

February 16, 2005

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met on February 16, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in special session with Mayor Walters presiding. Councilmembers present were Chris Carson, Mitch Greer, Judy Hammons, Cathy Stowe and Dana Wiese. Purpose of the special meeting was to work on the fiscal 2005-2006 budget and other items.

Motion was made by Hammons and Greer to amend the agenda to discuss payment of the bills. Carson will come in tomorrow to look over bills and discuss a form for listing them for the meeting on February 22. All ayes. Carried.

Public input was given by some of those present. Motion was made by Stowe and Hammons to approve work on the boiler system at the Buffalo Activity Center and take the funds from the option tax fund. All voted aye. Carried.

Lynn Kinkennon discussed the funds of the Buffalo Community Center and lack of rentals of the building. Motion was made by Stowe and Carson to allow her to cash a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$4628.99 to buy supplies for the firemens dance in March and upkeep of the building. All voted aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Carson and Greer to discuss the late penalty on rental license fees that have not yet been paid by the rental property owners. There was discussion of allowing an extra two weeks to get their licenses without paying the penalty. The rental license letters were mailed out on January 04 and due by February 04. Voting to uphold the late penalty amount now overdue and require payment of it were Greer, Hammons, Stowe and Wiese. Voting no, Carson. Motion carried.

Council discussed the cell phones the employees and Mayor have. Hammons checked into a plan that will allow six cell phones with a total minute limit of 2400 minutes between the six phones. The public works men will each have a phone and the police department will have two phones and the Mayor will have one. Bollman said he will find an old radio for the part time public works people to use when they work outside this summer. Motion was made by Carson and Greer to approve this. All voted aye. Carried. Then they discussed an additional phone for the clerk or deputy clerk to use as needed, on a motion by Carson and Greer. Voting no were Carson, Greer, Hammons and Wiese. Stowe voted yes. Motion carried not to allow a phone in the office. These phones are not to be used for personal calls and not to be taken on vacation.

Time cards were discussed. When the clerk and deputy clerk are done on Friday, they put them thru the door slot, as they are done for the week. Hammons wants them left out so they can look at them. Motion was made by Hammons and Greer to have an ordinance made to change the regular monthly meeting to the second Monday of the month instead of the first Monday to make bill paying easier. Voting yes were Wiese, Carson, Greer and Hammons. Stowe abstained. Motion carried.

At 8:30 p.m., Council, Mayor and employees worked on the fiscal 2005-2006 budget. At 9:00, motion was made by Greer and Stowe to work on the budget for five more minutes to finish the police portion. Motion was then rescinded. Motion was made by Hammons and Greer at 9:23 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Carried.

Signed: Betty Q. Walters
Betty Q. Walters,
Mayor
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Attest: Carol A. Bernauer
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