

May 27, 2004

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in special session on May 27, 2004, at 6:01 p.m., with Mayor Walters presiding. Councilmembers present were Greer, Hammons, Smith, and Stowe. Absent, Thein. Purpose of the special meeting was to hold a public hearing on the fiscal 2003-2004 budget amendment, and other items.

Public input was asked for from the residents present. Motion was made by Stowe and Greer to close the regular meeting and open the meeting to a public hearing for the fiscal 2003-2004 budget amendment. All present voted aye. Carried. The public hearing opened at 6:04 p.m. Questions were asked by members of the audience and explained to them about the extra expenditures having all been approved previously by the City Council. Motion was made at 6:09 p.m. to close the public hearing and return to regular session by Stowe and Hammons. All present voted yes. Absent, Thein. Carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Greer to approve Resolution #18-2004, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL 2003-2004 BUDGET AMENDMENT". All present voted yes on a roll call vote. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

Motion was made at 6:10 p.m. by Stowe and Hammons to close the regular meeting and open to a public hearing for Scott Mayer as requested by him concerning a nuisance letter that was given him. All present voted aye. Carried. After hearing concerns of Mr. Mayer in the public hearing and of his hardship, motion was made by Stowe and Greer to close the public hearing and return to regular session. All voted aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Smith, to approve a three (3) month extension to get his foundation poured, inspected, and then he must remove the storage trailer he has on the property, with no further extensions. All voted yes on a roll call vote. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

There was discussion of bingo night and bereavement dinners conflicting with each other at the Community Center. Motion was made by Hammons and Greer to allow the bereavement dinners to be held at the Community Center on bingo nights, but they must be out by 3:30. Voting yes were Greer and Hammons. Voting no were Stowe and Smith. Motion tied, not carried. Motion was then made by Smith and Stowe to allow both of them, but the dinners must be over with by 3:00 p.m. with members of the bereavement group helping to set up for bingo. Voting yes were Greer, Smith and Stowe. Voting no, Hammons. Absent, Thein. Motion carried. The Community Center also wished it stated there has never been a fee charged for bereavement dinners held there.

There was discussion of the electric service at the Buffalo Activity Center for the new air conditioning units, as they were not included in the grant request, as someone had volunteered to take care of the electric. This will be on the June agenda.

Motion was made by Greer and Hammons to approve the street work for 2004-2005. All voted yes on a roll call vote. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

There was discussion concerning the special outside water meters. As we cannot get parts for the old ones that were sold to individuals, we cannot repair their meters for them when they break or freeze. Motion was made by Stowe and Smith, to pass Resolution #19-2004, "A NEW FEE FOR SPECIAL OUTSIDE WATER METERS TO BE \$150.00". All voted yes on a roll call vote. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Hammons to pass the first reading of Ordinance #390, "AN ORDINANCE FOR CHARGES FOR WATER DISCONNECTS AND RECONNECTS, AS WELL AS ELECTRIC FEES FOR BOTH". All voted yes on a roll call vote. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Hammons to approve the first reading of Ordinance #391, "AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE BURNING OF GRASS, GRASS CLIPPINGS". All voted yes on a roll call vote. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Smith to approve the first reading of Ordinance #392, "AN ORDINANCE FOR FEES FOR TEMPORARY ELECTRIC SERVICES". All voted yes on a roll call vote. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Smith, to approve the first reading of Ordinance #393,, "AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE CITY COUNCIL FOR DISPOSAL OF FIRE EQUIPMENT". Voting yes were Greer, Hammons, Smith and Stowe. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Hammons to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #387, "FEES FOR PEDDLERS..." All present voted yes on a roll call vote. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

Fines for animals running loose is tabled to the June 07 meeting. Council discussed mulch for the park playground equipment and this will be on the June 07 meeting agenda.

Public input was again asked for. Residents present expressed input. Motion was made by Stowe and Greer to adjourn the regular meeting and go to closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)j, "PURCHASE OF PROPERTY...." Voting yes were Smith, Stowe, Greer and Hammons. Absent, Thein. Motion carried. Council adjourned to closed session at 7:43 p.m. Motion by Smith and Stowe to return to open session. All present yes. Carried.

Council returned to open session at 8:05 p.m. with all members present except Thein. Motion was made by Stowe and Smith to have Greer and Bollman proceed as discussed in the closed session. Voting yes were Hammons, Greer, Stowe and Smith. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Hammons and Stowe to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. All present voted yes. Absent, Thein. Motion carried.

Attest: Carol A. Bernauer

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