

February 06, 1995

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The Buffalo City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 06, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Phil C. Hoover presiding. Present were Councilmembers Josie Collins, Tom Harland, Jr., Dave Kinsinger, Dick Nissen and Betty Walters. Absent, none.

Mayor Hoover told the audience he had just heard and would like everyone to know that Josie Collins had been named "Woman of the Year" at the Lulac Club in Davenport. The audience congratulated her on this achievement. Josie wasn't aware the Mayor knew of this award and was surprised by the announcement.

Motion by Walters and Collins to approve the previous minutes. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Harland and Walters to approve payment of the bills. All ayes. Carried.

The Treasurers report was given. Disbursements for January were \$75,598.29 and receipts were \$66,344.42. Motion by Walters and Harland to approve this. Carried.

Roy Walters gave his proposal for the street work this year. Motion by Kinsinger and Harland to continue with his company. All ayes. Carried.

Motion by Walters and Kinsinger to apply for the summer JTPA program, with the City paying one half the salary of the supervisor, if necessary, to be approved for the program. We must have a minimum of four (4) youth to qualify for the program. All ayes. Carried.

The funds for the Community Center was discussed. Walters told council there was not enough money left in the two checking accounts to pay the monthly bills and for the \$1,000 prize fund each week in the bingo account. Bingo was closed down for the month of December and in January, attendance is down because of the weather and some people were not aware bingo would continue. A certificate of deposit was cashed that matured and half was put back into another 91 day certificate and the other half was split into the two checking accounts, in order to pay the monthly bills and the kitchen supply bills. Too much money was given away by the previous commission members and we were forced to cash in the c.d. to pay the normal monthly bills and the weekly bingo payoffs. This was approved verbally by Walters and Collins of the Community Center Relations Committee and the present Commission members before it was done. When the books are balanced and a running balance is established, the checking accounts will be turned over to Rick Fielder and Linn Kinkennon, as Commission members. Council approved what had been done and said to do whatever it takes to get the accounts back into the members control and let the clerks do their regular jobs.

Motion by Harland and Collins to approve Resolution #5-95, "A RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT." All voted aye. Carried.

Motion by Collins and Walters to approve Resolution #6-95, "A RESOLUTION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD." All voted aye. Carried.

There was discussion on the Ambulance group using the upstairs North room at the Civic Center each Sunday night until May. At the present time, they are not paying any rent, but will be sent a letter by the Mayor that the room will have to be cleaned up after each meeting or they will have to begin paying the \$10.00 rent plus a cleanup fee of \$10.00 each, the same as everyone else who rents the building. Motion by Kinsinger and Harland to send the letter with these conditions. All ayes. Carried.

The cemetery committee had met and recommended to council to advertise for bids for lawn care maintenace at Rose Hill Cemetery. This would include all grass cutting, trimming, sweeping the stones, removing fallen tree branches, etc. This would be done on a regular basis, with the grass to become no higher than three (3) inches, and trimming of all stones to be done at the same time as the cutting. All equipment and gas and oil are to be supplied by the bidder in the same bid. The City will continue to open and close graves. A list of rules can be obtained at City Hall, 409-3rd Street. Payment will be divided among the months of April thru October.

Motion by Kinsinger and Harland to approve the bid procedure. Voting aye were Collins, Harland, Kinsinger and Walters. Nissen voted nay. Motion carried. Sealed bids must be received at City Hall no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 24.

The public works report was given by Dwain Bollman, Public Works Director. Schemmer Associates have made an elevation certificate for all of Spruce Street to show that none of the homes are in the 100 year floodplain. Bollman told of problems of vehicles not being moved during the large snowfall, and plans to follow the ordinance when we get the next major snowfall, including having all vehicles towed, if necessary, as this created quite a problem of having to go back and forth and trying to catch the areas where the vehicles were removed at different times. The contract with Schemmer Associates was discussed and is not on the agenda to sign it tonight. The Design Phase is \$63,200.00, with other phases and prices listed separately. Council, after much discussion, agreed to have Steve Honse begin this phase, with the agreement that he would be paid from either the landfill funds that will be coming sometime soon or a possible grant we have applied for and will know the results in mid-March. Mr. Honse will be contacted to see if this is in agreement with him, until the next meeting. Repair or replacement of the pumps at the Dodge Street lift station was discussed. One of the pumps currently is not working. It is less expensive to purchase new pumps than to have the old ones pulled and repaired and more time consuming. Motion by Nissen and Walters to purchase new pumps and have the city employees only work on installing the new pumps. All voted aye. Carried. Two bids were received for the old Chevy truck. One was for \$110.00 and the other for \$82.97. Harland said he had someone else that wanted to bid, but didn't see the notice. Motion by Walters and Kinsinger to table the bids until the next meeting, so that Bollman could contact some salvage yards to obtain prices from them. Voting aye were Collins, Kinsinger, Nissen and Walters. Harland abstained. Motion carried.

Holly Lopez and Jackie Guldenpfennig gave the 4th of July/Buffalo Days report and asked what is needed to get permission to have a beer tent in the park during the celebration, and to get the hours extended to have the park open. Resolutions will be drawn up for council approval at the next meeting. They also asked about closing the parking lot inside the park to all vehicles to make it more accessible for the trailers and equipment and emergency vehicles to enter and exit. Council agreed to this. They plan on three day event, beginning Friday evening thru Sunday evening. There was discussion on when to have the fireworks. They planned on them Sunday night, but members of council and the audience told them the fire department will only set off the fireworks on the night of the 4th, which is Tuesday this year. The ladies will check into it further.

Motion by Walters and Harland to approve Resolution #7-95, "A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION AND BUFFALO DAYS TO BE THE ONE AND THE SAME EVENT." After discussion with Jackie and Holly, Council agreed this would save confusion in the future, as no other event could be called either of these. All voted aye. Carried.

The park board report was given by Mitch Greer. He requested and received permission to purchase and have delivered 30 loads of "clean dirt" at \$47.00 a load for the ball diamonds at the City Park. The board would like to seed the out of bounds areas this fall to give it time to grow before the next season, as this would be much less expensive than sodding. Motion by Walters and Collins to approve this work. All ayes. Motion carried. The small diamond needs fencing around the home plate area for bleachers, instead of everyone using lawn chairs.

The police report was given by Gage Adams, Police Chief. He told council he needs a new squad car, the older one is requiring too much in repairs. He said the price of a new one would be around \$17,000 and he could get about \$1,000 in trade-in for the old one. He will meet with the Finance Committee on Friday at 9:00. At the present time there is not enough in his budget to purchase one, and the funds would have to come from either Fire Dept., Ambulance fund or Street Lighting. The new budget begins July 01.


The Community Center report was given by Rick Fielder. The Commission has someone to clean up the building after bingo and after receptions and partys. He said there will be an all night bingo, probably March 03, from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. They are planning to have events scheduled in the building for the youth in our city and to use it more in the future. They still need more volunteers and members. Anyone interested contact City Hall, Mayor, Councilmembers or Commission members. The kitchen is assigned to nonprofit groups for all of this year. He said attendance tonight is very high up at the building.

No one was present from Protec to give a report. Bollman said he contacted A T & T about the outside ringer on the phone and arranged a different plan with them.

Mayor Hoover gave his report. He said much of it has already been covered tonight. The M.A.D.R.A.C. group (canoers) will begin their Mississippi River trip this year in Buffalo, instead of further North. They will leave here on August 05, with approximately 100 canoes beginning and more joining downriver. He has been working with FEMA on three or four homes that FEMA wants abandoned and torn down. The owners repaired their homes after the flood, but now FEMA said they were not elevated first. He spoke with representatives in Des Moines about our low census count in 1990, and we can request a special census with a \$125.00 application fee. This will be checked further. He reported on the success of "Buffalo Wings Day" last Friday and good participation. Committee reports were given during the meeting. There was no community input. A date for a special budget meeting will be February 15 at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Nissen and Harland to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Signed: 

Phil C. Hoover,
Mayor of Buffalo, IA

Attest: 

Carol A. Bernauer,
City Clerk of Buffalo, IA

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U.S. Cellular, 14.95; Fire Protection Pub, 57.50; Mississippi Tool Supply, 70.57; Ia-Ill. Gas & Elec. Co., 1491.82; Heritage Nat'l Healthplan, 4640.22; AT&T, 26.51; Ia Elec. Supply Co., 462.17; Meyer Oil Co., 385.51; City of Buffalo, 35.90; Terminix, 32.00; Payless Cashways, 13.98; Utility Equip., 306.35; Schemmer Assoc., 340.00; Akzo Nobel Salt, 464.64; Robert Vick, 70.00; City of Buffalo, 209.50; Heritage Nat'l Healthplan, 4640.22; J.A. Reno, 519.56; Terry-Durin, 179.36; Art-O-Lite Elec., 65.25; Electrical Materials, 389.16; Meyer Oil Co., 352.63; Iowa One Call, 7.80; Gall's, 160.89; IBM, 143.00; Hygienic Lab, 1646.00; Wear Guard, 44.44; Operator Service, 70.00; Lee Meyer, 36.34; Buffalo Postmaster, 300.00; Scott County Recorder, 13.00; City of Buffalo, 98.91; Buffalo Savings Bank, 1465.75; Target, 40.42; Buffalo Bank, 1264.36; Wal-Mart, 106.60; Buffalo Bank, 1240.52; QC Two Way, 200.80; Hotel Ft. Des Moines, 85.03; Internal Revenue Service, 7.63; Job Service of Iowa, 101.28; Richmar Co., 89.00; Richmar Co., 89.00; City of Buffalo, 49.24; Marjorie Kuhrt, 55.76; Dick Nissen, 46.18; City of Buffalo, 41.17, Quad-City Times, 63.84; Akzo Nobel Salt, 470.40; Lawson Prod., 152.63; Quinlan Publishing, 8.00; K&K Hardware, 55.97; U.S. West, 466.04; Olderog Tire Ser., 173.10; HuMar Disposal, 2825.25; Office Machine Consultants, 68.27; Payless Cashways, 34.15; Matthews Office Equip., 72.94; Waddell Bros. Metal Co., 496.45; Bi-State, 1250.00; Emergency Lock Ser., 95.00; C.R. Data, 328.39; Mark Cleve, 240.00; Teamsters Local #238, 183.00; Ia. Ill. Gas & Elec. Co., 15,350.93; Yates Elec., 2221.59; Zuber Lumber Co., 52.52; Chemsearch, 375.24; Fullwell Products, 32.23; Utiltiy Equip., 1359.12; Ralph Jewett, 2983.37; Dwain Bollman, 3235.53; Ricky Fielder, 2814.20; Jamie Brooks, 2277.87; Carol Bernauer, 2884.08; Deborah Guenther, 910.20; Gage Adams, 3573.42; Jeffrey Swanson, 2120.00; Robert Jackson, 2110.00; Richard Aleksiejczyk, 354.80; Karen Bernauer, 437.11; Tom Harland, Jr., 60.00; Richard Nissen, 50.00; City of Buffalo, 105.96; Walmart, 79.27; City of Buffalo, 1395.00; Ia.State Treasurer, 1478.35 & 1133.43; IPERS, 2653.33; Buffalo Bank, 2466.33; Protecs, Inc., 4401.06; U.S. West, 38.02; Buffalo Bank Insurance, 198.00; Payless Cashway, 34.15; Total Tool, 210.29; IRWA, 100.00; Elliott Eqpt., 86.96; United Lab, 148.94; IAMU, 281.02; Quad City Times, 396.24; Angelos Supplies, 334.24; Lawson Prod., 154.12; Westron, 338.13;