

October 04, 2004

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in regular session on October 04, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Betty Walters presiding. Councilmembers present were Chris Carson, Mitch Greer, Judy Hammons, Cathy Stowe and Dana Wiese. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion was made by Stowe and Wiese to approve the minutes of September 13. All voted aye. Motion carried. Motion was made by Stowe and Greer to approve the bills. All voted aye. Carried.

Public input was offered by residents present. The public works report was given by Dwain Bollman, Director. Council discussed the rental inspection program, and said notices have to be sent to the property owners and they have to obtain a license for each address. The zoning enforcement officer/building inspector will compose the letter and form, and the clerks office will send them to the owners. Motion was made by Hammons and Greer to get this done right away. All voted aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Carson and Stowe to have the park board make a list of the items in the gym and shed and give to Council for a decision of how to dispose of the items, and be able to use the space more efficiently. All voted aye. Motion carried.

There was considerable discussion of riverfront clearing. The City budget won't withstand a great expense for riverfront clearing and it would come from the Park Board funds. Major Terry Glandon, Scott County Sheriffs Dept., discussed a program that Scott County has, called "Community Restoration Program", and perhaps they could have some of the County jail inmates come down and work on the riverfront. They are allowed to use various tools and some inmates like to work outside on projects. Motion was made by Wiese and Carson to have Gage Adams, Police Chief, contact the County officials and see if this could be done. All voted yes on a roll call vote. Motion carried.

Major Terry Glandon, Scott County Sheriffs Dept., and Paul Greufe, Assistant Scott County Administrator, gave a video presentation to everyone present on the need for an expanded and improved jail and annex. They told us that a \$100,000 assessed value house would have a tax increase of \$1.90 per month to pay for the improvements and expansion, and answered questions from the audience. Council thanked them for their presentation.

There was more discussion of culverts on Franklin Street or the lack of culverts. Motion was made by Wiese and Greer to dig out the culverts again and better control the drainage to the West. As this has been on the agendas many times, and the culverts have been cleaned out, voting no were Greer, Stowe, Carson and Hammons. Wiese voted yes. Motion not carried.

Motion was made by Greer and Stowe, to remove the portable toilet behind the E Z Way Store in November for the winter. This comes from the park board budget, as it serves the mini park on Chestnut Street and the beach park. Voting yes were Carson, Stowe, Hammons and Greer. Wiese voted no. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Greer to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #394, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BRICK SIDEWALKS". All voted yes on a roll call vote. Carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Carson to approve the first reading of Ordinance #395, "AN ORDINANCE FOR A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION". Voting yes were Greer, Hammons, Carson, Wiese and Stowe. Carried.

Motion was made by Carson and Wiese to discuss the sale of the Civic Center building to a resident wishing to purchase it for a single family home. Council would want this sold as a single family unit and maintain the historical preservation of the building. Clerk told Council there would have to be a public hearing before they can sell the property. Voting to proceed were Stowe, Wiese, Greer and Hammons. Voting no, Carson. Motion carried.

Council discussed problems we are having with service from Prairie Waste Services on garbage pickup and recycle pickup since the switch over from H & M Disposal. Motion was made by Stowe and Greer to review contracts and if we have problems of missed pickups on Tuesday, schedule another meeting with them. All voted aye. Carried.

Gage Adams, Police Chief, gave his monthly report. There was discussion of blowing grass into the streets when mowing, and tickets will be given out, in order to enforce the stormwater ordinance.

Motion was made by Stowe and Carson to give the money received from the rescue boat to the DARE fund. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Park Board report was given by Ben Gerischer. Motion was made by Hammons and Carson to allow the Park Board to spend up to \$1,000 without prior Council approval. Voting yes were Carson, Wiese, Hammons and Greer. Stowe voted no. Carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Greer to continue the meeting until 9:30 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Greer not to have the City part time workers seal the flooring in the Seniors Meal Site room. When we didn't raise their rent, but paid for a telephone in their room, it was agreed at that time, that they have to clean and maintain their own room, with their own help. All voted aye. Carried.

There were no Committee reports, and Mayor Walters gave a short report. Public input was again asked for. Motion was made by Greer and Stowe to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Signed: Betty O. Walters

Betty O. Walters, Mayor
Buffalo, IA

Attest: Carol A. Bernauer

Carol A. Bernauer, City Clerk
Buffalo, IA

EFTPS, 2243.18; Bank One, 1922.85; EFTPS, 2131.01; Wal-Mart, 137.98; City of Buffalo, 146.67; Re/Max Bi-State, 639.45; Noel Hansen, 71.47; City of Buffalo, 63.53; Farm & Fleet, 81.65; Betty Walters, 400.00; Betty Walters, 40.00; Mitch Greer, 85.00; Judy Hammons, 110.00; Dana Wiese, 120.00; Cathy Stowe, 70.00; Chris Carson, 110.00; Delta Dental, 772.18; City of Buffalo, 146.24; Jamie Brooks, 93.06; J.A. Reno, 214.89; John Deere Health, 6742.6; C.H. McGuiness, 100.18; City of Buffalo, 34.55; Q.C. Metallurgical, 40.00; United Lab, 152.57; S.J. Smith Welding, 337.34; Menards, 113.34; Fletcher Reinhardt, 1277.80; City of Buffalo, 45.00; Interstate Batteries, 295.80; Midland Scientific, 393.90; PerMar, 74.95; Pitney Bowes, 483.22; Matt Parrott & Sons, 665.15; Crescent Electric Supply Co., 237.05; Terminix, 35.00; Heritage Computers, 70.00; ILLowa Communications, 367.00; Mettler-Toledo, 162.00; Office Machine Consultants, 183.68; Eastern Iowa Petro, 98.60; AT&T, 204.61; QWest, 823.80; MidAmerican, 95.33; IPERS, 3392.67; Treasurer, State of Iowa 1454.00; EFTPS, 2010.75; Veenstra & Kimm, 190.00; Internet Revealed, 25.00; Culligan, 16.00;