

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2007

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 23rd day of August, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, Vinton, Iowa. Mayor Watson presided and the roll being called the following Council Members were present and absent: Present: Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Absent: Redlinger.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve the minutes of the August 9th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor reported that he had received a letter from concerned neighbors of the airport. They do not like the crop dusters and the military helicopter.

Elwick reported that the North Benton Ambulance director has resigned. Maynard reported that there is a lot of interest in Boom Town on September 22nd.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve the agenda. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Chief Tilson recommended to Council to place stop signs on north and south bound traffic on 2nd Avenue at 18th and 21st Streets. Because of the new high school, there will be more traffic on 2nd Avenue when school starts next Monday. Motion by Maynard, second by Elwick to allow Chief Tilson to put up temporary stop signs at these intersections. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Don Broadston, 1007 W 8th Street, inquired about construction cones left at his residence and street parking by his home. Chief Tilson explained permitted parking.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND RATES THEREOF. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its third consideration.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to now adopt the above stated ordinance. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared ORDINANCE 953 duly adopted.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO GOLF CARTS. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its third consideration.

Motion by Elwick, second by Maynard to now adopt the above stated ordinance. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared ORDINANCE 954 duly adopted.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION FOR FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE COUNTY HOME SEWER PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 08-07-01 passed and approved.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC REFERENDUM TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF A LOCAL SALES AND SERVICE TAX IN THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA AT THE RATE OF 1%. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 08-07-02 passed and approved. Mayor Watson stated that some business owners feel this would be adverse to the retail community. Council is asking all electors to vote. If this local option sales tax is approved, the revenues will go towards property tax relief, capital projects, Vinton Unlimited, nonprofit organizations in Vinton, the Public Library, Fire department and the Parks and Recreation department. A special election will be held in January or February of 2008. Vinton's estimated cost for the election is \$5,200.

Coordinator Lent stated some concerns about the 21st Street project. There may be extra cost for top soil, part of the C Avenue median curbing will need to be replaced and Rathje is getting close to the completion deadline, liquidated damages may start soon. Council discussed the flow of storm waters.

Motion by Elwick, second by Maynard to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE OFFICIAL 2007 FISCAL YEAR STREET FINANCE REPORT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 08-07-03 passed and approved.

Coordinator Lent reported that the estimated cost of a sewer extension in Bascom's Second Addition is \$19,410.72, plus contingency and engineering fees. All lots but two are sold in this addition. Some TIF funding is already available. Motion by Elwick, second by Burkey to proceed with the sewer extension. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve the renewal of a Class C beer permit with Sunday sales for Alco. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Vermedahl to approve the renewal of a Class C beer permit with Sunday sales for John's Qwik Stop. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to receive and file the minutes of the Planning & Zoning Commission 08-14-07 meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) 602 8th Avenue. 2) 409 E Avenue hearing on Sept. 24th. 3) 514 W 14th owner is seeking financing to make repairs. 4) 409 E 2nd Street. 5) Sewer manhole at B Avenue and 9th Street needs to be replaced. 6) IANR will be replacing some rails, causing crossings to be blocked. 7) Street department getting bids for a skid loader trailer. 8) The river is rising. 9) Working on a grant to replace a warning siren. 10) Police received a STEP grant for another camera. 11) The League of Cities annual conference is in Dubuque, Sept. 26th - 28th. He and the City Clerk will be attending. The second Council meeting in September will be held on Monday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m..

Good & Welfare: The brick street project is completed and very nice. The City has received several compliments concerning this project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:20 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk