

May 02, 2001

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in special session on May 02, 2001, at 5:02 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor ProTem Ted Teel presiding. Councilmembers present were Kimes, Roe, Sheeder and Teel. Absent, Greer. Purpose of the special meeting was to discuss flood cleanup.

There were eleven residents present to discuss cleanup concerns with the Council. There was discussion of the river water coming up higher before it goes back down to flood level.

After a brief time, motion was made by Roe and Kimes, to advertise for bids for a contractor to come in and remove and dispose of flood debris, sand, sandbags that the City supplied only. A notice will be advertised to receive bids until 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 09, 2001, at City Hall, 409-3rd Street. The Council will meet at 5:15 p.m. that evening and award the bid. Greer arrived at 5:10 p.m. Some members of the audience said they or someone they know would like the sandbags hauled to different locations for filled areas. The Council agreed no sand and/or bags will be given away or even removed until after the waters have crested again next week, when they will reevaluate the situation. All voted aye to the motion. Carried.

City employees Jamie Brooks, Gage Adams, and Carol Bernauer discussed items such as flood cleaning supplies, volunteers for cleanup, assistance from the Red Cross and the Salvation Army for food for the volunteers, traffic stops at the entrances into Buffalo, fill sand for the beach area, city wide cleanup change of dates, landfill fees for cleanup. Council decided to have the cleanup supplies stored at a central location and ask Betty and Dick Walters to be in charge of the distribution of these. We will notify the Salvation Army we have a need for supplies for 50 homes. Those residents who have a handicap and need assistance in moving their sandbags when the time comes for cleanup will have to call City Hall to have their names and addresses put on a list. The sandbags will have to be carried to the sidewalk or to the alley and stacked for removal by the contractor. The contractor will not go into private yards with equipment and be responsible for damage done to the yards.

Motion was made by Greer and Roe to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Signed: Ted Teel
Ted Teel, Mayor ProTem, Buffalo, IA

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