

August 04, 2003

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in regular session on August 04, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor ProTem Betty Walters presiding. Mayor Ted Teel was absent. Councilmembers present were Kent Roe, Dana Smith, Larry Thein and Betty Walters. Cathy Stowe was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Motion was made by Roe and Thein to approve the previous minutes of July 07, 16, 23 and 23. All present voted aye. Carried. Motion was made by Thein and Roe to approve payment of the bills. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public input was asked for. Kay Sindt discussed the problem of Stop signs at 5th and Franklin and 3rd and Hacker. Not very many drivers stop for them, and coming over the crest of Franklin at 5th, its hard to see anyone coming towards you, and worse when they don't stop going downhill. The Stop sign at 3rd & Hacker is a problem in the winter, as its difficult to go over the hill if its icy. She would like this one covered in the winter so you have a run at the hill. Council and Public Works Director explained this has gone back and forth in the past few years, but was last voted on to leave them as they are. The liability would be too great if we covered it and there was an accident. Most drivers know that in the winter if they can slow down, look and proceed with caution, there is no problem.

City Clerk had requested "Requests For Proposals" from the State Auditor and two other accounting firms for audits for fiscal year 06/30/03, and received only one bid from Ann Menke. Motion was made by Roe and Thein to approve the audit bid for \$4750. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Treasurers report was unavailable, and copies will be put in mailboxes for Council and Mayor.

Council discussed the fact that the Mayor has not attended any meetings since June 11, missed the four meetings in July, and tonights meeting. As he is not performing his duties, motion was made by Roe and Thein to pay the Mayor ProTem his pay for this period. Voting yes were Thein, Roe and Smith. Mayor ProTem Walters abstained. Absent, Stowe. Carried.

The public works report was given by Dwain Bollman, Director. He reported on the recent storms we have had; the power outages and how they were handled; the sewer plant inspection; the Hacker Street project progress; folding metal gates for the Dodge school. He is checking into the folding metal gates to section off the building for better security.

Willard Sheeder wished to address the Council on his subdivision project. Council voted on this issue at the last meeting that the City would do no work on the curbs and/or streets until Mr. Sheeder presented a performance bond to the City. Motion was made by Roe, seconded by Thein, that this is a dead issue and go on with the agenda. All voted yes. Absent, Stowe. Carried. Mr. Sheeder continued to persue the item and was told we were moving on with the meeting.

Smith told the Council that when the canoers came ashore last week, she was ashamed of what Buffalo Beach looked like. It needs weeded and the small trees removed and cleaned up. This is a bad impression for the City. She would like the public works employees to go down there and spend a certain amount of time each week cleaning it up. Bollman said that is not on the list of priorities for the public works department, does she want to have them give up working on streets, water, sewer or electric? He said he is not a "cosmetic" person, and feels their time is more valuable on other jobs in the City, and to get someone else to be a cosmetic person if thats what the Council wants. Roe said the Park Board applied for a grant for this project, but has not been informed to date if it has been approved. Council told her to put this project in her newsletter and ask for volunteers to spend some time down there cleaning it up. Anyone can grab a saw and work down there on the riverfront getting rid of some of the brush and small saplings. She said she will take her goats down there this weekend and have them work on it.

Smith asked if the City workers could remove the trees at Rose Hill Cemetery that have grown up around the Veterans Memorial? Motion was made by Thein and Roe to have the City workers remove these trees. Bollman said he would have done it earlier, but needed authorization to remove them from a private memorial. All voted aye. Carried.

Smith discussed the need for pay phones to be placed in the Dodge school building and removed from the Civic Center. When the rooms have all been cleared at the Civic Center, the phone company will be contacted to switch them over and Council has to decide how many and where to place them, as the building will be sectioned off.

Smith discussed the riverfront saplings and weeds. She was told to put this in her newsletter and ask for volunteers to work on them.

Smith asked about the rental of rooms at the Dodge school. The City Council has to have a meeting and set rules for rental fees, cleaning fees, scheduling, etc. This will be scheduled later in the meeting.

The police report was read by Chief Gage Adams. He said they have not caught the persons responsible for the breakin at the park concession stand. Several other area concession stands were broken into at about the same time frame. Roe asked Adams if he had any information on the motorized skateboards that are operating on the City streets and being a hazard to traffic? Adams will check into it.

The park board report was given by Judy Hammons. She said the board would like the police department to lock the park gates at night and unlock them each morning, and if they are not available in the mornings, have the public works do it or give her a key for the gates. Council agreed the gates should be locked each night. There were no other committee reports.

Walters reported on the Community Center. She said they are obtaining three bids for sealing the outside of the building and the new awnings are almost finished at the front and rear doors.

There was no Mayors report. Mayor ProTem Walters said the clothing pantry is moving their clothing to the Dodge school building in order to clear out the civic center basement. A letter was received from the GenAge people asking for answers concerning the GenAge Cafe move to the other building. This is the former Senior Citizens meal-site.

The City Council will meet on August 18 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall to discuss and decide on items concerning the civic center and the Dodge school building, as to disposal of the civic center, rental and scheduling of rooms, folding gates, phones, cleaning, etc.

Public input was asked for. Dick Walters asked for a swinging gate instead of chains at the driveways to Dodge school. Ruby McCullough asked if anyone had noticed the Leader listed 329 Dodge Street for school signup this week? The letters will be changed in the sign there. Judy Hammons asked if the sign at Dodge school is for sale? No, the sign will stay with the building. Willard Sheeder said there is a new technicality on his subdivision and will Council discuss this with him. He was told it is not a new technicality. Motion was made by Roe and Walters to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. All ayes. Absent, Stowe. Motion carried.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Betty O. Walters, Mayor ProTem,  
Buffalo, IA

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Carol A. Bernauer, City Clerk, Buffalo, IA

Security Alarm Management, 299.99; U.S. Cellular, 17.99; Quad-City Times, 103.76; Laura Garcia, 8.00; City of Buffalo, 284.00; MidAmerican, 25.90; Internet Revealed, 25.00; Danny Raney, 150.00; City of Buffalo, 608.65; Dick-n-Sons, 12.49; Amsterdam Printing, 34.93; MidAmerican, 220.72; City of Buffalo, 294.25; Prairie Waste, 22.00; Fifth Third Leasing Co., 19,973.72; John Deere Health, 8201.19; Great Western Supply Co., 74.98; Security Alarm Management, 251.40; Superior Lamp, 240.12; AT&T, 19.64; MidAmerican, 1056.87; QC Metallurgical, 40.00; Utility Equip., 206.50; Menards, 35.52; Cardmember Service, 172.97; City of Buffalo, 118.33; Darrell Orman, 215.00; IIMC, 105.00; Iowa League of Cities, 450.00; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 338.40; Quad-City Times, 182.64; Scott County Treasurer, 7723.00; City of Buffalo, 81.18; Quad-City Times, 143.75; Fed EX, 66.57; IRWA, 20.00; Sams, 270.00; Buffalo Saving Bank, 6342.78; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 159.50; JA Reno, 190.50; City of Buffalo, 49.80; Racom, 752.40; Eric Miller, 200.00; Jamie Brooks, 64.51; Hygienic Lab, 15.00; Delta Dental, 646.95; Terry Behning, 118.00; City of Buffalo, 113.76; Malissa Lortz, 43.82; Christina Cunningham, 3.24; City of Buffalo, 150.00; Karl Gilbertson, 437.50; Midwest Municipal Transmission Group, 219.00; Quad-City Times, 174.82; Midwest Janitorial Ser., 945.00; TestAmerica, 240.00; Marcros Chemicals, 369.00; Midwest Metals, 113.10; IABME, 20.00; U.S. Cellular, 393.53; Iowa Prison Industries, 186.02; United Lab, 248.83; Lamco Slings, 113.33; Terminix, 40.00; Buffalo Savings Ins., 178.00; US Cellular, 18.01; Xerox, 17.00; MetalWerks, 28.09; AT&T, 175.10; Martin Equipment, 95.66; Mid-American Glazing Systems, 74.63; QWest, 849.51; William McCullough, 431.25; MidAmerican 26,567.03; Culligan, 15.50; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 247.50; Tom Zuber, 532.50; The Outhouse, 120.00; Grass Groomers, 360.00; Grass Groomers, 5314.28; Great Western Supply, 159.95; Interstate Batteries, 57.95; K&K Hardware, 94.17; Grainger, 113.36; Wal-Mart, 81.75; EFTPS, 2622.37; AT&T, 22.42; CMS, 460.16;