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The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in special session on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Hoover presiding. Councilmembers present were Greer, Kimes, Sheeder and Teel. Absent, Adams. Purpose of the special meeting was to meet with residents from the 1300 and 1400 blocks of West Front Street concerning extending sewer lines to that area.

Approximately four homes were represented from the area and some sewer line specialists were present along with the Public Works Director, Dwain Bollman.

If the City of Buffalo extends the sewer main line to that area, the cost will be approximately \$33,000. Every home and/or business would be forced to hook into the sewer line if they are within 100' of the main line. The estimated cost of the homeowner to hook into the main line is between \$6500 and \$8800, depending on how many hookups there are. This cost is the homeowners responsibility. There was discussion of checking into grants that may be available for these expenses. One resident said she had just installed a new septic system in 1993, and did not feel that she should have to be forced into hooking onto it. Another homeowner is in the position that he must do one or the other immediately. Some residents simply do not want to have to hook up to the sewer until some time in the future, with no certain deadline.


There was some discussion from those present that within three years, all septic users in the state or even in the country will be forced to join a sanitary sewer system and get off the septic system. This is not just the City's regulations, but the health department is also involved and they have regulations concerning the septic systems.

After more discussion of grants, a motion was made by Greer and Teel to table any decision tonight and have another special meeting on this subject on Wednesday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. All present voted aye. Carried. Mayor and Bollman will check into any grants that may be available for this.

Motion was made by Teel and Greer to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:20 p.m. All present voted aye. Absent, Adams. Motion carried.

Signed: 

Phil C. Hoover, Mayor, Buffalo, IA

Attest: 

Carol A. Bernauer, City Clerk,
Buffalo, IA