

February 12, 2002

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in special session on February 12, 2002, at 4:00 pm with Mayor Teel presiding at City Hall. Councilmembers present were Kimes, Roe, Smith, Stowe and Thein. Purpose of the special meeting was to work on the fiscal 2002-2003 budget and other items.

Motion was made by Roe and Thein to approve the third and final passage of Ordinance #375, "AN ORDINANCE FOR UTILITY DEPOSITS". Voting yes were Kimes, Roe, Smith, Stowe and Thein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Roe and Thein to approve the third and final passage of Ordinance #376, "AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE MEETING TIMES". Voting yes were Smith, Stowe, Kimes, Roe and Thein. Motion carried.

There was discussion of the flood committee "job" description. This was tabled by Roe and Stowe, and voted aye by all members of the council. Carried. Council then worked on the fiscal 2002-2003 budget. Leo Foley from Veenstra & Kimm wished to talk with Council about the sidewalks and cemetery project. Motion was made by Roe and Stowe to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(j), "to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property". Voting yes were Thein, Roe, Stowe, Smith and Kimes. Motion carried. Council went into closed session at 5:50 p.m.

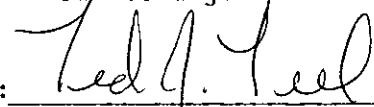
Motion was made by Roe and Thein to return to the open session at 5:58 p.m. All voted yes on a roll call vote. Motion carried. Motion was made by Roe and Thein to reopen the budget session. All voted yes. Carried. Motion was made by Roe and Stowe to schedule a closed session meeting with the city attorney on February 19 at 4:00 p.m. All ayes. Carried.

After some more budget work time, motion was made by Roe and Stowe to leave the tax rate at \$7.00 per thousand, the same as the past two years. Doing this will require the City to use some reserve funds as we did this year that have accumulated over the past few years. Voting yes were Kimes, Roe and Stowe. Voting no were Thein and Smith. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Roe to approve Resolution #10-2002, "A RESOLUTION TO SET A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL 2002-2003 BUDGET". This will be on March 14 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. All voted yes on a roll call vote. Carried.

There was no public input. Motion made by Roe and Stowe to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. All voted aye. Carried.

Signed: _____



Ted J. Teel, Mayor, Buffalo, IA

Attest: _____



Carol A. Bernauer, City Clerk,
Buffalo, IA