

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2007

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 13th day of December, 2007, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, Vinton, Iowa. Mayor Pro-Tem Burkey presided and the roll being called the following Council Members were present and absent:
Present: Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Absent: Mayor Watson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Maynard to approve the minutes of the November 29th meeting.
Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$567,695.44, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

Redlinger reported that the Public Works Committee had met to discuss a loading zone for the ISU Extension and Nelson Furniture. The committee recommends waiting until after Java Alley opens at its new location to see how parking is affected.

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

Rich and Lori Miracle, 710 E 5th Street, discussed wood burning boilers with Council. A neighbor had complained about the smoke. They stated that the burner only smokes when it is heating back up for 163 degrees to 170 degrees. Their smoke stack is 13 ½ feet high. Council took no action.

The Mayor Pro-Tem announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposal to amend the zoning map. The proposal is to rezone 905 D Avenue from R-1 single family residential to R-3 multi-family residential. Kristena Johnson, 808 D Avenue, expressed concerns about possible future use of the ground. She asked if a mobile home park could be built there, if the property were resold. Council stated that the land was incorrectly zoned when the school system owned it, but is was grandfathered in when the zoning ordinance was started. The Mayor Pro-Tem closed the hearing.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY (Independent Child Advocacy Services). Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its initial passage.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #4 TO THE 21ST STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, RATHJE CONSTRUCTION. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 12-07-01 passed and approved. This adds \$1,370 to the project for extra rock for the temporary ramp surfaces and control signage for school district registration.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #5 TO THE 21ST STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, RATHJE CONSTRUCTION. Question: Ayes - None. Nays - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion failed. This dealt with extra costs associated with working around a fiber optic vault.

Council tabled a RESOLUTION TO AMEND ESTABLISHED TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF VINTON CODE OF ORDINANCES (ISU Extension/Nelson Furniture). A loading zone will be considered after Java Alley opens at its new location.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO AMEND ESTABLISHED TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF VINTON CODE OF ORDINANCES (C Avenue and 13th Street Crosswalk). Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 12-07-02 passed and approved.

Council discussed placing a roll out stop sign at intersection of C Avenue and 13th Street. Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to direct Coordinator Lent to proceed with obtaining an IDOT permit for this roll out stop sign. Council will discuss later if it needs to be used in both mornings and afternoons. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion carried. Lent stated that school staff would be available to roll this sign in and out.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Maynard to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Mike Elwick to the Electric Utility Board of Trustees, for a six year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve the appointment of Tom Boeckman to the Airport Commission, replacing Duane White. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - Elwick. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the reappointment of Robert Ogier to the Airport Commission, for a six year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to receive and file the November revenue and expenditure report. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Need to proceed with obtaining ownership of 514 W 14th Street. 2) Working on FY 09 budget. 3) Estimate for property and liability insurance about the same last year, except worker's compensation insurance will be increasing. 4) Road Use Tax funds from the state remain steady, but expenses have been increasing. State legislature is working on a new fund TIME 21 Fund to pay for street expenses. 5) School district and the City to split the cost of a new sidewalk by the new high school. 6) Planning and Zoning workshop in April. 7) To save costs, only one voting location, the Courthouse, will be used for the local option sales tax referendum on January 29th. If the local option sales tax vote fails, Council may have to consider cutting some services.

Council set January 2nd at 6:00 p.m. for the 2008-2009 budget work session.

Good & Welfare: Our Street Superintendent Erickson celebrated his birthday last week, Happy 50th Birthday Rick!

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:22 p.m..

Don Burkey Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk