

January 13, 2003

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in regular session on January 13, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Ted Teel presiding. Councilmembers present were Kent Roe, Dana Jo Smith, Cathy Stowe, Larry Thein and Betty Walters.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Motion was made by Thein and Smith to approve the previous minutes of December 02 and 10. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Thein and Walters to approve payment of the bills. All ayes. Carried. The Treasurers report was given. Receipts for December were \$96,988.76 and disbursements were \$124,804.80.

Motion was made by Stowe and Roe to approve renewal of the Community Center liquor license. Stowe agreed to have her name listed on the application as a Councilmember. All voted yes. Carried.

The Community Center report was given by Betty Walters. She said they have bids to replace the awnings and the carpets outside will be done in the spring. She said all funds used by the Commission is from their renting the building and bingo, none of it is used from taxpayers money. Everyone pays for renting the building except the blood drives and funeral dinners.

Motion was made by Roe and Stowe to approve the new beer license for new owners of the Caseys General Store, effective January 28. All voted yes. Carried. Motion was made by Roe and Stowe to approve the cigarette license for Caseys new owners. All yes. Carried.

The Public Works report was given by Dwain Bollman, Director. He told of an electrical inspection we had, but don't have the results yet. There was a water break today in the trailer park north of us, but it was on private property and is the responsibility of the owner to repair it before we turn the water back on.

Motion was made by Roe and Thein to accept the bid for the upgrade to the westend electric substation. All voted yes. Carried. MEC Const. bid is for \$79,900.

There was discussion concerning the K of P Hall in regards to improvements. The owner, Larry Sexton, had applied for a variance to build a home or apartments on the existing foundation but was turned down by the variance board as this is a corner lot and would have to be set back and therefore could not use the existing foundation, which is actually on City property. Discussion followed between Mr. Sexton, Building Inspector Tom Zuber, Public Works Director Dwain Bollman, Council and some members of the audience. The City Code reads if a building is going to be renovated more than 49% of the value of the building, it must meet the City codes. Some members of the audience commented on the historical value of the building. Motion was made by Stowe and Roe to give Mr. Sexton his building permit to remodel the building. Mayor Teel said the City Attorney would be here soon and he could also answer some questions concerning this. Voting to give him the permit was Roe. Stowe, Walters, Smith and Thein abstained from voting. Not carried. This will be discussed further when the City Attorney arrives.

The police report was given by Gage Adams, Chief. He told Council of vandalism done to some stones in Rose Hill Cemetery. He was questioned why our police officer is parked on Highway 22 in Davenport City Limits.

The Park Board report was given by Ben Gerischer. He said the fence is done in the mini park and the tiling is finished in City Park. Members of River Action, Lakota Group, and Ashton Engineering were present to obtain City permission to apply for a 100% grant for the Buffalo section of the "Mississippi River Trail" which will run along Highway 22 from Davenport City limits to Muscatine County border. This will be used as a bike trail, pedestrian trail, etc. The funding will come from federal funds set aside for this purpose. We stand an excellent chance of obtaining 100% funding for the project. This will be a national trail running from the Mississippi headwaters to the Gulf of Mexico and coast to coast as the American Discovery Trail. After discussion, motion was made by Thein and Smith to approve the request for funding. Voting yes were Thein, Smith and Walters. Voting no were Stowe and Roe. Motion carried.

As the City Attorney had arrived, the discussion returned to the property of Mr. Sexton's. He asked if he could remodel it 49% this year, and the same next year. Motion was made by Roe and Walters to waive the expense of holding the meeting before the Board of Adjustment again for the remodeling for Mr. Sexton and the City would pay the expense. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Mr. Sexton was given the choice of applying to the Board of Adjustment again or just doing 49% of the remodeling this year. He said he did not want to go before the Board again, but will do 49% of the remodeling. Mr. Zuber had said earlier in the meeting he did not feel comfortable giving a permit for this remodeling, as he is not qualified to judge if the building is safe. Mr. Bollman was told to issue the permit if Zuber did not. The building at Front & Jefferson Streets will be tabled until the February meeting.

Stowe wants a report on funds every month from each departments private funds. The Community Center has been giving a report for their two accounts. City Clerk Carol Bernauer said the Council and Mayor receives a copy of the bank statements, a total for the receipts and disbursements, and a monthly printout of the entire budget that has all funds listed, and there is nothing else she can give them. Chief Adams gave them a copy of the bank statement for his DARE fund. Motion was made by Stowe and Roe that all department heads submit monthly reports if they are not already doing so. All voted yes. Carried.

The complaint letter received against Mayor Teel will be discussed on the information already given at the hearing, on January 23 at 6:00 p.m., to reach a decision by the Council. After that is decided, the Council will work on the fiscal 2003-2004 budget.

The Cemetery committee will meet on January 28 at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Teel gave his report. Bobi Carson was present to inform the Council that her daughter, Holly, had been selected as a representative in the "People To People" program, and they are trying to raise funds for the expense of her trip to Europe.

Public input was asked for. Judy Hammons asked about additional cemetery property. Doug Buchanan asked if a fence could be put around the cemetery.

Motion was made by Thein and Stowe to close the regular meeting and adjourn to a closed session per Iowa Code 20.17(3) "Public Employment Relations Collective Bargaining, Procedures". Voting yes were Stowe, Walters, Thein, Roe and Smith. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. Council then went into closed session.

Signed: _____

Betty O. Walters

~~Text XXX Back, Mayor~~, Buffalo, IA

Betty O. Walters, Mayor Pro Tem,

Attest: _____

Carol A. Bernauer

Carol A. Bernauer, City Clerk, Buffalo, IA

EFTPS, 15.39; Quad-City Times, 16.18; Fletcher Reinhardt, 179.98; Hach Co., 93.72; Xerox, 17.00; Linwood Mining, 269.34; City of Buffalo, 37.54(misc.); EFTPS, 2988.48; City of Buffalo, 68.60;(Meter Deposit); Ray Dells, 101.31; City of Buffalo, 171.79(meter dep.); First USA Bank, 129.48; MidAmerican, 277.84; Prairie Waste, 3570.00; AT&T, 15.61; Q.C. Metallurgical Lab, 37.74; MidAmerican, 17,708.93; Officemax, 73.66; Tom Zuber, 562.50; Johnson Distributing, 394.56; Teamsters Local #234, 319.00; Lowe's, 139.54; Terminix, 35.00; Wal-Mart, 50.77; U.S. Cellular, 17.54; Officemax, 87.78; Quad-City Times, 972.61; W.W. Grainger, 251.10; Broghammer, Jonas & Assoc., 425.00; I.A.M.U., 302.18; William McCullough, 1462.50; Environmental Resource Assoc., 73.75; Grass Groomers/The Outhouse, 70.00; Cargill, 444.86; K&K Hardware, 42.96; Matt Parrott & Sons, 972.25; Kephart Farm Drainage, 2,513.20; Wearguard, 43.42; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 71.26; Menards, 87.99; Internet Revealed, 25.00; Dick-n-Sons, 83.04; Quad-City Times, 64.70; Freds Towing, 70.00; GALL's, 93.94; U.S. Cellular, 61.97; Racom, 145.70; Ted Teel, 400.00; Ted Teel, 40.00; EFTPS, 2247.95; Hach Co., 28.98; Iowa One Call, 20.70; Q.C. Metallurgical, 40.39; Broghammer & Jonas, 425.00; Olderog, 386.75; Hansen Monuments, 904.00; Logan Contractors, 324.55; J.A. Reno, 203.53; Delta Dental, 735.46; MidAmerican, 1721.90; Terminix, 40.00; QWest, 855.69; Kent Roe, 160.00; Dana Smith, 195.00; Cathy Stowe, 185.00; Larry Thein, 185.00; Betty Walters, 205.00; Quad-City Times, 287.62; City of Buffalo, 49.58(Meter Dep.); Veenstra & Kimm, 880.00; PerMar, 74.95; Alter&Sons, 83.16; Menards, 17.63; Matthews Office Supplies, 33.10; S.J. Smith, 144.00; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 105.00; AT&T, 135.73; Eastern Iowa Community College, 1800.00; U.S. Cellular, 17.81; City of Buffalo, 10.00(Misc.); John Deere Health, 8794.72; EFTPS, 1814.85; City of Buffalo, 124.44(misc.); Culligan, 31.25; IAMU, 7.00; Great Western Supply, 137.66; Bi-State, 225.00; Teamsters Local, 258, 319.00; Johnson Distributing, 38.77; MidAmerican, 20,885.80; River City Ford, 5.79; US Cellular, 279.36; Quad-City Times, 18.56; Treasurer, State of Ia, 2207.74; City of Buffalo, 16.90 (supplies); Buffalo Savings Bank, 2127.71; IPERS, 4732.91; Treasurer, State of Ia, 1901.00; Iowa Workforce Development, 54.48; Wal-Mart, 63.54; Arthur Bartleson, 262.50; Tom Zuber, 562.50; Treasurer, State of Iowa, 288.01; Fred's Towing, 35.00; First USA Bank, 288.45; Buysse Dodge, 331.05; Racom, 595.00; Humane Society, 32.50; Arch, 8.77; Al Fire Equip., 20.60; Racom, 145.70; Juan A. Aquino, 200.00; K-Mart, 28.15; Menards, 19.73; Leon Uniform, 49.55; Leon Uniform, 166.89; William McCullough, 637.50; Xerox, 17.00; MidAmerican, 81.38; IFTPS, 1937.04; MidAmerican, 229.97; Q.C. Metallurgical Lab, 37.74; Midwest Wheel, 19.61; Purchase Power, 1018.00; Prairie Waste, 3570.00; MidAmerican, 1235.59; Harbor Freight Tools, 905.94; United Lab, 655.66; Iowa League of Cities, 30.00;