

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2007

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 8th day of November, 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 Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the minutes of the October 25th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Burkey to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$568,158.01, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Vermedahl reported that the Housing Board had met and approved a loan to Dan and Michelle Lane, for roof repairs.

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

Lorna Arp, 918 E 3rd Street, asked Council to consider restitution of \$8,300 for cleanup and expenses related to a sewer backup. Water Superintendent Gary Garwood stated that this sewer main had been rodded in 2002 and one time since then. He stated that tree roots were the cause of this blockage. Phyllis Severtsgaard, Lorna's daughter, stated that because the roots were in the City's main line west of Arp's house and not Arp's sewer line, that the City should pay for the expenses. Don Weideman, Wilson-Hite Insurance, stated that the City has liability insurance for negligence. If the City knows there is a problem and does not do anything about it, then they would be negligent. The sewer system is an open system and the City cannot control what goes into the sewer line. Homeowners can purchase their own sewer backup insurance. Weideman also stated if the City had a routine maintenance program for cleaning sewer lines, EMC Insurance does not pay for sewer backups. He had reported this to Council back in May 2003. Arp will have to use the court system to resolve this issue.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Burkey to pass a RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC GENERATOR AT WATER TREATMENT FACILITY. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Abstained - Elwick. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 11-07-01 passed and approved. The bid is awarded to Elwick Electric for \$6,300.00.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION APPROVING AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2007 SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION & MANHOLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, FOR THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, UPON REVIEW OF THE QUOTES AND RECOMMENDATION BY THE PROJECT ENGINEER. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 11-07-02 passed and approved. The bid is awarded to Young Industries for \$33,473.93.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION FOR FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE SECOND AVENUE BRICK STREET RESTORATION PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 11-07-03 passed and approved.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION AMENDING EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SUPERVISORY, PROFESSIONALS, MANAGEMENT AND MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEES (RESOLUTION NO. 5-91-4). Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 11-07-04 passed and approved. This resolution requires automatic deposit of wages for employees hired after July 1, 2005.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Elwick to approve the reappointments of Dr. Mark Deardon and David Vermedahl to the Hospital Board. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Burkey to approve the renewal of a Class C liquor license with Sunday sales for Mickey's Bar. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Parks & Recreation Board 10-12-07 and Housing Board 10-30-07. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to approve the City Attorney's request to attend the IMAA seminar on November 16th. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor thanked all the candidates that ran for City Council.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Grass re-seeding along 2nd Avenue and 21st Street. 2) Speed study done on Hwy. 218. To reduce speed from 45 mph to 40 mph. 3) Hepatitis shots for some employees. 4) Q Avenue will need cul-de-sac and will be included in Maple Lane Storm shelter plans. 5) Employee recognitions. 6) Overall Fall Clean Up Days cost was \$6,143. 7) Educating the public on how Council plans to use LOST. 8) County Supervisors discussed how they plan to use LOST. He had asked Supervisor Sanders to consider more funding for animal control. 9) Working on houses that need major repairs or possibly to be demolished.

The next Council meeting will be held on November 29th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:35 p.m..

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John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Michael City Clerk