

January 04, 1999

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met on Monday, January 04, 1999, at 7:06 p.m. at City Hall with Mayor Betty Walters presiding. Present were Councilmembers Mitch Greer, Bill Sheeder and Ted Teel. Absent, none.

Motion was made by Sheeder and Greer to approve the minutes of December 07. All voted aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Teel and Greer to approve payment of the listed bills. All voted aye. Carried.

Motion was made by Sheeder, seconded by Teel to approve Resolution #01-99, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGANS ADDITION". This is pending payment of expenses incurred by the City for legal fees, etc. Payment was made by Mr. Agan at this time. Voting to approve were Teel, Sheeder and Greer. Motion carried.

As there is an additional vacant seat on the council, City Attorney Bill McCullough explained that, after checking with Des Moines, the Council cannot avoid the election scheduled for January 12, and appoint the two finalists to these two positions. After the election, the Council can appoint someone to the other vacant seat. The City Clerk will post the notices for the remaining vacancy.

Ronda McCreight was present to give a Buffalo Days report on this summers event. The theme will be "Echoes of the Century". So far she has scheduled: A 3 on 3 basketball tournament, raft race, karaoke contest, three bands, etc., and has checked into several carnivals, but most of them want a deposit of \$2500 first. She will get more information on the carnival deposits before the Council makes a committment.

Motion was made by Greer and Sheeder to approve the renewal of the liquor license for the Buffalo Community Center. All ayes. Carried.

Dwain Bollman, Public Works Director, gave his verbal report for December and the first four days of January. Approximately 70 hours of overtime were spent on snow removal from the blizzard over New Years weekend. His department is having trouble finding places to dump the snow, and so far has been unable to plow clear back to the curbs due to the heavy volume of snow. He discussed the extension of the contract for grass mowing this summer with Grass Groomers, with G.G. maintaining the same prices as the past two years. If new mowing areas are added, the rate would be adjusted. Grass Groomers would also like a three year contract in order to purchase more equipment. After Mr. McCullough looked over the figures, he suggested a contract be put on the next agenda with G.G. present for questions.

Gage Adams, Police Chief, read his monthly report to the Council.

Motion was made by Teel and Greer to approve Resolution #02-99, "A RESOLUTION PROMOTING TERRY J. BEHNING TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT IN THE POLICE DEPT. WITH A RAISE". Voting yes were Sheeder, Greer and Teel. Carried.

Motion made by Teel and Greer to permit the Mayor and Clerk to attend the IMFOA meeting in April and October. All ayes. Carried.

Mr. Stuart L. Britton of "Clear Lines" was present to give Council a report on a housing needs assessment for Buffalo. He gave out reports that list various items, such as homes built, values, population, incomes, age groups, etc.

The treasurers report was not ready, and will be put in the councils mail boxes. There were no committee reports. Mayor Walters gave her report. She said she would be going around this Friday to take photos with Mr. Fry of rental houses that are needed to try for another senior housing apartment building. She said they are giving away 200 plus items from the clothing pantry every Wednesday morning. She and other volunteers gave out 42 Christmas food boxes from St. Anthonys Church at Christmas. She reported on the bus trip the seniors took to view Christmas lights last month. There was discussion of property not

in the city limits that could be annexed or condemned to build housing for familys that are middle income or lesser income. Sheeder discussed some of a Martinez family property that could be built with houses, and he and Greer discussed the utility services that would have to be extended from our lines. Mayor Walters and Bollman said it would be very costly to extend water and sewer because of all the rocky ground in this area. It was suggested from the audience to have a "town meeting" to get some input from the residents of Buffalo about additional single housing. This may be scheduled in the future.

Public input was asked for. Loann Struck asked why the STOP sign at Third and Hacker Streets is not covered this winter? She cannot make Hacker hill if she stops at 3rd & Hacker, and she was pushing stuck cars that got stuck near her house at 5th & Hacker. It was explained to her that if we do NOT cover the sign, and a car runs the STOP sign and has an accident, the City is not liable, the vehicle owners are. The City could be liable for a very large lawsuit if we covered it only part of the time. The STOP signs at 5th & Hacker were also discussed. The Ordinance committee will meet at City Hall on January 27 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the ordinance relating to not covering the signs. Chris Ontiveros said to give tickets to violators who run the STOP signs and YIELD signs. He was nearly struck by a vehicle making a run to the Ambulance barn on a call that did not yield. There was considerable discussion that followed on the STOP signs in our City.

Motion was made by Teel and Greer to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. All ayes.
Motion carried.

Signed: Betty O. Walters

Betty O. Walters, Mayor, Buffalo, IA

Attest: Carol A. Bernauer

Carol A. Bernauer, City Clerk, Buffalo, IA

Jennifer Stowe, 173.66; EFTPS, 3361.66; Betty Walters, 400.00; Betty Walters, 40.00; United Laboratories, 388.91; Redmond, Broghammer, 400.00; W.W. Grainger, 208.47; Tom Zuber, 645.00; City of Buffalo, 37.30; Wal-Mart, 209.68; Iowa League of Cities, 150.00; Interstate Detroit Diesel, 236.44; Terminix, 32.00; J.A. Reno, 639.52; ATCO, 198.80; Hempel Pipe, 8.77; Consolidated Barricades, 377.97; Paula Anderson, 125.00; Mitch Greer, 160.00; Ted Teel, 135.00; Bill Sheeder, 160.00; Lowes, 167.47; EFTPS, 1846.85; City of Buffalo, 179.29; U.S. West, 728.90; Alter & Sons, 444.45; Linwood Mining, 80.85; Moore Medical Corp., 265.63; Payless Cashways, 78.54; City of Buffalo, 95.48; Dave Clearman, 39.52; MidAmerican, 414.60; EFTPS, 1724.45; Officemax, 98.71; Fletcher-Reinhardt, 424.10; Hach, 27.00; PerMar, 69.30; MidAmerican, 16,037.63; City of Buffalo, 52.00; Linwood Mining, 88.75; Koenig Body & Equip., 120.00; AT&T, 5.76; U.S. Cellular, 232.21; Heritage Nat'l, 4828.57; HuMar, 3324.75; Matt Parrott and Sons, 731.89; Officemax, 51.98; Quad-City Times, 73.69; Hach Co., 18.90; S.J. Smith Welding, 123.60; Contractors Machinery, 760.60; Scott Area Landfill, 139.00; Buffalo Family Med. Center, 66.00; Hach Co., 41.90; City of Buffalo, 56.46; Treasurer, State of Ia, 2236.64; EFTPS, 1693.71; IPERS, 3490.26; Game Time, 1700.74; Treasurer, State of IA, 1340.00; AT&T, 10.80; OfficeMax, 51.98; West End Gardens, 27.60; Iowa Utilities Division, 69.00; Matt Parrott & Sons, 50.78; Office Machine Consultants, 59.14; Arrakis Publishing/Fire Programs, 390.00; Payless Cashways, 6.93; Teamsters Local #238, 172.00; K-Mart, 93.47; Officemax, 189.86; I.A.M.U., 246.18; Linwood Mining, 23.99;