

May 06, 2002

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in regular session on May 06, 2002, at 7:02 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Teel presiding. Councilmembers present were Roe, Smith, Stowe and Thein. Absent, Kimes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by everyone present. Motion was made by Stowe and Roe to approve the minutes of April 01. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Thein and Stowe to approve payment of the bills. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Roe and Stowe to close the regular meeting and open the meeting to a public hearing for amendment of the fiscal 2001-2002 budget. All ayes. Carried. City Clerk Carol Bernauer explained the amendment was necessary for the expenditure of additional funds for a new squad car, construction of a new fire station and sewer improvements, the new school utilities and computer expenses. The funds were also explained for the expenditure for these items. Motion was made by Roe and Stowe to close the public hearing and return to regular session. All ayes. Carried. Motion was made by Roe and Smith to approve Resolution #16-2002, "A RESOLUTION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL 2001-2002 BUDGET". Voting yes were Smith, Thein, Roe and Stowe. Absent, Kimes. Carried.

The Community Center report was given by Stowe. She said they are very busy up there. Mrs. Cinotto, a teacher from Buffalo School, updated Council, Mayor and everyone present on the playground for the new school. She showed a sample of what the playground equipment will look like and asked for volunteers to help put the equipment together when it arrives. Many volunteers will be needed, and there will be babysitting services for those who need them, which will also be volunteer babysitters. The date is set for August 08 and 09, with a raindate of August 13 and 14.

Ted Weaver from Prairie Waste Services, discussed garbage pickup in our City. Bernauer told him of problems with several customers, (some of which were supposed to attend the meeting). He said he will have the drivers check in with the office before they leave town each Tuesday.

Council discussed Blake Stalders previous request for up to \$2,000 for a Veterans Memorial to be constructed and displayed in Buffalo. After some discussion, motion was made by Thein and Roe to approve the funds, to be paid for from the option tax funds. All voted yes, absent Kimes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Roe and Stowe to approve Resolution #17-2002, "A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JEFF HILLMAN TO A VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT". All voted yes on a roll call vote, absent Kimes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Thein and Smith to offer no more than 20% over a fair market value of the property as discussed in the closed session. Voting yes were Thein, Roe, Stowe and Smith. Absent, Kimes. Carried. Dwain Bollman or Leo Foley will inform the property owner of the decision.

Motion was made by Roe and Stowe to approve the renewal of Clarks Landing beer permit. All present voted yes. Carried.

There was discussion of Resolution #18-2002, "A RESOLUTION SETTING A TIME DEADLINE FOR ITEMS TO BE PUT ON THE AGENDAS". Council decided that items to be put on the agenda for the regular Monday meetings must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Monday meeting. When special meetings are scheduled, two full working days at 4:00 p.m. the day before for items. This does not apply to legal emergency meetings. Motion made by Roe and Smith to approve this. All voted yes on a roll call vote, absent Kimes. Carried.

There was extensive discussion concerning the new monthly newsletter that Smith and others have started putting out. Last month, not enough advertisers participated to cover the expenses of printing, so Smith had to use \$105 of her own funds. She is asking for a monthly amount of \$200 to help cover expenses for a few months to see if they can sell enough advertising to cover the expenses. After some time, Bernauer said at a "Meet The Candidates" before the election, many people said they wanted a newsletter in this town

and now that we have one, we need to support it for awhile to see if they can get it off the ground and start breaking even. Someone suggested that there be a charge for each copy of the newsletter. Smith said she wants to keep it to eight pages, as the printing fees are best for them with only eight pages. Motion was made by Stowe and Thein to give Smith the \$200 monthly and to pay her the \$105 expenses she incurred. All voted yes, absent Kimes. Carried.

There was discussion of training classes that are given for new mayors and councilmembers that are put on by League of Cities in Iowa to help new elected officials with questions they may have on their duties. Roe felt the City should not pay for these meetings if someone wants to attend. Motion was made by Thein and Smith to have the City pay for any members who wished to attend these sessions, with prior approval, and to have the City pay \$25.00 each for those wishing to attend the Grand Mound session this month. Voting yes were Smith, Thein and Stowe. Roe voted no, and Kimes was absent. Carried.

The public works report was given by Dwain Bollman, Director. He said they replaced the transformers, retrieved the docks from the river, the new substation is online now, and the school tower is online.

Shannon Payne has appealed to the Council concerning her excessive water/sewer bill. She claimed the meter was faulty, and wanted the bill reduced. Bollman said in his 19 years with the City, he has never seen a water meter go fast, but have slowed down and even stopped, sometimes because of our hard water. After some time, motion was made by Stowe and Roe that the bill would have to be paid, the excess possibly on installments worked out in the office. All voted yes. Carried. They also agreed this applies to this bill only.

The runoff problem thru the tunnel on 4th Street was tabled until the June 03 meeting.

The police report was given by Gage Adams, Chief. He said he has applied for a COPS grant to hire another officer to have one in the school eight hours, 5 days a week during school days. He said May 17 is the deadline for the grant.

There was discussion of the police working on holidays at the Mayors discretion. Roe said they were not supposed to be working all the holidays, and the Mayor was supposed to be in charge of this. Roe made the motion that the Council decide when they should work the holidays. Motion died for lack of a second.

Smith said she wanted to reconsider the lease of a motorcycle for the police dept. She felt the need is not there for a motorcycle in a town our size, and the quad-runner should be enough for areas where something of that size is necessary. Adams said they had applied for a grant for the extra equipment that would be necessary, such as clothing, helmets, etc. Smith said we would still have to pay the monthly lease payments and there would be quite a bit of insurance money required for it. Motion was made by Smith and Roe to rescind the motion from the previous month and not allow the police department to obtain a motorcycle. Voting to rescind were Smith, Stowe and Roe. Voting no, Thein. Absent, Kimes. Carried.

There was discussion of the union contract concerning part time employees. It has been determined that part time employees should receive the same raises that the full time receives. If a part time person received the .25¢ raise in 2000, he will not receive the full .45¢, but will receive the .35¢ in July. Motion by Thein and Stowe to approve Resolution #19-2002. All voted yes, Kimes absent. Carried. This pertains to employees that have been working previously, and not on probation.

Ordinance #377, "AN ORDINANCE FOR RESTRAINING/VICIOUS DOGS" was tabled.

Thein told of complaints of yard litter and yards that need cleaned up and vehicles that are around town that need to be removed. This was attempted several years ago by having the police chief drive the mayor and clerk around and letters that were sent out for cleanup. There was such an uproar from the receivers of the letters, that no one has done anything since. Mayor will get with the police and work something out.

As the meeting has gone past the set time deadline, some items left on the agenda will go along quicker in order to finish. The park board requests approval for the following: Motion made by Roe and Thein to approve \$4313.45 for sidewalks for the minipark to Cliff Simmons. All ayes. Carried. Motion made by Roe and Stowe to approve \$2800.00 to remove and replace the fence at the minipark to Simmons. Voting yes were Stowe, Roe and Smith. Thein voted no, and Kimes was absent. Carried. There was discussion of a neighbor who has some scaffolding erected on the park side of the fence that is also on his side of the fence and needs to be removed.

Representatives from the Buffalo Volunteer Ambulance Service asked Council if they would be allowed to hold a fund raiser in the City Park on July 26 and 27 and to sell beer? They said the park board has approved it, and they would also like to have a baseball tournament. They asked about city electric, and were told they would not have to pay for the electric. They must get their paperwork together and place it on the next agenda for Council approval.

Mayor Teel said the new school will be having an unofficial walk thru of the new school on May 15 for about 30 people of the City if they wish to go thru it. Contact Mayor about this if you are interested.

Public input was asked for. Patty Teel said the cars on Hacker and Franklin Streets are racing thru there and going too fast, and there are too many small kids up there. It needs patrolled more. Debbie Stebens asked how long a building permit is good for.

Motion made by Roe and Stowe to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. All ayes. Absent, Kimes. Motion carried.

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

Signed: David Kimes
~~Ted Teel, Mayor,~~ Buffalo, IA
David Kimes, Mayor ProTem,

Leonard Transmission Works, 1415.00; B.F.I., 300.00; Country Inn Suites, 468.00; Wal-Mart, 96.61; Caliber Press, 687.00; AT&T, 66.43; City of Davenport, 45.82; A-1 Fire Equip., 30.10; Burnett Hardware, 1,100.00; Riverstone Group, 435.17; K-Mart, 77.37; Merls Business Machines, 200.00; City of Buffalo, 130.66(supplies); Dicks-n-Sons, 156.57; Tom Zuber, 705.00; Buffalo Savings Bank, 7,082.68; Interstate Batteries, 176.85; Culligan, 31.25; IAMU, 250.00; Racom, 144.50; Grass Groomers, 4964.29; Bi-State Regional, 218.50; Great Western Supply, 131.67; Treasurer, State of Ia, 205.00; Computer Management, 4096.18; C.J. Cooper, 29.00; Lowes, 437.59; Terminix, 35.00; S.J. Smith, 18.99; Rick&Ken's Auto, 2500.48; Milan Surplus, 244.40; Treasurer, State of Ia, 2289.73; Terry Behning, 54.66; Federal Licensing, 120.00; EFTPS, 1477.37; Richard Aleksiejczyk, 61.71; Victor Obertance, 46.75; Officemax, 125.83; EFTPS, 2380.92; Prairie Waste, 50.00; Louis Sheffler, Jr., 157.50; Wal-Mart, 135.39; City of Buffalo, 78.93(misc.); QWest, 108.55; Davenport Electric, 1496.15; Linwood Mining, 164.30; Prairie Waste, 3423.00; Humane Society of Scott County, 177.50; Broghammer, Jonas, 425.00; W.W. Grainger, 314.33; Batteries Plus, 35.98; CarQuest, 42.62; William McCullough, 693.75; Hygienic Lab, 66.00; Quad-City Times, 23.40; J.A. Reno, 200.85; Kauffman Co., 53.00; Big K-Mart, 69.80; First USA Bank, 764.75; MidAmerican, 2534.60; City of Buffalo, 16.00(misc.); IDNR Water Quality Bureau, 300.00; EFTPS, 2164.43; Carol Bernauer, 197.00; City of Buffalo, 139.58(misc.); Wal-Mart, 127.19; Iowa League of Cities, 90.00; EFTPS, 1897.49; Terminix, 70.00; Country Spring Bottled Water, 41.00; City of Davenport, 188.77; Olderog Tire Ser., 188.80; Fred's Towing, 45.00; McCleary Excavating, 452.00; Internet Revealed, 25.00; Republic Co., 711.42; Meyer Oil, 532.22; C&L Survey, 1170.00; Quad-City Times, 91.26; QWest, 810.91; Pitney Bowes, 395.75; MidAmerican, 16604.09; John Deer Health, 7225.13; Delta Dental, 671.21; U.S. Cellular, 684.53; AT&T, 123.85; CCP Industries, 49.90; Arch Wireless, 9.19; Quad-City Times, 121.68; Lowe's, 1164.86; Davenport Compost Facility, 9.00; United Lab, 672.00; AT&T, 22.30; Meyer Oil, 484.38; Culligan, 20.50; Office Machine Consultants, 75.36; ABC Supply, 23.15; U.S. Cellular, 17.54; Ryan&Assoc., 2083.00; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 646.22; Quad City Water Treatment Co., 525.00; Treasurer, State of Ia, 2015.23; EFTPS, 1623.94; Buffalo Historical Society, 45.00; Green Thumbers, 577.12; IPERS, 3892.57; Treasurer, State of Iowa, 1600.00; Clerk of Court, 60.00; Wal-Mart, 79.75; Grass Groomers/The Outhouse, 5465.41; Quad City Water Treatment, 245.00; Menards, 15.74; General Asphalt, 241.80; Olderog Tire Ser., 124.90; MidAmerican, 16,436.49; Ferguson Enterprises, 166.88; CarQuest, 48.15; Xerox Corp. 204.00; Quad-City Times, 91.72; MidAmerican, 587.62; Electrical Engineering, 452.00; Ia Assn. of Municipal Utilities, 80.00; Galls, 672.95; AT&T, 17.10; Veenstra & Kimm, 443.30; Midland Scientific, 265.20; Grass Groomers, 41.95;