

March 11, 1998

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met on Wednesday, March 11, 1998, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Betty Walters presiding. Present were Councilmembers Paula Anderson, Mitch Greer, Tom Harland, Jr., Bill Sheeder and Ted Teel. Absent, none.

The meeting was open for comments for or against the fiscal 1998-1999 budget. Mayor Walters asked if anyone wished to speak during the hearing. No comments were made during the budget hearing. Motion was made to close the hearing and adopt Resolution #14-98 approving the budget by Anderson and seconded by Sheeder. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Carried.

Motion was made by Teel and Harland to advertise the 1989 van for bids and the 1971 International pumper fire truck for bids. All voted aye. Carried. Sealed bids must be in City Hall no later than noon on Wednesday, March 18.

Motion by Anderson and Harland to send two people to an electric deregulation class in April. One person from the office and one from public works will attend. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The position of city attorney was discussed with William McCullough. He will charge the City \$75.00 per hour. After more discussion, motion was made to hire him by Harland and seconded by Anderson. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The COPS program was discussed with the police chief, Gage Adams. As there were no funds put in the budget for this program, motion was made by Anderson and Harland not to accept the grant this year. Next year, Gage will apply for the grant for more part time police officers. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Greer and Teel to approve \$200.00 be used for the Easter egg hunt. All voted aye except Harland, who abstained. Motion carried.

Council discussed the lighting system in City Park. Todd Adams presented an itemized bid from Davenport Electric Contract Co. for \$22,575.00 for the park lighting system, which does not include his free donated labor. Kay and Bob Paschedag said IPSCO makes donations for various projects and would possibly help fund this project. City Clerk said all the funds would be used from this years budget and nothing would be available until after the new budget begins July 01. Motion was made by Teel and seconded by Harland to have the park board meet and decide if this is what they want to spend all their funds on until July 01. All voted aye. Motion carried. The park board will meet on Monday, March 16 at 5:00 p.m. The council will meet again on March 18 to then vote on the expenditure. IPSCO will also be contacted for a donation.

Motion was made by Harland and seconded by Greer to table Resolution #15-98, as there is a question of whether or not there is a vacancy on the park board. All ayes. Motion carried. Public input was asked for.

Motion made by Anderson and Greer to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Signed: Betty O. Walters
Betty O. Walters, Mayor,
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Attest: Carol A. Bernauer
Carol A. Bernauer, City Clerk,
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