

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2007

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 9th 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, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to approve the minutes of the July 26th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$892,381.46, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Burkey reported that the General Government Committee had met to discuss the possibility of a local option sales tax. The City of Belle Plaine has asked all Benton County cities to consider a local option sales tax and to hold a special election in January 2008. Belle Plaine has been able to complete several projects with their local option sales tax. Burkey reported that this committee recommends to Council to pursue a local option sales tax. Coordinator Lent will prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

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

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick 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, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its second consideration.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius 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, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its second consideration.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to not select an official newspaper. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - Burkey. The Mayor declared the motion carried. The Cedar Valley Daily Times has been the only qualified newspaper in Vinton. On August 15th, the Vinton Eagle will qualify as an official newspaper. Both newspapers may be used for City publications.

Motion by Elwick, second by Burkey to hold Fall Clean Up Days on Oct. 6th & 7th and keep the same charges as last year. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to approve the renewal of a Class C liquor license with Sunday sales for the Ron-Da-Voo. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve a request from the Ron-Da-Voo to close 1st Avenue from 4th Street to 5th Street on August 25th from noon to 4:00 p.m. for a Motorcycle Memorial Ride. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the July revenue and expenditure report. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Maynard, second by Burkey to receive and file the Vinton Fire Department 2006 Annual Report. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Parks & Recreation Board 7-12-07, Telecommunications Commission 7-26-07 and Airport Commission 7-11-07. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Redlinger inquired about a resident driving across a sidewalk. Coordinator Lent will contact this person. Vermedahl inquired about a yield sign for 1st Avenue and 11th Street. Maynard reported that skunks are in town. Elwick stated that the West School location could possibly be a new location for the fire station.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Water department delay for M Avenue. 2) East water tower lightning strike. 3) Delays for 21st Street project. 4) 2nd Avenue brick project near completion. 5) County supervisors will soon be moving the recycling trailer from the City's parking lot on 4th Street to the County's parking lot on 3rd Street. 6) Boswell to speak at Java Alley. 7) NEIRL meeting in Oelwein on August 28th.

Good & Welfare: Vinton-Shellsburg School's Community Appreciation Night at the Court House lawn.

Don Broadston reported that he still sees speeding traffic on W 8th Street. Council stated that the police department patrols the traffic.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:55 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk