

February 09, 2004

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in regular session on February 09, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Betty Walters presiding. Councilmembers present were Greer, Hammons, Smith, Stowe and Thein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given. Motion was made by Stowe and Thein to approve the minutes of January 05. All voted aye. Carried. Motion was made by Greer and Thein to approve the bills. All ayes. Carried.

Public input was asked for. Judy Hammons said she had discussed attending committee meetings with the City Attorney, and it is permissible to attend as long as you don't represent yourself as a Councilmember, simply as a citizen. She apologized for representing herself as a Councilmember at a committee meeting, and said it would not happen again. Kenny Anderson thought it should be all right for them to attend committee meetings.

Bruce Weier of Midstates Electrical Consulting discussed at length with the Mayor, Council and audience on procedure for finding an electric supplier to supply the City when the contract expires with MidAmerican Energy in December, and answered many questions.

Item #8 was discussed during public input. Speakers from the audience must be recognized by the Chairman of the committee before discussion can be given from the audience during committee meetings.

Motion was made by Stowe and Thein to approve the second reading of Ordinance #384, "AN ORDINANCE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL & PROTECTION...". Voting yes were Stowe, Thein, Greer and Hammons. Smith voted no. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Thein to discuss passage of the third reading of Ordinance #384. Voting not to approve the third reading until next month were Greer, Smith, Thein and Hammons. Voting yes was Stowe. Motion not carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Thein to approve Resolution #10-2004, "A RESOLUTION FOR RENTAL PACKETS". All voted yes on a roll call vote. Carried.

There was discussion of enforcing the rental property inspection ordinance. After some time, motion was made by Hammons and Thein to send this back to the ordinance committee to increase the fees for the inspections. All voted yes. Carried.

There was discussion of the sale of the fire truck that was up for bids. Motion was made by Stowe and Thein to table the bids at this time. All voted aye. Carried.

Again there was discussion of selling the old civic center building. Motion was made by Thein and Stowe to table it to a future meeting. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Thein and Stowe to extend the meeting to 9:00 p.m. All ayes. Carried. The public works report was given by Dwain Bollman, Director. The police report was given by Gage Adams, Chief. When spring gets here, the Mayor and police chief will begin tagging vehicles and sending out letters for yard cleanups.

The Community Center report was given. Smith reported that there is a committee for Buffalo Days and it will be held on July 03 and 04 this year. Volunteers are needed.

The Park Board report was given by Ben Gerischer. Motion was made by Thein and Greer to approve the Park Board can spend up to \$500.00 without prior Council approval. All ayes. Carried. Motion was made by Smith and Thein that all walkers in the gymnasium at the Activity Center can walk at no charge, rescinding the .50¢ daily fees. All voted aye. Carried. Motion was made by Thein and Greer to reimburse Karen Hass for the \$422.77 in supplies that was stolen from the concession stand last year. All voted aye. Carried. Motion was made by Smith and Thein to charge the following rates for any and all activities in the gym at: \$10.00 per hour rental, \$25.00 deposit for the key and cleaning, not to be returned until the gym is checked. There is no smoking and no alcohol allowed in the gym. All voted aye. Carried.

There was discussion of changing the meeting time to 7:00 p.m. Motion was made by Smith and Greer to refer this back to the ordinance committee.

Motion was made by Stowe and Thein to approve Resolution #11-2004, "A RESOLUTION TO PUT A LIEN ON PROPERTY AT 1121 CHESTNUT STREET FOR UNPAID BILLS". On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Carried.

Hammons discussed with Council of possibly consolidating city buildings and moving City Hall to the Activity Center to save on heating bills. Nothing was decided. Motion was made by Hammons and Thein to discuss the water that city buildings have such as the five gallon containers and dispensers, or the liter bottles that are used out in the field on hot summer days. Voting to get rid of this was Hammons. Voting no were Thein, Smith, Stowe and Greer. Not carried.

Motion was made by Thein and Stowe to continue the meeting until the agenda was finished tonight. All ayes. Carried. Motion was made by Thein and Stowe to refer to the Ordinance Committee the time limit length of meetings. All ayes. Carried.

As the public has spoken during most of the line items tonight, it was not voted to do anything different at this time. There was discussion of city wide cleanup and junk vehicles that are all over town. This will be addressed by the police chief and mayor when the weather gets better.

As no ordinance has been received to date, motion was made by Thein and Stowe to table the item of adding scooters to the skateboard ordinance. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Smith and Stowe to approve the moving of Buffalo Days from late August to July 03 and 04 this year. All voted aye. Carried. No committee reports were given. Mayor Walters gave her report. She said Mayor Spring of Leclaire was reelected Chairman of the SASWMC committee, and she was elected as alternate. She told Council that Pat Fennelly has purchased the property just north of the city limits on Jefferson Street, and he will be talking with the City concerning this property.

Budget meetings will be on February 11 at 5:30 pm and February 17 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The Park Board will meet at the gym on February 18 at 6:00 p.m. The Ordinance/Finance Committee will meet on February 19 at 5:00 p.m.

Public input was asked for, and several citizens responded. Motion was made by Stowe and Greer to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m. All voted aye. Carried.

Signed: Betty O. Walters
Betty O. Walters, Mayor,
Buffalo, IA

Attest: Carol A. Bernauer
Carol A. Bernauer, CMC
City Clerk/Finance Officer
Buffalo, IA

EFTPS, 1959.39; The University of Iowa, 224.00; MidAmerican, 22,728.36; Lowes, 110.43; H&M Disposal, 3465.00; Dick-n-Sons, 48.43; Betz Engraving, 65.00; William McCullough, 318.15; Republic Co., 226.80; City of Buffalo, 127.19; Eastern Iowa Petro, 650.50; AT&T, 20.83; Olderog Tire, 267.48; Treasurer, State, 154.00; Heritage Computers, 39.00; EFTPS, 1738.54; OHP77LC, 2290.96; City of Buffalo, 19.04; Delta Dental, 773.18; J.A. Reno, 210.78; Cardmember Ser., 651.86; AT&T, 188.34; QWest, 883.53; Q.C. Metallurgical, 40.00; Quad City Times, 173.36; MidAmerican, 2119.74; S.J. Smith Welding, 20.03; CarQuest, 244.23; Cargill, 423.00; Buysse Dodge, 89.84; Chemsearch, 174.27; Iowa One Call, 34.20; Iowa League of Cities, 30.00; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 335.00; John Deere Health, 7328.80; Eastern Iowa Petro, 688.80; U.S. Cellular, 349.41; Better Roads, 24.00; U.S. Cellular, 17.97; City of Davenport, 61.14; Racom, 237.35; City of Buffalo, 59.67; EFTPS, 1754.81; Miller Trucking, 1342.95; Xerox, 17.00; Broghammer & Assoc., 425.00; Electrical Engineering, 30.66; Public Safety Center, 250.46; Country Spring Bottled Water, 6.75; Humane Society, 250.00; Scott County Jail, 75.00; K-Mart, 95.01; The Camera, 59.94; AT&T, 44.72; Matt Parrott and Sons, 546.61; Office Machine, 176.05; ILLowa Communications, 219.50; Treasurer, State, 1343.00; IPERS, 3082.49; EFTPS, 1816.66; Treasurer, State, 2063.61; Teamsters Local #238, 307.00; Menards, 88.51; Vogel Traffic Ser., 129.75; Alter, 329.61; AT&T, 22.12; Willia, McCullough, 562.50; Eastern Iowa Petro, 63.70; United Lab, 479.55; Cameron Cooley, 213.00; EFTPS, 1826.27; City of Buffalo, 207.42; Great Western Supply, 43.00; Q.C. Metallurgical Lab, 40.00; Xerox Capital, 17.00; Mid-American, 20,914.46; 2003 wages: Dwain Bollman, 49832.15; Jamie Brooks, 44495.69; Richard Derrickson, 37821.59; Gregg Shaw, 37322.69; Carol Bernauer, 43876.27; Debbie Guenther, 24185.31; Gage Adams, 43613.37; Terry Behning, 38790.50; Victor Obertance, 15087.86; Richard Aleksiejczyk, 5157.80; Terry Ferkel, 12945.10; Robert Bell, 1534.03; Shari Nissen, 5422.23; Elbert Austin, 257.50; James Morrissey, 241.30; Karen Bernauer, 8667.51; Robert Mackie, 86.80; Ted Teel, 1600.00; Kent Roe, 475.00; Dana Smith, 555.00; Cathy Stowe, 530.00; Larry Thein, 445.00; Betty Walters, 1006.66; Orman Locksmith, 437.50; Cargill, 763.20; Cardmember Ser., 366.51;