

June 04, 2001

The City Council of Buffalo, Iowa, met in regular session on June 04, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Phil Hoover presiding. Councilmembers present were Mitch Greer, David Kimes, Kent Roe, Bill Sheeder and Ted Teel. All present.

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

Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Sheeder to approve the previous minutes of May 02, 09, 21 and 30. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Sheeder, seconded by Greer to approve payment of the bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lynn Kinkennon from the Community Center Commission told council having a problem with one of the members. Not doing her part, doesn't call or show up for bingo. Council advised Lynn to give her an alternative, you need to show up or we will replace you. Will go to city council and have you removed and get another replacement.

All the receipts for the treasurers report was not received yet. Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Sheeder to table the treasurers report until we get them in our boxes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Sheeder to approve the cigarette permits for 2001-2002 for Caseys, EZ Way and the Beach Pub. All ayes. Motion carried. All paper work is in order.

Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Greer to approve the beer license renewal and Sunday permit for Clarks Landing. All ayes. Motion carried. All paper work is in order.

Council wasn't sure why the Camp Abe Lincoln permit fees were brought back up again on the agenda. It was already voted and taken care of at the last regular council meeting on May 07, 2001 and it passed. Building Inspector discussed the reason why. All concrete work was considered flat work even the swimming pool. Flat work doesn't require a permit. Only the buildings need permits.

Update on the old Knights of Pythians building owned by Larry Sexton was given. Mayor Hoover stated the latest on this matter is that the city attorney is writing a letter to the owner telling him that it is up to the city council to declare the building a nuisance, health hazard and have it demolished. City Council has to give the okay to have this done. Council went into lengthily discussion about the variance board decision, building codes, engineer decision and health hazard. Motion was made by Teel, seconded by Roe to table this item and take it to the ordinance committee for further review. All ayes. Motion carried. Council would like to see all paper work on this issue. Tom Zuber, building inspector was here for his input on the issue.

The public works report was given by Dwain Bollman, Director. Flood water went down and everyone involved should be congratulated on the excellent jobs that were done. Want to publicly thank the City of Blue Grass, Lafarge and Linwood Mining for the use of their equipment and manpower, we also need to thank the High Schools and all the other volunteers that give their time and energy in sandbagging. Need to thank the inmates from Scott County and a big thank to the inmates from Newton, Ia who for the biggest part moved most of the sandbags for the contractor to pick up. The contractor picking up the bags did a fantastic job, also I expect this week should be done picking up the bags. The sandbags behind the old school will be hauled away this week, depending on the weather. A inspector looked at the school, gave some idea of what kind of shape it is in. Told of problems of home owners at Buffalo Shores, about sandbags. Northwest baseball field at park, tree limbs hanging in base line. Will be trimmed.

Leo Foley, City Engineer, gave update on the sewer project. Leo would like permission to write the city's letter to the DNR for the wastewater problems. Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Teel to have Leo Foley, of Veenstra & Kimm to write the letter to DNR. All ayes. Motion carried. Basically what the letter says is that the DNR wants a engineering study to say what the new flows should be for your wastewater treatment plant Corp of Engineers have a program that is called Planning Assistance to the States. This program will look at the current storm water and sanitary collection system and look at solutions to problems that occur during high water flows and intense rainfall. The Corp program will will pay 50% of the cost of doing this. What the city would like to do is put in flow meters in the storm systems and in the sanitary systems. Corp would help pay for some of this. Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Teel to send a letter to the Corp for a request for their assistance in a state program. All ayes. Motion carried.

Dwain Bollman discussed with council the reasons why he would like the city to purchase a Kubota trackhoe for the cemetery. This piece of machinery would help not to leave ruts on graves. Could use other places in the city to. It is used, has two hundred hours on it. Possibly could get for \$25,000.00. Council discussed financing. Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Teel to table this and move it to the cemetery committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Roe asked why a part-time employee was hired to read meters, after the council denied any hiring. Wondering if this shouldn't go back to wherever it originated from and get some figures and maybe contract it out. Teel, we have a couple of part-time employees that do our ground maintenance, why can't they read the meters. There was a long discussion on why the two part-time employees couldn't read the meters. Dwain, Public Works stated that he should be able to call in part-time works as needed from a previously approved list of applicants.(per code book). Teel, alot of people have come up to me and ask about, we have part-time employees, why do we need to hire another one. Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Teel to table and take it back to the Employees Relation committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Teel, seconded by Roe for Jamie Brooks to get his 50¢ raise for grade two water. Voting yes, Greer, Sheeder, Kimes, Roe and Teel. Motion carried. This is resolution #15-2001.

Funding for the additional \$100,000 approved sewer sludge project, Roe Would like this to go the the Finance committee. Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Teel to table until it gets to the Finance committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Park Board report asked for. No members were present to give a report. Roe said park board will be having a meeting this month. Getting date and time together. Some of the items that will be on the agenda are Kathy Wine, YMCA, some of the work at park and a bill, there will be more items. Mayor received a phone call from Chad Pregracke, he is the guy who cleaned up our river front. Last July they had a jam session on the beach. He would like to have another one on July 14, 2001 3:00-Midnight, this will go on the agenda. Teel gave some suggestions to take to the board about the improvements at the park and the outstanding bill.

Motion was made by Teel, seconded by Roe to pass Resolution #16-2001, "Establish a fee schedule for services rendered in relation to the housing code". All voted yes. Motion carried. This is to amend the rental inspection ordinance.

Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Teel that the ordinance committee draft a ordinance for Sheeders approved rezoning. All ayes. Motion carried. After the draft is done it will be sent to the city attorney.

Police report was given by Gage Adams, Chief. Reimbursed \$1,500.00 for our new radar unit from the state. Received a grant for \$5,600.00 for vidocam that goes into the squad. Working on grant thru government, can receive one or two items a year. Trying to get a thermogram. Would like to get a new squad car thru a lease/purchase agreement. Received bids on car, removal of all equipment and to install in new car. There will be extra items like a sein box, strobe light and decals. Try to keep the old cage, if don't fit will have to buy new one. Financing was discussed. This is a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria. Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Teel to table and take this to the Finance committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Committee reports were covered during the meeting.

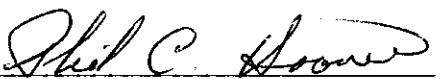
Possible decision from closed meeting concerning property purchase was asked for. Greer, decided to have Terry, Fire Chief, go ahead and let out bids for the new fire station, as long as they don't exceed the amount council allowed for. Terry will write out the bid invitation for the newspaper. Will check how many days to advertise in newspaper. The purchase price of the land has to be within the amount council allowed to.


Mayors report was covered during the meeting.

Set dates for special meetings. Cemetery Committee: June 06, 2001, 5:00 p.m., city hall to talk about the Kubota trackhoe. Park Board Committee will meet this month. Will be posted when have date and time. Street Committee: June 12, 2001, at 5:00 p.m., Public works building, to talk about general maintenance. Finance Committee will be meeting this month, will post when have times and dates. Employee Relations Committee: June 07, 2001, 6:00 p.m., city hall, to discuss part-time employees and meter reading.

Public input was asked for. Harold McCullough had concerns about sandbags behind the civic center and if there should be a public hearing for the new fire station and if there are going to be fire works. Mayor will look into fire works for the 4th.

Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Greer to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Signed 
Phil C. Hoover, Mayor,
Buffalo, Iowa

Attest: 
Deborah L. Guenther, Deputy Clerk,
Buffalo, Iowa

I&M Rail Link, 200.00; Meyer Oil, 887.40; EFTPS, 3390.85; Overland Systems, 5694.15; Tom Zuber, 510.00; Office Machine, 70.63; AT&T, 14.88; EFTPS, 2601.07; Internet Revealed, 25.00; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 353.95; Big Thirst Beverage, 28.95; Buffalo Bank Insurance, 47,732.00; MidAmerican, 43.21; City of Buffalo, 34.07(misc. items); First USA Bank, 319.23; Payless Cashways, 80.35; Koestner,McGivin, 500.00; MidAmerican, 1146.74; Terminix, 36.00; City of Buffalo, 56.83; Wal-Mart, 146.70; City of Buffalo, 397.62; Ia Dept. Natural Resources, 60.00; Adel Heating, 113.26; Meyer Oil, 503.75; EFTPS, 2584.70; Bankers Trust, 41,655.00; Ia Dept. Natural Resources, 60.00; City of Buffalo, (meter deposit) 90.32; MidLand Equip., 82.28; Wastemanagement, 3325.56; General Diesel, 6.42; Iowa One Call, 34.00; Total Maintenance Pump & Blower, 417.25; SA-SO, 381.67; Payless Cashways, 49.37; Pitney Bowes, 153.05; AT&T, 58.80; Gierke-Robinson, 47.06; Paul Erickson, 200.00; Uniform Den, 94.00; Panther Uniform, 11.25; Meyer Oil, 730.55; Matt Parrott, 177.21; Quad-City Times, 189.76; Broghammer & Jonas, 425.00; J.A. Reno, 655.85; Utility Equipment, 64.64; Arch Wireless, 28.41; Quad-City Times, 112.59; John Deere Healthplan, 5529.73; QWest, 858.73; City of Buffalo, 252.23, (misc. items); Treasurer, State of Ia, 2236.00; IPERS, 5459.64; EFTPS, 2110.79; Hawkeye Ice, 140.00; Iowa D.N.R., 120.00; Payless Cashways, 11.83; Meyer Oil Co., 763.80; Gierke-Robinson, 52.25; Art Monuments, 64.00; Dan's Overhead Doors 3, 432.00; Budget & Information Processing, 7,723.00; Olderog Tire, 18.95; Farber Bag, 9,100.00; Quad-City Times, 118.94; U.S. Cellular, 682.74; AT&T, 72.00; Matt Parrott and Sons, 148.31; Case Credit, 82.28; Quad-City Times, 111.68; Xerox Corp., 17.00; Healthcomp Evaluation, 25.00; Quad Cities Home Inspection, 75.00; Terminix, 35.00; Olderog Tire, 687.93; William McCullough, 225.00; Office Machine Consultants, 166.10; United Lab, 431.02; W.W. Grainger, 658.91; Quad-City Times, 410.88; Fastenal Co., 12.24; Mid-Land Equipment, 41.58; Scott County Clerks Office, 30.00; Colorado Time Systems, 183.00; Treasurer, State of Iowa, 2400.69;