

March 14, 2001

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in special session on Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at 5:37 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Hoover presiding. Councilmembers present were Greer, Kimes, Roe, Sheeder and Teel. Purpose of the special meeting was to discuss items of concern with Bill Good from Davenport School District concerning the new school to be located in Buffalo.

He was asked for reassurance that the school would be put up on the property by the water tower. He said he has no knowledge of it going anywhere else but up there, and doesn't know of any reason why it wouldn't. The school district has already spent a great deal of money doing the preliminary work before you build on any property. They are drilling wells up there now to see if geothermal heating would be feasible for the school.

He gave a schedule that they hope to use, such as: Bid notices will go out this week; on March 27 at noon, there will be a groundbreaking ceremony at the site; on April 11, the bids will be opened; and on April 23, the construction bids will be approved. The school should be open for the first students in the fall of 2002.

He was asked about ownership of the property not being transferred yet from the City? This is still in the attorneys office to be finished. When asked about sidewalks, he said there would be a five foot sidewalk that will connect to others in the area.

He showed samples of the brick that will be used on the school, and samples of the tile inside. He had a colored drawing or print of the building from both sides and left it for the City.

He was asked about the name of the school, if it would be Buffalo Perry School? He said he doesn't know the final name of the school at this time, it will be up to the school board to decide that.

He was asked if there would be a sidewalk going out the west side to the property that the City purchased? He said there will be steps going up the hill that will be there. The City hopes to make that vacant lot a turn-around area for cars that will be dropping off kids and/or a walkway for the kids. There will be an incline in that area due to the layout for the school.

There was discussion of building permit fees. Mr. Good said that Davenport Schools do not pay fees in Davenport, and would hope it will be the same in Buffalo, as there were no fees in Walcott with the large project going on at their school. He was asked if the City would receive ownership of the present school building and the property with it? He said that would be up to the school board, but he can recommend something to them.

He was asked about a fence between the school and the cemetery? He didn't think there would be a need for it, as there will be a hill or incline there. There was discussion of where the sewer lines would be, and if they could be changed? He said they are in the most economical location for the school and would prefer to leave them as is.

The Mayor and Councilmembers thanked Mr. Good for coming to our meeting and answering our questions, as we have been asked many of them and did not have correct answers. He said he would be willing to come any time the Council wishes for any other meetings.

There being no other input, motion was made to adjourn by Roe and Teel at 6:20 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Signed: David Kimes
David Kimes, Mayor ProTem, Buffalo, IA

Attest: Carol A. Bernauer
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