

January 23, 2003

The City Council of Buffalo, Ia, met in special session on January 23, 2003, at 6:01 p.m. with Mayor Teel presiding. Councilmembers present were Roe, Smith, Stowe, Thein and Walters.

Motion was made by Stowe and Roe to approve Resolution #01-2003, "A RESOLUTION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF CURRENT CITY BUDGET TO COMPLY WITH IOWA GASB 34." Voting yes were Roe, Smith, Stowe, Thein and Walters. Carried.

Motion was made by Thein and Walters to approve Resolution #01-2003, "A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CITY DEPOSITORIES." Voting yes were Thein, Walters, Smith, Roe and Stowe. Carried.

Mayor ProTem Walters had the City Clerk read a statement of conduct that will be enforced throughout the next portion of the meeting. Council will discuss the complaint received against the Mayor, and consider the statements given at the special meeting previously. Roe questioned a meeting the Mayor had with the City Attorney if it concerned the complaint, as he is representing the City and not Mr. Teel. Motion was made by Thein and Smith to close the hearing and deliberate. Voting yes were Thein, Smith, Roe and Stowe. Walters abstained. Carried. For discussion, motion was made by Thein and Smith, not to take any action against the Mayor. Council questioned City Attorney Bill McCullough of their options. McCullough said they have to consider the validity of the complaint and have three options. 1. No action. 2. Resolution to censure and recommend apology. 3. Resolution for removal of office. Council discussed the three options at length. After some time, roll call was taken for "no action". Voting for "no action" was Thein. Voting against the motion were Smith, Stowe, Roe and Walters. Motion not carried. Walters asked Mayor Teel if he would apologize to Lynn Kinkennon, the complaintant. Mayor Teel said he would not apologize. Thein asked Kinkennon if she would apologize to the Council for swearing at the previous meeting, she said she would apologize and did at this point. Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Stowe, to have the Mayor apologize to Kinkennon for the incident at the Community Center on the specified date. Voting yes were Smith, Walters, Stowe and Roe. Thein voted no. Motion carried. Mayor Teel said there is a police report on file on this case, and he will not make an apology. Walters said she had gone to the Police Chief and checked into the report, and the report was wrong. Discussion followed with the Police Chief, the reporting officer and the Councilmembers that were present following the incident. Some of Council said everyone should be able to work together for the best for the town and get along with each other. Mayor ProTem Walters said we will begin working on the new budget at this time. Mayor Teel had to leave for training at the Fire Dept. Motion was made by Stowe and Roe to take a five minute break at 6:45 p.m. All ayes. Carried. The meeting resumed at 6:55 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

Council worked on the budget for approximately 45 minutes. They will meet at 5:00 p.m. on February 03 to work on it again. Public input was asked for. Many comments were made from several members of the audience. Motion was made by Roe and Stowe to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. All voted aye. Carried.

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

Signed: Betty O. Walters
~~By~~ ~~Teel~~ Mayor, Buffalo, IA
Betty O. Walters, Mayor ProTem