

July 02, 2001

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

The Pledge of Allegiance and reflections were observed. Motion made by Roe and Sheeder to approve the minutes of June 04, 04 and 18. All present aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Sheeder and Roe to approve payment of the bills. All present aye. Motion carried.

Linn Kinkennon gave a Community Center report. She told Council of a Commission member that they are requesting to resign.

The park board report was given by Donna Roe. She said they had their meeting on June 13 and she was elected as Chairman of the park board. They voted to pay Jeff Hillman the balance of his bill. They have had many complaints of skateboarders on the sidewalks around the concession stand during games and events and of them running people walking off into the grass and want them banned from the sidewalks during any event at the park. Greer said the ordinance committee would have to approve this first. They have an estimate for tree trimming and removal in the parks but want to obtain at least another one. There is one board member that has not attended meetings since last year and they would like her replaced with an active member. They are looking into a new park sign and fixing fences at the mini-park. There will be a jam session on Buffalo Beach on July 14 at the request of Chad Pregracke. They voted they do not want the kiosk paid for out of their budget.

Dwain Bollman, Public Works Director, gave his report. He reported on the 2001 flood cleanup progress and of the sandbags still remaining at some homes along a private road that we were not allowed to take our equipment onto; street damage from the flood; new school progress; problems that have been encountered in the sewer project along the highway; getting bids for tree removal of a dead tree; sidewalks on Jefferson Street and the turn around on Hacker Street. Motion was made by Roe and Greer to give Bollman permission to have the engineers do a sidewalk study on Jefferson and Hacker to determine the best side for sidewalks going to the school. All ayes. Carried. Motion was made by Roe and Kimes to approve Bollmans list of annual street repairs and/or improvements. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Roe and Sheeder to approve Resolution #18-2001, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE IOWA DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE". Voting yes were Roe, Kimes, Sheeder and Greer. Absent, Teel. Carried.

There was more discussion of requiring the contractors to pay for building permits with the construction of the new school. All members of the Council present agreed the permits must be paid to the City.

Bollman discussed the purchase of a Kubota excavator for use in the cemetery and other areas and gave the reasons why we would benefit from purchasing one. Motion was made by Roe and Sheeder to purchase it on a five year lease agreement thru the Buffalo Bank. All voted aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Greer and Roe to approve the third reading of Ordinance #372 to begin with the August billing that the residents receive the first of September. Ordinance #372 is for an increase in water and sewer rates and charges. Voting to approve passage were Kimes, Roe, Sheeder and Greer. Absent, Teel. Motion carried.

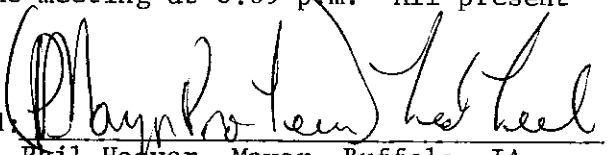
Roe wishes to table a discussion of the city attorney until the next regular meeting. Mayor gave out copies of the police report as Chief Adams was out of town for a funeral. The treasurers report will be put in the mailboxes at City Hall for Mayor and Council as neither of our banks had given us our statements to date.

Committee reports have already been covered during the meeting. Mayor gave a brief report. He told of the river cleanup party that will be on the beach July 14, and that a resignation had been received from Ray Farley from the Zoning Board for health reasons and needs to replace him at the next meeting. Interested persons should contact the Mayor. Council agreed with him not to appeal the official census.

The Street Committee will meet at City Hall on July 12 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the property that Mr. Sheeder owns on Jefferson Street. After this meeting, an ordinance committee meeting will be scheduled.

Public input was asked for. Linda Mullanack asked why the sewer rates have not been lowered since it was installed in 1983, as the residents were told at that time they would go down in the future, but have not? We are constantly having to improve the treatment plant with new regulations required by the state and federal governments to keep in compliance. The plant was built to handle more volume, but the city has not expanded enough to build up the funds in the sewer account and we now have bonds to pay off due to expansion and/or replacement of some of the sewer lines and sludge holding problems. We still have one of the lowest or the lowest sewer rates in our area. Bill McCullough inquired about Item #13 on the agenda. City Clerk said the City Hall will be closed July 16-18 for computer training.

Motion was made by Roe and Sheeder to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. All present voted aye. Absent, Teel. Motion carried.

Signed: 
Phil Hoover, Mayor, Buffalo, IA

Attest: 
Carol Bernauer, City Clerk, Buffalo, IA