

April 02, 2001

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in regular session on Monday, April 02, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor ProTem Kimes presiding. Mayor Hoover was absent due to illness. Councilmembers present were Greer, Kimes, Roe, Sheeder and Teel.

Motion was made by Roe and Sheeder to approve the previous minutes of March 05, 14 and 14. All ayes. Carried. It should be noted that City Attorney William McCullough stated at a March meeting that he has never charged for phone calls to his office from City officials or employees as reported in February minutes.

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

Tom Harland asked Council to donate funds to the annual Easter Egg Hunt for Easter Sunday. Motion was made by Teel and Roe to donate \$300 from the option tax fund. All ayes. Carried.

The Community Center report was next. City Clerk Bernauer told Council that Lynn Kinkennon had called and said they were very shorthanded tonight and to tell Council that everything is the same but they can use more help, as always.

Motion was made by Roe and Teel to approve the renewal of the Beach Pub liquor license and Sunday permit. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Teel and Sheeder to approve Resolution #10-2001, "A RESOLUTION FOR TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE BUFFALO OUTING CLUB" for 2001. Voting yes were Greer, Teel, Sheeder and Kimes. Voting no, Roe. Carried.

The Park Board report was given by Donna Roe. She told of a group of youth that had requested some type of a "hard core" style of wrestling demonstration program to be held at the City Park on March 31. They were told by three members of the park board that the type of demonstration would be too violent and would not be permitted, and also because of the liability to the city, and to have the event on one of their own private properties. The group was later told by a councilmember they could have it as far as he was concerned. She discussed the concession stand and the condition it was in and the timetable to get it finished for the ball season starting this month. Greer said he had a bid for the operation of the concession stand, but Council agreed it needs to be advertised first. This will be scheduled later in the meeting.

Motion was made by Teel and Roe to advertise for one week for bids for a one year contract for the concession stand at City Park. Bids must be received in City Hall no later than 3:30 p.m. on April 11 to be considered. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Teel and Greer to approve Resolution #11-2001, "A RESOLUTION FOR COMMITTEES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR". Mayor Hoover no longer wishes to alternate committee members for five months, and these will expire on December 31, 2001. Ted Teel was named Mayor Pro-Tem. Voting yes were Roe, Sheeder, Kimes, Greer and Teel. Motion carried.

Discussion of procedures at committee meetings was discussed. Roe said when there is a committee meeting, and a third Councilmember shows up, that third person is supposed to sit quietly and not jump in, and can speak during public input if the committee approves it. The third person cannot talk constantly during the meeting, and if he is not on that committee, be quiet until public input, rather than risking having an illegal meeting.

Greer said his item #14 has already been discussed. Council decided there was no action required at this time from the closed session held earlier this evening. More information will be gathered before any action is taken.

There was discussion on the proposed fire station. It's not feasible to wait to see if we can get the old school property and put it back there, with an access to the highway. The area behind the Lutheran Church is one prospect, but not a perfect one. An area on Front Street would be perfect if in the right location and right size. The fire department doesn't want to go out for bids on a new building until they are confident the finances can be worked out to follow thru on a bid. The Finance Committee

has met with the City Clerk and Public Works Director to see if funds are available and if not, where could they pull the funds from? The Clerk, Director and Committee have decided where to use funds from to finance \$440,000 for the building and property purchase. Motion was made by Greer and Teel not to exceed \$440,000 for the new building and property. As there is no way of telling what bids will come in for, it will be decided which direction to take after that step. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Teel and Roe to schedule a hearing to amend the fiscal 2000-2001 budget on May 30 at 5:00 p.m. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The wage scale and classification schedule that was passed by Council in previous months was discussed. Roe said he wasn't here when these were passed, but didn't understand why raises are still being given in excess of the ones designated for grades in water and/or sewer. The scale and schedule also expresses for new hires. He recommended that this go back to the proper committee for reconsideration. Voting to send this back to committee, on a motion made by Roe and Greer, were Roe, Greer, Sheeder and Kimes. Teel voted no. Motion carried.

The police report was given by Gage Adams, Chief. He told Council that Victor Obertance has graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and is now certified. He told about the dinner and graduation class of citizens that attended a police class for the past couple of months and Barb Britcher attended from Buffalo. The next time this class is held, there will be more attendees from Buffalo, with more notice given.

The public works report was given by Dwain Bollman. He will not be doing weekly logs for the Council, but will have his monthly report. There was discussion of a city wide cleanup for our town. The Council thought that individuals can take their own trash to the landfill if there is no charge, or perhaps putting some extra large rolloff dumpsters at designated places for citizens to take their items for deposit. The clerk said there will be dumping by out of town people and we will not be able to control what is dumped in them. You could have hazardous materials thrown in and we would have a lot of extra work and trouble cleaning it up. The clerk was told to call the landfill for a time period for free dumping for the citizens to take their own in. Bollman said the public works employees do not have the time to do the city wide pickup like they have the past two years. Notices will be put up when this is worked out.

Motion was made by Roe and Greer to table items #23-25 until after the Employee Relations Committee meets again to review the Wage Scale and Classification Schedules. All ayes. Carried.

Bollman discussed the purchase of a tractor for the spreading of sludge with the new wastewater sludge project. He has been pricing models and found a 1990 Allis Chalmers for \$29,000 and Buffalo Bank will finance it with a five year loan. Motion made by Roe and Sheeder to approve this. All voted yes. Motion carried.

The public hearing was declared open for the bid award for the wastewater treatment plant sludge project. Steve Honse introduced Leo Foley to the Council as the new engineer in charge of the project, as Steve has resigned his position with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. The bids were discussed from the bid opening held last week, and General Construction Company was the low bidder, even though the bid was nearly \$98,000 higher than anticipated. The public hearing was closed at 8:36 p.m. Motion was made by Teel and Roe to award the bid to General Construction Company. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Roe and Sheeder to approve the first reading of Ordinance #371, "AN ORDINANCE FOR REVISION TO THE PUBLIC WORKS JOB DESCRIPTION". Voting yes were Kimes, Teel, Sheeder, Greer and Roe. Motion carried. Motion made by Sheeder and Roe to waive the second and third readings and adopt Ordinance #371. On a roll call vote, all members voted yes. Motion carried.

There was discussion on revising the City Code Book, to have the code numbers more closely revised to match state numbers. Motion was made by Roe and Teel to table this until someone contacts the City Attorney on procedure of how to do this. All ayes. Carried.

Bollman asked Council how they wanted to distribute the Consumer Confidence Report this year. Last year they were attached to the utility bills. The Clerk thought it might be more beneficial and reasonable to have it published in the newspaper. Motion made by Roe and Teel to have it published. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Roe and Sheeder to approve the first reading of Ordinance #372, "AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER". Voting yes were Kimes, Greer, Roe, Sheeder and Teel. Motion carried.

There was discussion of charging the school for the building permit fees. As these would amount to approximately \$14,000, motion was made by Roe and Teel to charge the contractors for the school project for all permits issued. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

There was no Mayors report, due to the Mayors illness. There was no committee reports, as all items have already been discussed.

Special meetings were set up as follows: Park Board, April 11, 5:00 p.m. City Hall: Employee Relations Committee, April 04, 5:00 p.m. City Hall: Special Council meeting, April 11, 5:30 p.m. City Hall.

Public input was asked for. Leo Foley offered his assistance to Council, with Steve Honse offering to help out with anything that might come about, and gave his phone numbers to the Council. Dana Jo Smith said there are no storm drains in her neighborhood and is having a problem with drainage across her property and wondered if a ditch could be dug in the front area in question? Gage Adams asked if Obertances raise could be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Motion was made by Teel and Roe to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

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

The City of Bettendorf, 18.56; Treasurer, State of Iowa, 1171.00; IPERS, 2850.70; EFTPS, 2129.72; Ted Teel, 235.00; Mitch Greer, 250.00; David Kimes, 240.00; Kent Roe, 185.00; Willard Sheeder, 240.00; Phil Hoover, 400.00; Phil Hoover, 40.00; IDNR, 20.00; Quad-City Times, 52.24; Juan Aquino, 150.00; Country Spring Bottled Water, 30.00; Superb Service, 68.68; Humane Society of Scott County, 65.00; Terminix, 36.00; Payless Cashways, 15.04; Quad-City Times, 61.46; PerMar, 71.38; Office Machines, 63.80; John Deere Health, 5529.73; U.S. Cellular, 20.97; Racom, 127.50; J.A. Reno, 655.85; Broghammer Jonas, 425.00; Meyer Oil Co., 420.29; U.S. Cellular, 358.57; Camera Corner, 26.70; K-Mart, 78.98; AT&T, 130.46; QWest, 859.73; Radio Shack, 39.89; Officemax, 69.91; City of Buffalo (petty cash); EFTPS, 1711.61; Alter&Sons, 39.96; Electrical Engineering, 733.65; Veenstra&Kimm, 2117.12; Matt Parrott, 106.75; Victor Obertance, 153.92; City of Buffalo (Petty Cash); Quad-City Times, 89.99; Barbara Britcher, 23.09; Buffalo Parents Club, 500.00; Payless Cashways, 27.06; The Abbey, 37.90; Division of Labor, 50.00; Waste Management of IL, 3325.56; First USA Bank, 381.64; Radio Shack, 73.58; Racom, 124.00; MidAmerican, 19,884.15; 3587.64; Terminix, 36.00; W.W. Grainger, 126.54; IAPMO, 150.00; Internet Revealed, 25.00; Alexis Fire, 484.48; Culligan, 14.25; Matt Parrott, 288.28; Office Machine Consultants, 70.63; Pitney Bowes, 153.05; University of Iowa, 75.00; Officemax, 88.93; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 883.44; CarQuest, 106.68; Zuber Lumber, 2.64; Cummins Great Plains, 13.50; Farm&Fleet, 85.35; Wm McCullough, 300.00; Buysse Dodge, 1882.88; Interstate Battery, 56.95; Teamsters Local #238, 248.00; IAMU, 1473.61; Linwood Mining, 161.94; W.W. Grainger, 17.80; Don Mosier, 40.00; Tom Zuber, 600.00; Federal Licensing, 85.00; Pitney Bowes, 205.00; AT&T, 4.94; Lowe's, 288.65; City of Buffalo, (Petty Cash); Quad City Times, 165.50; Teamsters Union, 248.00; AT&T, 28.83; Utilities Board, Ia Dept. of Commerce, 86.42; Radar Road Tec, 190.00; Xerox, 17.00; Meyer Oil, 66.70; Payless Cashway, 50.02; U.S. Cellular, 17.54; Kustom Signals, 1610.00; Temples Sports, 63.75; William McCullough, 637.50; United Labs, 710.17; Computer Store, 265.00; IAMU, 12.00; IMFOA, 61.00; Lowes, 238.31; Hach Chemicals, 293.90; Tom Zuber, 697.50