

May 03, 1999

The City Council of Buffalo, Iowa, met in regular session on Monday, May 03, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Betty Walters presiding. Present were Councilmembers Mitch Greer, Kent Roe, Bill Sheeder and Ted Teel.

Motion was made by Roe and Teel to approve the previous minutes of April 05. All voted aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Roe and Teel to approve the listed bills. All ayes. Carried.

The treasurers report was not ready and will be put in the mailboxes at City Hall.

No one was present to give a "Buffalo Days" report. There was nothing to report from the park board. Mayor Walters said the Community Center is doing okay and there is no report.

Dwain Bollman gave the public works report. A copy is available at City Hall for reading.

The police report was given by Gage Adams. He told Council the County will loan us the funds to purchase new equipment for communications for the police department and be repaid in five years at no interest. He had no figures and the Council did not act on it. Teel asked Adams about the equipment for the fire department as they will also have to go to this new type eventually. Adams said he would get more information.

Motion was made by Roe and Sheeder to approve Ann Menke, CPA, for the City audit. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Greer and seconded by Roe to approve Resolution #11-99, "A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 09 - MAY 15 AS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK". Voting yes were Teel, Sheeder, Roe and Greer. Motion carried.

Mayor Walters proclaimed May 06 as "NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER".

There was discussion of the decision of the Board of Adjustment's decision on a variance request from Larry Sexton. Of the five variance boards members, four out of the four present had voted to deny the request of Mr. Sextons. Motion was made by Roe and seconded by Teel to uphold the decision of the variance board. Voting yes to uphold the decision were Roe, Sheeder and Teel. Greer abstained. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Howard from River Action was present to speak to the Council and Mayor about the plans of River Action. After her presentation, motion was made by Teel and Greer to approve the expenditure of \$1500, which may be paid as we wish during the next three years. Voting yes were Teel, Greer and Sheeder. Roe voted no. Motion carried. A kiosk with some history of Buffalo will be installed on our riverfront where we wish, along with some river markers.

There was great discussion on some of the tagged vehicles and nuisance letters that were mailed out in the last couple of weeks. Present with input were Chad Awbrey, Brian Briggs, Brenda Adams, Kenneth Thiessen. There were some vehicles that were tagged last year that still had not been moved. There were complaints of the detailing business on East Front Street that is extremely unsightly and possibly dangerous to small children and has a large amount of standing water in the rear that backs up into the school playground area and has an oily smell. The police chief will visit them this week to tag the vehicles and check out some of the problems. A letter will also be sent to the Davenport School Board asking them for their assistance with this problem. Briggs said he was the only person fined last year, out of 65 letters that were mailed then, and he got another letter this time. He asked about other yards that needed cleaning and was told another 35 letters had been mailed out to residents. Mayor Walters said he was fined because of neighbor complaints and when we receive complaints, something is done. Dana Jo Smith said she is cleaning up her property and will take advantage of the free cleanup week in May. Chief Adams said that

of the two towing operators he had contacted, they wanted the money when they tow the vehicles, or the title to the vehicle so they can sell them. He asked the Council where the funds were going to come from to pay the towing company. Mayor Walters said we would amend the budget. He was told to tag all the vehicles at the detailing business and begin towing them.

There were no committee reports. The following meeting dates were set:
The street committee will meet on Thursday, May 06 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.
The employees relations committee will meet on Tuesday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. The water sewer committee will meet on Tuesday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Public input was asked for. Brian Briggs and Dana Jo Smith spoke of the letters and junk.

Motion was made by Greer and Sheeder to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Carried. At this time Larry Sexton said he wanted to talk. He told Council and Mayor about his variance meeting and made comments about the clerk, building inspector and public works director. After several minutes, Council did not change the decision and motion was again made by Greer and Sheeder to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Carried. The time of adjournment was 8:51 p.m.

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

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

Illowa Communications, 15.00; Tom Zuber, 645.00; Schemmer Assoc., 1112.30; Payless Cashways, 27.12; Utility Equip., 260.91; Scott Area Landfill, 397.50; Chemsearch, 151.25; I.A.M.U., 33.00; Wm McCullough, 318.75; Great Western Supply, 98.31; City of Buffalo, 158.90; Lowes, 63.19; City of Buffalo, 47.88; EFTPS, 1704.49; Buffalo Parents Club, 500.00; EFTPS, 1611.17; Officemax, 171.79; City of Buffalo, 91.11; Ia Dept. of Natural Resources, 32.00; I.A.M.U., 38.00; Dept. of Natural Resources, 20.00; Betty Walters, 181.00; Cummins Great Plains, 22.42; Central Salt, 164.32; Pitney Bowes, 395.75; Heritage National, 5259.73; Payless Cashways, 23.54; J.A. Reno, 639.52; Bi-State, 200.00; Hygienic Lab, 66.00; IEEE, 171.00; Adel, 23.76; Meyer Oil Co., 45.00; City of Buffalo, 126.95; Redmond, Broghammer, 400.00; Humane Society, 201.50; Hempel Pipe, 50.56; United Lab, 126.15; Iowa One Call, 18.40; General Diesel, 292.62; Xerox, 15.00; Quad City Water Treatment, 215.00; AT&T, 10.33; Michelle Collins, 178.93; Carter's Heating, 177.94; U.S. Cellular, 319.73; AT&T, 42.45; OfficeMax, 169.99; MidAmerican, 15,768.03; U.S. West, 754.33; City of Buffalo, 92.49; Quad-City Times, 77.00; Office Machine Consultants, 61.50; AT&T, 19.26; HuMar, 3324.75; Humane Society, 60.00; EFTPS, 1470.27; Holiday Inn Airport, 291.20; Treasurer, State of Ia, 1075.00; IPERS, 2599.46; Treasurer, State of IA, 1608.36; EFTPS, 1731.58; Meyer Oil, 699.05; K & K Hdw., 98.42; Polk, 271.50; Environmental Resource, 208.90; Great Western Supply, 147.54; Olderog, 231.96; Officemax, 103.96; U.S. Cellular, 19.08; U.E.C.O., 331.01; IAMU, 75.00; Crystal Hutchison, 178.50; Iowa League of Cities, 80.00; Lowe's, 150.55;