

February 09, 1999

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in special session on Tuesday, Feb. 09, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Betty Walters presiding. Present were Councilmembers Mitch Greer, Kent Roe, Bill Sheeder and Ted Teel. Absent, none.

Purpose of the special meeting was to work on the fiscal 1999-2000 budget.

Motion was made by Greer and seconded by Teel, to approve Resolution #03-99, "A RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF MIKE DEIERLING". Mayor Walters told Council the letter from City Attorney Bill McCullough states it would be a conflict of interest for a member to vote on a relative, and recommended not voting. Voting yes were Greer, Teel and Sheeder. Roe voted no. Mayor Walters stated at this time she is vetoing the resolution and it does not pass. It will be on the next agenda.

Motion was made by Roe and Greer to pass Resolution #03-99, "A RESOLUTION FOR A STREET EMBARGO". This will be effect from February 22 thru April 15. All voted yes on a roll call vote. Carried.

The farm field on the south side of the cemetery was discussed. Bollman will contact the farmer and inform him we will take charge of that field this year. At some time in the future, it will be platted for cemetery lots. All members agreed to have Bollman notify the farmer.

At this time, everyone worked on the new budget. After some time, Council decided to approve the publication and hearing date for the new budget. The tax rate will remain the same as it has for the previous five years at a rate of 6.65. The Council is aware the water rates and sewer rates need to be increased as they have been in the red for several years.

Motion was made by Teel and Roe to approve Resolution #04-99, "A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FISCAL 1999-2000 BUDGET FOR MARCH 11, 6:00 P.M. CITY HALL". Voting yes were Roe, Sheeder, Teel and Greer. Motion carried. The clerk will prepare the paperwork for the hearing.

Public input was asked for. Teel asked why Deierling wasn't allowed to be seated on the Council? Mayor Walters said she is going by the city attorneys letter stating it is a conflict of interest to have relatives appoint (or vote) for relatives to fill the vacancy. Her veto of the appointment requires a 2/3 vote of the whole council to override the veto. As the Council is made of five seats, it takes four to override the veto. There was considerable discussion between Council, Mayor and Mr. Deierling about the vacancy. At the next council meeting, the three (3) residents that applied for the position will be considered for the vacancy. Motion was made by Roe and Greer to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. All ayes. Carried.

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

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