

November 03, 2003

The City Council of Buffalo, IA, met in regular session on November 03, 2003, at 6:00 pm at City Hall with Mayor Ted Teel presiding. Councilmembers present were Dana Jo Smith, Cathy Stowe and Betty Walters. Absent were Kent Roe and Larry Thein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present. Motion was made by Walters and Smith to approve the minutes of October 06. All ayes. Carried.

Motion was made by Stowe and Walters to approve payment of the bills. All ayes. Carried.

Public input was opened by the Mayor, with a limit of 90 seconds per person at this time. Judy Hammons asked about progress on the new electric contract. Darlene Mayers asked about installing a flashing red light on the highway when the fire trucks are leaving the station, and possibly one near the Ambulance barn. Dick Abbott encouraged not voting on the item for sale of the civic center until more information is obtained for funding to keep the building for historical purposes. There were questions concerning the availability of the gymnasium for events and/or rentals. The public works report was given by Dwain Bollman, Public Works Director. He reported on the electric substation being down, and arcing in the lights; a seperator for the two substations are needed at an approximate cost of \$4,000; they have the old school boiler working now; some tree trimming has been done; the bioswale is done at the new school; Jamie Brooks and himself attended a class in Maquoketa for sampling water, and answered questions from those present.

Motion was made by Walters and Smith to approve Resolution #19-2003, "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2003-2004 WINTER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH SCOTT COUNTY FOR PLOWING/SALTING/SANDING THE RURAL AREAS". Voting yes were Smith, Walters and Stowe. Absent, Roe and Thein. Motion carried. The contract price is \$1133.17.

Council discussed the request from the Buffalo Group of Alcoholics Anonymous for rental of a room at the Dodge School, specifically Room #9. Members attending the meeting were told there is a zero tolerance policy for smoking in the building, and any smoking would result in the loss of the room. Motion was made by Walters and Stowe to approve the rental of Room #9 to them. All voted yes. Carried.

Jeff Hillman was present to request approval for the Boy Scouts to use Room #1 for their meetings and storage, and when necessary, to use the gymnasium for special events if the gym isn't being used. All voted yes. Carried.

Walters discussed a request for the Seniors Card Club to use the Seniors Room at the Dodge School for their club meetings at no charge, since it is a seniors room. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Item #12, sale of the Civic Center, was tabled until there is a full Council present. Motion was made by Stowe and Smith to approve Resolution #20-2003, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE OFFICIAL FINANCE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003". Voting yes were Stowe, Smith and Walters. Absent, Thein and Roe. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Walters and Stowe, to approve the second reading of Ordinance #383, "AN ORDINANCE FOR STORMWATER..." Voting yes were Walters, Stowe and Smith. Absent, Roe and Thein. Motion carried.

Smith told Council and Mayor several names have been submitted for the old Dodge School, and these will be in the Buffalo Shores Gazette for voting and will be submitted to Council either in December or January.

Smith requested that elected officials be approved to attend the Municipal Leadership Academy that is sponsored by the League of Cities, over several months and three meetings. Motion was made by Stowe and Walters that any of the Council and/or Mayor may attend these sessions. All voted yes. Carried.

The Park Board has not met, so there is nothing to report at this time. The Police Report was given by Gage Adams, Police Chief. Mayor Teel questioned him about all the vandalism at the Dodge School and if better security can be installed over there?

Chief Adams said he will be working on improvements for security at the building. He also told Council that the annual "Seniors Light Tour" will be on December 18.

Stowe said the office, police, community center, newsletter committee and Buffalo Days committee all give financial reports to the Council each month, but the Fire Department does not, and she would like to have a report to show what they use their funds for. Terry Adams, Fire Chief, and Dave Kimes were present to represent the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department and discuss the item. Terry said their funds are raised by themselves, along with donations directly to the Fire Dept. from local businesses. The City Clerks office handles the check writing of expenses from the tax portion of their budget, with bills approved first by Terry. He said they feel they are competent enough to manage their private fundraising funds, and about the only expenses, outside of major equipment purchases, are pizza sometimes for their meetings. This year they purchased a new motor for the rescue boat for \$6,500 from these funds, saving the taxpayers the expense. During the past years, they have made major purchases for the department to keep upgraded. If anyone would like to look over their books, just come to their office and check them. There was some comments from the audience directed at Stowe from a former member. The Clerk suggested that the Fire Chief have an article in the monthly newsletter describing some of the purchased items and events going on at the station, as no one but fire department members knew about these things.

Mayor Teel said he hopes the new Council improves on the problem of tabling so many items at each meeting, and that they form a committee to help with the Dodge School scheduling and events. Committee reports were given. Walters said the Community Center will meet again on November 20 at 5:00 p.m. at the C.C. building. Smith said there will be a meeting on November 06 at City Hall for river cleanup. No special meetings were scheduled.

Public input was again asked for. Dorothy Adams asked about the "No Parking" signs on Dodge Street in front of Dodge School, and if they could be removed so there is parking near the front door for those wishing to visit the Buffalo Historical Society rooms there. If there is no ordinance for them, they will be removed. Dick Abbott asked if the City purchased any property for cemetery area, followed by lengthy discussion of the areas currently owned by the City and if they are suitable for cemetery area. Chris Carson asked about the animal ordinance and if it has been passed yet. Other residents had various input during this time.

Motion was made by Stowe and Walters to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. All present voted aye. Absent, Roe and Thein. Motion carried.

Signed: _____

Ted J. Teel, Mayor, Buffalo, IA

Attest: _____

Carol A. Bernauer

Carol A. Bernauer, City Clerk, Buffalo, IA

William McCullough, 637.50; MidAmerican, 1152.49; Iowa One Call, 22.50; Car Quest, 262.26; Cardmember Service, 114.76; Midwest Municipal Transmission, 36.50; Republic, 279.17; Xerox, 17.00; Hygienic Lab, 690.00; Dick-n-Sons, 205.90; Utility Equipment, 85.06; Hempel Pipe, 77.06; Quad City Water Treatment, 25.00; Menards, 189.77; Judy ONeal, 183.52; City of Buffalo, 81.53; Shelly Frederick, 175.00; City of Buffalo, 66.45; Emergency Lock Ser., 30.00; EFTP, 1788.68; Treasurer, State of Ia, 2760.89; MidAmerican, 7216.24; Uniform Den, 93.51; Panther Uniforms, 91.15; K-Mart, 32.73; Wal-Mart, 65.68; Cap. Michael McGregor, 500.00; EFTPS, 1763.42; Galls, 88.96; Guth Lab, 30.20; Southern Police Equip., 69.98; Olderog Tire, 673.13; Humane Society, 40.00; Racom, 169.60; Wal-Mart, 356.56; Carol Bernauer, 215.50; Betty Walters, 195.00; First Financial Group, 233.04; City of Buffalo, 140.00; City of Buffalo, 58.96; Q.C. Metallurgical, 40.00; Quad-City Times, 112.98; J.A. Reno, 364.00; Myron, 112.26; Terminix, 40.00; QWest, 891.25; AT&T, 175.45; J.A. Reno, 210.78; Delta Dental, 735.46; City of Buffalo, 19.71; EFTPS, 1734.78; Broghammer & Assoc., 425.00; EFTP, 1799.93; City of Buffalo, 150.00; AT&T, 53.77; Electrical Engineering, 31.72; Utility Equipment, 215.47; Hempel Pipe, 52.14; Blue Grass Feed, 59.85; Menards, 6.17; Republic Elec., 144.92; ICC, 100.00; Veenstra & Kimm, 1,000.00; Scott Cty Library System, 17,330.50; Eastern Iowa Petro, 1794.59; Office Machines, 176.10; John Deere Health, 8972.76; Cabela's, 135.77; U.S. Cellular, 284.46; Treasurer, State of Iowa, 1272.00; IPERS, 2963.39; Otto Olsen, 147.35; City of Buffalo, 46.00; Eastern Iowa Petro, 316.54; Wal-Mart, 54.74; IAMU, 200.00; Cabela's, 36.95; AT&T, 20.83; United Lab, 48.13; H&M Disposal, 3465.00; Culligan, 20.75; Mid-American, 16,954.32;