket for the timer was redesigning and changing location for the timer got it working and back on line. The 24th the lane of hwy 22 that removed for sewer repair was poured. Jamie and myself attended a electrical school on the 25th. 27th received call from the sheriffs at 4:30 a.m. stating that the alarm on the Dodge Street lift station was going off. The water set the alarm off, both pumps were pumping which meant that we would have to pump in on 2nd and Main street so the back up would not make it into basements on 2nd street. Set pumps up and pumped till the alarm quit, had to pump about 4 times that day.

Street apron at Oak & West Front Street was discussed. Dwain said been having alot of trouble with that section of road at Oak street. It is the only street in town that doesn't have the cement approach. Would like to take some of the money that is in for road work and have it done. Have two bids, Collins Concrete and Buffalo Twins Concrete the amounts of the bids are close. At the last street committee meeting this was discussed. Motion by Harland, seconded by Teel to go ahead and put an apron on the street of Oak and West Front Street. All ayes. Motion carried. Dwain will make the decision on who gets the bid. Also to talk to EZ Way about closing of the street and get their opinion on the closing.

Sump pump, etc. expenses for Civic Center was discussed. Dwain Bollman, public works director said he called three different companies about installing the pump at the civic center basement. One company told him it was to small of a job, the other two people that was called showed up, received one bid and no contact with the other person. Received bid from Don Brus Construction in the amount of \$5,900.00. Explained to council what was involved in the bid. Council advised him to contact Daniel Mullanack to see if he would be interested in giving a bid. Motion by Harland, seconded by Teel to go ahead and approve the money after Dwain gets something a little more reasonable but if he can't, use your best judgement, okey to go ahead and do the work. All ayes. Motion carried.

The police report was given by Gage Adams, Chief. Problem with the catalytic converter in the old squad. Stop at Olderog price around \$1,200.00. Council advised him to check for prices first before making a decision. Told of the grant that was put in for the Universal Hiring Program, the city was awarded the grant. Estimated cost of \$70,927.00 for another full time officer for three years. 75% of a police officer. After the three years the city would be expected to put up the cost of this officer. The city has to make a decision on this within 45 days from when Chief Adams received the letter. (Feb. 12, 1998) Motion by Harland, seconded by Anderson to table this issue until the next meeting which is March 11, 1998. All ayes. Motion carried. This item will be further discussed at this time.

Todd Adams reported for the park board. Boat ramp is coming along, weather permitting. Would like to expand parking area. Will be getting with Dwain on this. Ball park lighting is in great need of redoing. Last year approached by the Parent Club, little league baseball puts out a mandate on the ball field lights. It has to meet a certain audit. That audit is, it has to have certain foot candle working lighting thru the field. Right now lights don't even meet a quarter of what they want. Gave letter to council explaining what needs to be done with the lighting. He recommends we either find the money to do the work or we pull the meter on the panel and not be able to use the diamond at night. The lighting is some 20 years old. Gave a price around \$40,000.00. He explained what consisted of the \$40,000.00. If he went thru his shop they will for a price, buy all the materials for us. Do all the trench under ground for power, if we decide to do this and all right with Dwain and city council, Jamie and I will donation our time of hanging all the light fixtures, all wiring uptop and I will put in the panel.

Rough cost of \$23,000.00. Motion by Harland, seconded by Greer to table until March 11, 1998, also park board should get together with city clerk to determine where the money will come from or do something different. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Teel that we contact the other attorneys that were eager to try to be our city attorney, contact them and see if they would be interested in the position. All ayes. Motion carried. There is a list of attorneys that put in applications in 1996 when we hired at that time. Mayor to contact the attorneys.

Committee reports were asked for. Ted Teel and Bill Sheeder have had two ordinance meetings. Ask mayor need a five commission appeal board only have three on that board. If we get ordinances or resolutions thru on that amendment, those people would be a big part on what is going to happen to some of the rental properties. Ordinance committee is updating the Rental Property Inspection Code.

Mayor report was given by Mayor Betty Walters. Met with Schemmers and engineers on water project, didn't agree on anything. Fire station is going to sell van and pumper, need to meet with council to get approved, advertise and get sealed bids. Sent letter to Blue Grass expressed our support of the Surface Transportation Program. Regarding building of a second interchange west of Blue Grass on the proposed Highway 61 bypass. Received check from MidAmerican for \$1,000.00 to plant trees in park. Ask Dwain if wanted JTPA kids, answer no. Signed proclamation to support the month of March to proclaim American National Red Cross Month. Went to Scott County Emergency Management meeting, Davenport will accept the offer of mobile light truck and the mobile command post to the county. YMCA Summer Program received paper, did program last year. Park board to talk about the issue at there next meeting. Put on agenda for April meeting. Need to send a letter to CADS Center asking for the \$3,000.00 dollars for the street work on Utah Ave. that the previous mayor said we were going to receive. (Per Council to write this letter)

Set date(s) for special meetings. The Street Committee will meet on March 25, at 6:00 p.m. at the Morton building. The Park Board will meet on March 25, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. The Employee ~~Relation~~ Committee will meet on March 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Police Station and a Budget Hearing will be March 11, 1998 at 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

Public input was asked for. Councilmember Tom Harland, Jr. as Park Board to write it down if he could use the park again this year on Easter Sunday for the Easter egg hunt.

Motion by Harland, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attest: Deborah L. Guenther
Deborah L. Guenther,
Deputy Clerk, City of Buffalo, Iowa

Signed: Betty O. Walters
Betty O. Walters, Mayor
City of Buffalo, Iowa

General Asphalt, 158.96; MidAmerican, 15,499.82; Quad-City Times, 15.20; City of Buffalo, 141.26; City of Buffalo, 40.03; Utility Equipment, 100.44; Alter & Sons, 561.70; ISCO, 19.95; Hach, 80.45; Best Way, 57.14; City of Buffalo, 59.96; City of Buffalo, 100.00; Carter's Heating, 87.00; Terminix, 32.00; CEC, 78.00; Payless Cashways, 39.23; Electrical Material, 347.10; Cortez Truck, 406.45; Great Western Supply, 182.18; Zuber Lumber, 144.83; Automotive Group, 27.07; Howard Sours, 65.00; Peder Graham, 105.00; Iowa State Police Assn., 30.00; EFTPS, 2930.91; City of Buffalo, 82.24; J.A. Reno, 565.29; Payless Cashways, 46.65; Redmond & Broghammer, 400.00; Midland Scientific, 1730.26; Quad-City Times, 214.93; Harcross Chemicals, 378.00; Panther Uniforms, 61.30; MidAmerican, 1240.10; City of Buffalo, 108.16; Tri-State Fire, 45.25; Racom Corp., 40.20; Iowa State University, 180.00; Treasurer, State of Ia, 1017.90; IPERS, 2406.28; EFTPS, 3078.62; Schemmer Assoc., 726.00; Vulcan, Inc., 369.91; Midland Scientific, 52.00; Bailey-Fischer & Porter, 75.23; I.A.P.M.O., 150.00; I.R.W.A., 150.00; HuMar, 3324.75; U.S. West, 723.97; Heritage Nat'l, 4328.64; U.S. Cellular, 48.17; Quad-City Times, 195.73; B&D Auto, 271.19; Tri-State Fire, 210.00; Quad-City Times, 76.80; AT&T, 20.04; City of Buffalo, 15.02; Meyer Oil, 397.99; Ralph Jewett, 2883.85; Dwain Bollman, 3201.04; Jamie Brooks, 2567.45; Gregg Shaw, 2392.00; Carol Bernauer, 3146.26; Deborah Guenther, 1381.78; Gage Adams, 2557.50; Robert Jackson, 1990.45; Terry Behning, 1773.00; Richard Aleksiejczyk, 312.75; Collections Services Center, 308.60; Clerk of Court, 392.00; AWWA Region VI, 15.00; Gierke-Robinson, 342.53; Office Machine Consultants, 101.52; Analytical Products, 125.00; Terry Durin, 571.38; Gierke-Robinson, 34.50; Linwood Mining, 137.00; Olderog Tire, 230.40; Tri-State, 50.00; Treasurer-State of Ia, 2089.56; Scott County Auditor, 1,627.28; Buffalo Post Office, 300.00; City of Buffalo, 50.85;