

March 14, 2003

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met on March 14, 2003, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Teel presiding. Councilmembers present were Roe, Smith, Stowe and Walters. Absent, Thein. There was discussion concerning withholding both FICA and IPERS on elected officials. Motion was made by Roe and Stowe not to have IPERS withheld on the elected officials. All present voted yes. Absent, Thein. Carried.

Motion was made by Walters and Stowe to close the regular meeting and open the meeting to a public hearing for the fiscal 2003-2004 budget. All present voted aye. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened for comments on the fiscal 2003-2004 budget. Phil Jones, representing the Buffalo Volunteer Ambulance Service, asked the Council for more funds in the budget. They are having severe financial problems and requested the amount be retained at \$7000, instead of the cut down to \$3500. He was told the City cut all the departments budgets this year, we have had three budget meetings, and that was the time to talk to the Council for more funding. Last year they came to the budget hearing meeting and were told to come to the budget meetings this year. When asked, he said Blue Grass donates \$2000 to them; CADDs does not pay for any ambulance runs and neither does IPSCO; and BVAS has to reimburse MEDIC if they assist on any of these runs; and they have been advised by the county to move to Blue Grass. He was told by Council to contact us next year when we begin to work on the next budget. No other comments were made during the hearing from others in attendance.

Motion was made by Walters and Roe to close the budget hearing and return to regular session. All voted aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Roe and Stowe to approve Resolution #06-2003, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL 2003-2004 BUDGET AS PRESENTED". Voting yes were Walters, Stowe, Smith and Roe. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Smith for discussion of Resolution #07-2003, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO A "TEMPORARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE". There followed discussion of the need for a committee when we don't have the old school yet, and paperwork has not been completed transferring ownership of the property where the new school is located. Mayor told the Clerk to contact the City Attorney to see what the status of this is. Walters said she would like to have an open house for everyone to see the old school and offer input as to uses of the building, gymnasium and land, rather than a committee making these decisions. Voting to approve were Smith and Stowe. Voting not to approve were Walters and Roe. Absent, Thein. Motion not carried.

No public input was asked for. Motion was made by Roe and Stowe to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. All present voted aye. Carried.

Signed: Betty O. Walters  
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Teel Teel, Mayor, Buffalo, IA  
Betty O. Walters, Mayor Pro Tem,

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