

September 08, 1998

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 08, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Betty Walters presiding. Present were Councilmembers Paula Anderson, Tom Harland, Jr., Mitch Greer, Ted Teel and Bill Sheeder. Absent, none.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Greer to approve the previous minutes of Aug. 03. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Harland to approve the bills as listed. All ayes. Carried.

The treasurers report was given. Receipts for August were \$84,946.87 and disbursements were \$107,297.44.

Motion made by Harland, seconded by Greer to approve Resolution #28-98, "1997-1998 D.O.T. STREET FINANCE REPORT." All members voted yes to roll call vote. Motion Carried.

A new furnace for the fire station was discussed with Fire Chief Terry Adams. There is no furnace at the present time in the station. Have received two bids to remodel the heating system. Motion by Teel, seconded by Sheeder to approve the new furnace in the fire station and to accept the bid for \$6,896.00 from Kauffman Companies. All ayes. Carried.

Todd Adams and Judy Hammons from the Park Board were here to discuss new scoreboard, a lighting fee and park improvements. Have opportunity to receive a new scoreboard donated from Pepsi. Will have to serve pepsi products at concession stand, provide a little league team, have a contract and a sign with pepsi products on it. Motion by Harland, seconded by Greer to check into getting this scoreboard from Pepsi and having the attorney take a look at the contract. All ayes. Carried. Like to assess \$10.00 per hour fees to the lights at the park. The fee will not effect the youths of the city only the adults. Also would like to have a checking or savings account set up for the park board in their name and put the money into the account for replacement parts for the lights. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Teel assess a lighting fee of \$10.00 per hour organizations other than youth leagues at the city park, there was more discussion on what you consider youth. Mayor stated should have an ordinance on this. The ordinance committee will need to draw up one. At this point Anderson withdrew her motion for the lighting fee and until the ordinance committee can get together get something done and get with the attorney. Park improvements would like approval of 10 baby swings, run about \$89.00 each, 2 benches and ball field improvement cost around \$1000.00. Motion by Greer, seconded by Sheeder to let the park board go ahead and spend money to make the improvements for 10 baby swings, 2 benches and ball field improvement. All ayes. Carried.

Park Board report was given by Judy Hammons and Todd Adams. Having problem getting the bathrooms open at the park when there are picnics. No one on the board has keys also the park doesn't get open. Two full sets of park keys will be given to Judy and Todd. Boat ramp is progressing, new lights just need to be adjusted, a gazebo in the memory of Ralph Jewett has started. Funds for this is coming from the Cars in the Park and the flea markets that Ralph started. Drain tile will be going in at the river front. Hours for the beach area, nothing will be done this year, will be discussed at a later time for next year. Old barge at the river front was discussed on how to remove it. Mayor to look into this item.

The public works report was given by Dwain Bollman, Director. Picked up a trailer full of building scrap dumped it. Have the electric trucks tested, required every year by the ICC. Took ford truck to River City Ford transmission slipping. Talked to DOT about sidewalks being installed along HWY22. Installed 2 stop signs, East and West lanes, at the intersection of Oak and Chestnut. Gregg and Rich attended a Waste Water Workshop. Filled cracks and holes on Y40. Had electric problem at Clark's. MidAmerican lost power several times on Aug. 17th. On Aug. 18th, had major water leak. Found the break at WWTP and repaired. Received violation notice from the state that we failed getting a nitrite sample from well #2. Did all the requirements that was needed to correct the problem. Started on the river front a gazebo, in the memory of Ralph Jewett. Council would like the city to look into getting a plaque. The old water tower has been disassembled. Like to get permission to send Jamie and Rick to Electric Overhead School in Ames, Sept. 16th, 17th and 18th. Attentive agreement was given by council. This will be on the next agenda.

The fenceline at Rose Hill Cemetery and Ash Street was discussed. Eldon Mosier retired employee of the city was here to give input on the issue. He was employed at the time the fence was put in. Been several stories on who owns the fence and who has to clean the fencelines, the city of Russ Saur. Motion by Harland, seconded by Anderson to have Dwain check with attorney, find out the legality of clearing this fence and once this is checked out then we can make a decision on how we are going to handle this. All ayes. Carried. The Catholic section of the fence will be cleaned when it gets cooler.

City employees opening and closing of gravesites in the Catholic section of the cemetery was discussed. A map will be issued from Eldon Mosier of the Catholic section so when there is a grave to be dug, the city will have some kind of an ideal where the grave is to be dug, still will have to get ahold of Eldon as to which grave is to be dug.

There was discussion on a request from the Buffalo Ambulance to install radio tower on our new water tower. Councilmember Ted Teel spoke on behalf of the ambulance, due to the two representatives had to leave on a call. They need a radio tower and their budget doesn't show they can afford to build one. They need an antenna that high. They don't understand the letter they received from the city attorney. Council don't foresee a problem, but should have ordinance written into our books. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Sheeder to table, have a special meeting with council, attorney, ambulance service and Dwain. All ayes. Carried.

The police report was given by Gage Adams, Chief. Have opening in police department. Police Officer Robert Jackson is no longer employed with the city, went to county. Council will interview applicants for the vacant position on Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 5:00 p.m. at 15 minutes intervals. Gage like to attend Iowa Policeman Conference in Oct. Will get info to council.

School bus stops were discussed. Mitch Greer had citizen call him last month, have 5 bus stops, kids leaving their litter at the stops. Would like to see barrels put at stops or some kind of containers. Motion by Teel, seconded by Greer to have Dwain look into buying some, smaller trash containers to be installed at the 5 bus stops in Buffalo. All ayes. Carried. They will be like the small container located in front of city hall.

Community Center report was given by Lynn Kinkennon. Need to fix air conditioning and heating unit. Carter price \$5,000.00. New awning need to be installed. Would like a copper awning. Cost \$1,400.00. Money is there for the items. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Greer to approve the heating and awning to be approved for the community center. All ayes. Carried.

There was no Buffalo Days report or Committee reports. Mayor Walters gave a brief report. Letter was sent to a company, they are cleaning up the area. Going to River Action Sept. 11th, could get a grant. Received call from resident would like to see barrels on the beach for trash. Attending a dinner and dance, Alter and Blackhawk Fleet are celebrating their 100th year at the Lady Luck New Hotel.

Set dates for special meetings. A date will be set up with the city, attorney, ambulance service and Dwain to talk about the request to install a radio tower on our new water tower.

Public input was ask for. Judy Hammons, weeds in sand at park around play equipment need to be removed, what should be taken off graves at cemetery at the time of clean up week, like to see dumpster at cemetery instead of trash in piles. Todd Adams, concern about weeds growing at river front. Ted Teel, old headstones in cemetery being freshly damaged, when city sends letters out for residents to clean up yards that they should be followed up on. Had a citizen approach him on a letter. Also, if there is no city plan for the property that the old water tower sat on, that he would be interested in it in the future.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Harland to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. All ayes. Carried.

Attest: Deborah L. Guenther
Deborah L. Guenther, Deputy Clerk
Buffalo, IA

Signed Betty O. Walters
Betty O. Walters, Mayor
Buffalo, IA

Treasurer, State of Ia, 1897.71; Wal-Mart, 185.32; Iron Horse Prod., 85.85; Tom Zuber, 547.50; Farm & Fleet, 138.99; MidAmerican, 29,752.47; Pitney Bowes, 199.35; General Asphalt, 303.76; Utility Equip., 19.76; The Outhouse, 150.00; Grass Groomers, 4964.29; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 461.40; I.A.M.U., 168.00; K&K Hardware, 6.38; John Conger, 90.00; Lucille Sissel, 107.00; LW&KJ Enterprise, 245.00; Panther Uniform, 24.45; Arch Paging, 9.72; Dahl Ford, 149.25; Humane Society, 136.50; Healthy Habits, 82.95; Big Thirst Beverage, 9.00; The Des Moines Register, 195.61; S.A.S.W.M.C., 175.50; Regalia, 5.22; Alexis Fire Equip., 330.00; Lawson Products, 23.86; United Lab, 91.60; Northern Gravel Co., 473.20; Interstate Batteries, 93.80; Hach Co., 143.50; Sams Club, 120.00; Karen Bernauer, 50.00; Dennis White, 50.00; Quad-City Times, 365.37; EFTPS, 3,084.71; City of Buffalo, 242.61; J.A. Reno, 483.21; Heritage Nat'l, 3819.93; Adams Door Co., 113.09; Redmond, Broghammer, 400.00; EFTPS, 1666.96; City of Buffalo, 171.15; Jack Carlson, 157.50; Safety-Kleen, 65.00; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 291.54; Cummins Great Plains, 7.47; Cabela's, 192.70; Buffalo Post Office, 300.00; Iowa Fluid Power, 273.46; River City Ford, 1475.21; Hempel Pipe, 10.07; Clarks Landing, 26.69; AT&T, 5.72; U.S. Cellular, 294.30; City of Buffalo, 39.87; EFTPS, 2637.47; Terminix, 32.00; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 258.60; General Asphalt Construction, 236.25; Trust-X, 58.90; Iowa Fluid Power, 26.23; Capital Group, 12.08; Payless Cashways, 21.82; Municipal Management Corp., 917.00; Office Machine Consultants, 94.12; Fifith Third Leasing Co., 19,973.72; Quad-City Times, 98.40; HuMar, 3324.75; IPERS, 2518.59; Treasurer, State, 1179.00; City of Buffalo, 79.04; Scott County Treasurer, 14.00; Dwain Bollman, 3257.23; Jamie Brooks, 2990.83; Richard Derrickson, 2176.22; Gregg Shaw, 2516.85; Carol Bernauer, 3059.42; Deborah Guenther, 992.31; Gage Adams, 2858.52; Robert Jackson, 5933.00; Terry Behning, 2014.22; Richard Aleksiejczyk, 586.08; James Morrissey, 201.11; Shari Nissen, 171.56; Richard Nissen, 204.35; Karen Bernauer, 669.50; Collection Services, 562.60; Robert Jackson, Clerk of Court, 291.00; U.S. Cellular, 16.98; City of Buffalo, 90.00; IPERS, 2518.59; Treasurer, State, 2491.67; Quad-City Times, 103.96; Hach Co., 144.70; I.A.M.U., 267.19; Alter&Sons, 31.23; MidAmerican, 24,156.59; Teamsters Local #234, 149.00; Interstate Battery, 294.70; S.A.S.W.M.C., 180.25; Grass Groomers, 4964.29; Lowes, 78.69; City of Buffalo, 59.97; MidAmerican, 1174.54; The Outhouse, 141.00; U.S. West, 225.14;