

March 05, 2001

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in regular session on Monday, March 05, 2001, at 7:01 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Hoover presiding. Councilmembers present were Kimes, Greer, Roe, Sheeder and Teel. Absent, none.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and there was fifteen seconds for reflection.

Motion was made by Roe and Teel to approve the minutes of February 05, 15 and 20. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Teel and Roe to approve payment of the listed bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lynn Kinkennon gave the Community Center report. She told of a problem with someone attempting to break into their shed.

Teel told Council he is looking into property on Front Street that could possibly be purchased from the owner for a new fire station. He has spoken with the property owner and although he is not eager to sell, he will listen to what the Council has to say. Teel said they have a new fire truck coming in another year, and it won't work well with the present fire station building. Council will continue to check further into this.

Resolution #06-2001 was discussed at length. The resolution is for the clerk and deputy clerk to cosign all checks that are written. Last year the Mayor gave the clerks a letter that he would cosign all checks only on Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2:00 p.m. This was changed to Tuesdays and Thursdays due to one employee that leaves at 2:00 daily and would not receive his check until the following Monday. When a holiday fell on Monday or Tuesday, more problems came up on having to wait for checks to be signed. Many years ago it was recommended by the city auditor to have two signatures on each check, and this has been done since then. It did not have to be the Mayor and one clerk. Mayor said it is in the Iowa Code Book that the Mayor must sign all checks. He said the clerks are not accountable to anyone writing checks with their signatures only. Teel said they are accountable to him and the other councilmembers sitting there, and he is comfortable with that. They know how to do their jobs and they don't need someone sitting in there with them to make sure they are doing them. Mayor said the bills never add up to what is listed as the monthly expenditures. The clerk told him the bills are typed up as they come in, and some are paid right away, and some are held until further information is received, but the actual amount of checks written during that month are taken from the checks themselves written in that month. They are also available anytime to anyone that wishes to check them. Mayor said a letter of reprimand would be coming from the Iowa Attorney Generals Office for the holiday bonuses that were given to the employees in 1999. Teel said that issue has been taken care of and is not an issue now. Teel said the Mayor acts like he doesn't trust the clerks, and Mayor said he doesn't. Motion was made by Roe and seconded by Teel to approve Resolution #06-2001. The Mayor said he will veto this resolution if it is passed. Teel told the Mayor he acts like he has a personal vendetta against the clerks office and that is wrong. Mayor said right, very much so. Teel and Roe said that is very wrong. On a roll call vote, voting for the resolution were Roe, Teel, Kimes and Sheeder. Greer voted no. Motion carried. Roe told the Mayor to go ahead and veto it now, and they would vote again right now and override his veto. Mayor said he has 14 days to veto it, and they would get a letter in the mail in that fourteen days.

Dwain Bollman gave his public works report. He reported that he had made a trip to downstate Illinois to look at equipment for the treatment plant, but it didn't work out. He and others will be watching for used equipment, such as a large tank and tractor to spread the sludge from the treatment plant, and if he hears of some, he will travel to check it out, rather than having to purchase new equipment. He told of having to use the pumps for the heavy rain we received and repair or replacement of a pump.

Motion was made by Roe and Sheeder to approve Resolution #7-2001, "A RESOLUTION FOR EMBARGO ON CITY STREETS". Voting yes were Sheeder, Teel, Greer, Roe and Kimes. Motion carried. This is an annual embargo that is used each spring for prevention of damage to the streets.

Motion was made by Teel and Greer to approve Resolution #8-2001, "A RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT SLUDGE PROJECT". The job will be advertised on March 14, bids must be received by March 29 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, and will probably be awarded at the April 02 regular Council meeting. Voting to approve were Greer, Kimes, Teel, Roe and Sheeder. Motion carried. This will be paid for with the sewer savings account and the C.D.'s that we have in the sewer account. Motion was made by Teel and Sheeder to approve Bollman be allowed to purchase the equipment for the wastewater sludge project if he finds used equipment without having to return to Council for approval first. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Greer and Sheeder to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #370, "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THREE WAY STOPS AT WASHINGTON ST. AND 2ND AND 3RD STREETS." Voting yes were Roe, Sheeder, Kimes, Teel and Greer. Carried.

The next item on the agenda was to have all city mail and correspondence go thru City Hall to be opened for copying and distribution to all councilmembers and mayor. Roe said he will be contacting the city attorney on everything that comes before the Council if it has not come thru the clerks office with date stamps on it. Some mail and correspondence has been going straight to a councilmember and the Mayor and some of Council doesn't even see it. If its City business, it should go thru City Hall. If its personal, it should not go thru the attorney. Mayor said he doesn't like hearing whats in the City mail when he's at the post office or Clark's Landing. The clerk said she doesn't discuss the City mail and doesn't even go to Clark's Landing. Mayor said he's tired of our mail being discussed down on the corner with the neighbor. Bernauer said she doesn't go down to the corner, only to her car. She said if letters come in addressed to all of the Councilmembers in separate envelopes, from the same address, it usually means they are all getting the same information and she will not open those envelopes. This only became an issue last year when the Mayor issued an order that nothing would be opened if it has a name on it. This makes it very difficult to continue daily business when we don't see some bills and/or correspondence that needs answers immediately. Some of the Councilmembers don't pick up their mail very often, and this could lead to problems if it needed immediate attention. We still receive mail addressed to Mayors from thirty years ago, and Councilmembers who no longer even live here. Who opens these items? Roe made a motion that the clerk receive and open and distribute all city mail, unless its marked personal or has the persons home address on it, and not the city's box number. Teel said if this item wasn't listed under Roe's name, he would have put it on under his name. He said there was over two weeks of mail piled up on the Mayors desk last month when he was ill, and not opened. He told the clerk to open all of it and he would take the wrath for it. Mayor said he has no problem of sharing the mail with everyone as long as it is City business, but he should be the one to decide if it is City business or it isn't. Teel seconded the motion. All in favor voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Teel and Roe to approve Resolution #09-2001, "A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE FEES FOR CERTIFIED LETTERS FOR ZONING AND VARIANCE MEETINGS". Voting yes were Greer, Sheeder, Kimes, Teel and Roe. Motion carried.

As all the receipts were not received yet, the clerk will put the Treasurers report in their mail slots.

The police report was given by Gage Adams, Police Chief. There were several residents present who made complaints of a barking dog in their neighborhood and want it stopped. They said it does no good to talk to the owner, he just lets them go on barking. After some time, Adams said he will go down to the neighbors and have a talk with him about citations if the problem is not corrected.

Adams said our new police officer will be graduating from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy on March 23 and he will be attending the ceremony.

The Park Board report was asked for. They have not met the last few months during the winter, but will have a meeting this month, usually the last Wednesday of the month. The Board needs to meet and decide what to do about the bill from Ryan Associates for work done at the City Park. The bill came from Ryan, but we did not contract with them, we contracted with a private party.

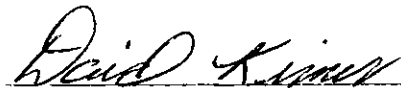
The committee reports were asked for. Most of the items discussed at the meetings have already been discussed tonight. Dates will be set up later in the agenda.

Mayor Hoover gave his report. He said that Bill Good from Davenport Schools will be at a special meeting we are having on March 14. He will visit with the Council at a separate meeting on that date at 5:30 p.m. As there have been some questions about the new school, we will be able to get them answered with him attending.

The following dates were set for committee meetings: Ordinance Committee, March 13, 5:30 p.m.; Water/Sewer Committee, March 13, 5:30 p.m.; Employee Relations Committee, March 12, 5:00 p.m.

Public input was asked for. Kenny Bernauer asked how the motion was made for Item #14. Bobby Carson said the rock in the creek by her house has washed out and would more rock be put back in there. Ted Teel said there are some nuisance yards around town that need to be cleaned up. Mayor said he will get a letter sent out on the yards, but will have Council look over the letter first.

Motion was made by Roe and Teel to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Signed:   
David Kimes, Mayor Pro-Tem, Buffalo, IA

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

The following salaries were paid in 2000:  
DWAIN BOLLMAN, 46,971.00: JAMIE BROOKS, 42,021.19: RICHARD DERRICKSON, 34,381.37:  
GREGG SHAW, 34,353.67: CAROL BERNAUER, 40,515.89: DEBBIE GUENTHER, 19,230.10:  
GAGE ADAMS, 41,349.70: TERRY J. BEHNING, 35,248.56: DAVID LIRA, 16,324.06:  
RICHARD ALEKSIEJCZYK, 5446.43: JAMES MORRISSEY, 885.00: VICTOR OBERTANCE, 10,466.69:  
ROBERT MACKIE, 963.11: MANUEL GONZALES, 863.90: SHARI NISSEN, 6,528.97:  
RICHARD NISSEN, 6,173.34: KAREN BERNAUER, 1,092.48: PHIL HOOVER, 1,600.00:  
TODD ADAMS, 525.00: MITCH GREER, 905.00: DAVID KIMES, 885.00: BILL SHEEDER, 760.00:  
TED TEEL, 660.00: BARB BRITCHER, 170.00:

The Computer Store, 1796.00; Waste Management, 3325.56; J.A. Reno, 655.85; John Deere Health, 5529.73; Racom, 120.50; EFTPS, 1949.61; City of Buffalo, 134.59; Officemax, 148.61; First USA Bank, 458.47; Hach, 379.93; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 756.00; Zuber Lumber, 36.49; IMC Salt, 210.41; Culligan, 48.25; Interstate Battery of Quad Cities, 195.90; Uniform Den, 10.25; Car Quest, 182.10; Iowa Good Roads, 50.00; Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, 1850.00; City of Buffalo, 109.11; Iowa Rural Water Assoc., 100.00; IDNR, 20.00; K-Mart, 17.98; Terminix, 36.00; Great Western Supply, 80.19; Payless Cashways, 92.10; Xerox, 17.00; Carters Heating, 143.90; Chemsearch, 249.01; IMFOA, 30.00; Linwood Mining, 277.37; Teamsters Local #238, 248.00; Lowes, 136.72; EFTPS, 1824.94; Humane Society, 145.00; QWest, 1008.19; EFTPS, 1975.72; City of Buffalo, 161.44; Alter & Sons, 80.28; Utility Equip., 20.28; IMC Salt, 215.81; Veenstra&Kimm, 9225.00; Quad-City Times, 8.34; MidAmerican, 23,298.71; Internet Revealed, 25.00; Gierke-Robinson, 94.08; Alter & Sons, 78.20; Hempel Pipe, 150.39; Quad-City Times, 130.38; Veenstra&Kimm, 11,425.00; Broghammer, Jonas & Assoc., 425.00; IPERS, 3037.97; Treasurer, State of Iowa, 1305.00; Treasurer, State of Iowa, 2586.51; EFTPS, 1975.01; Iowa Firemens Assoc., 175.00; Racom, 75.00; U.S. Cellular, 18.24; QWest, 44.43; City of Buffalo, 188.60; Wal-Mart, 215.22; Scott County Auditor, 4286.43; U.S. Cellular, 424.54; AT&T, 85.63; Quad-City Tim 87.80; Officemax, 42.35; Gierke-Robinson, 12.00; Xerox, 17.00; Linwood Mining, 160.80; Alter & Sons, 83.16; Veenstra & Kimm, 150.00; Hempel, 105.09; W.W. Grainger, 17.80; Meyer Oil Co., 595.30; Teamsters Local #238, 248.00; Terminix, 36.00; Federal Licensing, 85.00; City of Buffalo, 217.89; Officemax, 418.89;