

December 04, 2000

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in regular session on Monday, December 04, 2000, at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Hoover presiding. Councilmembers present were Britcher, Greer, Sheeder. Absent, Kimes and Teel. (Kimes arrived at 7:02 p.m.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and fifteen seconds to reflect. Motion was made by Greer and Britcher to approve the minutes of November 06 and 29. All present aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sheeder and Greer to approve payment of the listed bills. All present aye. Kimes arrived at this time. Motion carried.

Item #5 was a possible discussion with a Teamsters representative if able to attend the meeting. Mayor said this item would only be discussed in a separate special council meeting, scheduled by the Mayor, and not waste the valuable time in a regular meeting.

The Community Center report was given by Lynn Kinkennon. Everything is going all right, and the building is scheduled most of the time.

Computer training for the office was discussed. The clerks will be receiving two days of training on December 12 and 13. The office will have a CLOSED sign on the door outside, and the phone will be on an answering machine. As one of the days scheduled is a regular day off for Bernauer, she will have her choice of using another day off to make up for it sometime this month. Motion by Sheeder and Greer to approve the alternate day off. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Greer and Sheeder to change the regular January meeting to January 08, 2001. All ayes. Carried.

The Buffalo Historical Society requested three items from the City. Meeting room, burial site, and funds. Motion was made by Greer and Sheeder to approve the items. All ayes. Carried. The time capsule will be buried sometime in the next month or so.

Motion was made by Sheeder and Britcher to approve the renewal of E Z Way Store beer license. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Sheeder and Greer to approve the renewal of Caseys General Store beer license. All ayes. Carried.

There was discussion of Resolution #37-2000, "A RESOLUTION FOR PART TIME PUBLIC WORKS". This was to give the two part time public works employees a .25¢ per hour increase, as recommended by the Employees Relations Committee meeting. There was a lot of discussion as to why this was recommended by the Public Works Director. He told Council this resulted from a previous meeting and the wage and classification schedule that was passed by Council. After some time, motion was made by Greer and Sheeder to approve this, effective this date. Voting yes were Sheeder, Kimes, Greer and Britcher. Absent, Teel. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Greer and Britcher to discuss Resolution #44-2000, "A RESOLUTION FOR PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS". This was to give two part time police officers a .25¢ an hour increase, as recommended by the Employees Relations Committee meeting. There was a lot of discussion of giving them a .35¢ an hour increase instead of the .25¢ as recommended, because of the danger of their jobs. Motion was made by Greer and Britcher to give them a .35¢ per hour increase effective this date. Voting yes were Britcher, Greer and Sheeder. Kimes voted no, and Teel was absent. Carried.

There was discussion of Resolution #45-2000, "A RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYEES". This was to give the employees an annual bonus, as recommended by the Employees Relations Committee meeting. Motion made by Greer and Britcher to discuss the Resolution. There was a lot of discussion as to why a member of the committee now wanted to change the resolution. After some time, Kimes and Sheeder made the motion to approve the Resolution as is. Voting yes were Kimes and Sheeder. Voting no were Greer and Britcher. Absent, Teel. Motion not carried.

The Public Works report was given by Dwain Bollman. He told of a water main break we had last week and his progress on the water and sewer projects, along with Steve Honse of Veenstra & Kimm. They have new rates for a proposed water and sewer rate increase to be phased in over the next five years. This way they will be small rate increases each year for the next five years. There was considerable discussion on increasing the rates due to the number of families on fixed incomes. Mayor Hoover said everyone is on a fixed income and they will have to live with it. Council has not yet decided on how to finance the sewer treatment plant sludge project that is presently being planned by the City. The Council will set a date at the end of this meeting for a water/sewer committee meeting to discuss rates again.

Motion was made by Greer and Kimes to discuss Resolution #46-2000, "A RESOLUTION FOR EXTENSION OF GRASS GROOMERS MOWING CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF BUFFALO, IOWA." Richard Peek was present to explain his request for an extended contract in order to purchase specialized equipment to use along our ditches that would not be used elsewhere. After some time, motion was made by Greer and Sheeder to approve the resolution. Voting yes were Greer, Britcher, Kimes and Sheeder. Absent, Teel. Carried.

Greer had an ordinance from the city attorney to install STOP signs at 2nd & Washington and 3rd & Washington Streets, making each of them three (3) way STOP intersections. As the ordinance wasn't presented to the Clerks office for the agenda, this was for discussion only. There was some confusion as to the wording, so it will be on the January agenda.

Council was told there are only 60 grave lots available left at our Rose Hill Cemetery. Each of these lots have two gravesites. When these are sold, there is no more space available to sell for gravesites, as the City sold our reserve area for the new school. There was discussion of the Saur property on the North and some private lots on the West side along Hacker Street. Adams said the City can always condemn property for the cemetery. Mayor said he wasn't for condemning, but will go shopping for some area.

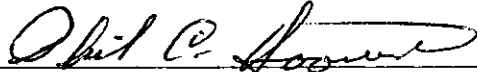
Gage Adams gave his police report. Mayor Hoover gave his report. He said he is checking into annexing the Evergreen Trailer Park area into the City, but does not wish to annex the Buffalo Estates Manor Trailer Park just North of our City limits until it is cleaned up. He spoke of the five year plan just ending and the need for another one. Also of elevation certificates that are needed for every building permit in our flood plain areas. He told Honse he wants an itemized monthly billing from his firm from now on.

There was no Park Board report as they do not meet in December and January. There were no committee reports. The treasurers report was given. The receipts for November were \$113,724.57 and disbursements were \$109,865.60. The following dates were given for committee meetings: December 06, 5:00 p.m. City Hall, Employee Relations; December 18, 6:00 p.m., special meeting; December 20, 6:00 p.m., Britcher wants a park board meeting scheduled. December 20, 6:00 p.m., Finance/Ordinance meeting, City Hall.

Public input was asked for. Donna Roe asked why the councilmembers on a committee change their minds from what they decided at a committee meeting to the council meeting? Kenny Bernauer said if they are going to change from what they say they are going to recommend at a committee meeting and change it at the council meeting, the committee meetings are just a waste of time and money. Greer said he has the right to change his mind between the two meetings. There was heated discussion concerning some of the ways that the resolutions read and were changed during the meeting. Mayor said not to come to the meetings if you don't like the way things change.

At this point Dwain Bollman told the Council he wished Gage Adams was still here so he could tell him he has the utmost respect for the dangers a policeman encounters during his job, but a couple of statements made tonight upset him greatly and Bollman wants the Council to find out how many police officers were killed in the line of duty in the state of Iowa and how many public works or utility workers were killed on the job in the state of Iowa? -He thinks the numbers will tell just what job is more dangerous, and he then left at this point.

Motion was made by Britcher and Greer to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Signed: 

Phil C. Hoover, Mayor, Buffalo, IA

Attest: 

Carol Bernauer, City Clerk, Buffalo, IA

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Scott County Engineer, 978.84; Tom Zuber, 607.50; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 151.00; Xerox Corp., 17.00; Zuber Lumber, 214.64; Matthews Office, 198.30; Don Mosier, 110.00; Beachler Enterprise, 285.00; Teamsters Local #238, 248.00; Interstate Batteries, 29.00; Officemax, 173.37; Lowe's, 265.47; Officemax, 799.96; Outhouse, 131.00; Great Western Supply, 389.79; Arch, 9.33; Psychology Assoc., 150.00; Racom, 121.50; Olderog Tire, 46.95; Wal-Mart, 95.24; MidAmerican, 16,498.16; Payless Cashways, 342.64; Quad-City Times, 108.4; Quad City Water Treatment, 97.50; Waste Management, 3325.56; Elliott Equip., 27.75; Kirkwood Community College, 230.00; First USA Bank, 21.95; Nutrient Technologies, 800.00; Pitney Bowes, 60.62; Merle Gayman, 506.25; EFTPS, 2395.06; ShopKo, 27.19; Scott County Auditor, 8.50; Officemax, 586.64; City of Buffalo, 148.25; Scott County Assessor, 13.00; ShopKo, 19.21; Wal-Mart, 12.75; City of Buffalo, 234.22; Quad-City Times, 53.11; City of Buffalo, 145.00; Bankers Trust Co., 16655.00; Racom Corp., 392.15; J.A. Reno, 599.40; Pitney Bowes, 143.55; City of Buffalo, 150.00; John Deere Health, 5362.81; EFTPS, 1631.66; City of Buffalo, 15.75; EFTPS, 1767.71; QWest, 982.30; Otto Olsen, 18.36; Iowa One Call, 26.00; Knopp, Inc., 823.68; IMC Salt, 377.87; Carters Heating, 175.00; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 524.70; Culligan, 15.25; Book Publishing, 269.59; Zimmer&Francescon, 1291.05; Lowes, 265.47; Law Enforcement, 428.00; Panther Uniforms, 74.80; Norris Motor Sport, 85.34; Veenstra & Kimm, 150.00; Payless Cashways, 18.76; Office Machine Consultants, 97.28; David Binegar Client Trust Acct., 12,500.00; Racom, 124.00; U.S. Cellular, 17.54 Terminix, 36.00; AT&T, 91.45; U.S. Cellular, 437.19; EFTPS, 1901.72; Treasurer, State of Ia, 1266.00; IPERS, 3051.00; Treasurer, State of Ia, 2387.67; Casad Gunsmithing, 42.50; Fred's Towing, 35.00; Matthews Office Equip., 63.28; Panther Uniforms, 119.00; Uniform Den, 43.50; I.A.M.U., 376.25; Payless Cashways, 106.17; Allen Collins, 57.60; AT&T, 22.61; Racom Corp. 129.20; Olderog, 14.50;