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The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in special session with Mayor Hoover presiding at City Hall on Wednesday, October 25, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were Kimes, Greer, Sheeder, Teel and Britcher. None absent. Purpose of the special meeting was to meet with residents of the 1300 and 1400 blocks of West Front Street concerning running sewer mains to their area with the possibility of some of them connecting to it.

Mayor Hoover gave his report from some meetings with state officials in Des Moines last week concerning this problem of septic systems and the cost involved in extending the sewer mains to that area and their expense of connecting to it. Dwain Bollman, Public Works Director, reported that upon checking into any grants available, he doesn't know of any available to individuals, but there are some community grants available. A couple of the residents present have fairly new septic systems and do not want to connect because of the great expense. A couple of the residents are in desperate need to connect now because of problems with their septic systems and do not want the expense of having to do both, a new septic system and then having to connect to the new city sewer system when and if it is extended to them.

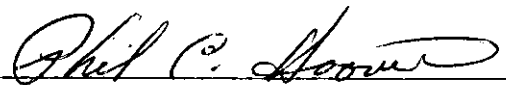
Mayor told them if the extension is approved, it would be at least a year before it would be finished and ready for connecting to it. There was discussion of whether or not to change the ordinance pertaining to mandatory hookup to sewer lines if it runs within 200 feet. Council will decide on this at a later time. There was some discussion of the expense of running a line under the railroad property and the large expense of their approval and fee. There was also discussion of running a water main on top of the sewer main in the same trench to avoid the additional trenching for water at a later time. There was discussion of a certain type of pump for the sewage that is pumped thru the lines and how it works in a flood zone area.


Mayor Hoover said due to the large expense of running this line, there must be a preliminary study done before approving this extension, plus a public hearing and other items that are required according to the state. After more discussion, motion was made by Teel and Greer to have Steve Honse do a preliminary plan and go from there. The residents will be notified a week in advance when another special meeting is scheduled to discuss this extension. All voted aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Greer and Kimes to approve Resolution #33-2000, "A RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY". Voting yes were Britcher, Kimes, Greer and Sheeder. Teel abstained. Motion carried. The clerk asked where the money should come from to pay for this purchase. Motion was made by Greer and Sheeder to use the option tax funds from the community development to pay it. All said aye, except Teel, who abstained. Carried.

Public input was asked for. There was additional discussion from a resident who had arrived late and was filled in on some of the information he had missed. The clerk asked the residents how many homes planned on connecting to the new main, and was told five or six of the homes will connect to it. Mayor Hoover was asked to check with the city engineer to see how long it would be before he could start working on this project along with our other projects we have going with him.

Motion was made by Teel and Sheeder to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Signed: 
Phil C. Hoover, Mayor, Buffalo, IA

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