

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2007

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 11th day of October, 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, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Absent: Maynard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the minutes of the September 24th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Maynard arrived at 7:03 p.m..

Motion by Burkey, second by Redlinger to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$873,222.68, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Coordinator Lent will check on a cell phone contract for all City departments.

Tami Stark, Vinton Unlimited, requested the disbursement of budgeted funding to VU in the amount of \$6,300. Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to approve this request. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Kris Howes-Vonstein, V-S 7th grade science teacher, requested access to Hinkle Creek on W 3rd Street, from the City's property. Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve this request. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius 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 (RUNDLETT). 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 Redlinger, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION TO AMEND ESTABLISHED TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF VINTON CODE OF ORDINANCES. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-07-01 passed and approved. Permanent stop signs for north and south bound traffic will be placed on 2nd Avenue at 18th Street.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Burkey to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH IOWA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (MAPLE LANE STORM SHELTER). Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-07-02 passed and approved.

Motion by Burkey, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL MATCH FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-07-03 passed and approved.

Motion by Burkey, second by Maynard to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR 21ST STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (RATHJE CONSTRUCTION). Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-07-04 passed and approved.

Council considered the distribution percentages for the local option sales and service tax public referendum question. A larger percentage is desired for capital projects, such as street reconstructions.

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, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-07-05 passed and approved. This replaces the previous local option sales tax resolution.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Maynard to approve Chief Tilson's recommendation for Halloween's Trick-or-Treat to be held Wednesday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ENCROACHMENT ON SIDEWALK FOR HANDICAP RAMP AT 102 EAST 5TH STREET. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-07-06 passed and approved. Java Alley will be moving to this location and will need to meet federal guidelines for accessibility.

Renee Becker, Benton Development Group, and Amy Lasack, Kirkwood Community College, presented a Skills Advantage Program to Council. They are asking employers to recommend or require a Skills Advantage certificate for hiring new employees. Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN SKILLS ADVANTAGE PROGRAM (KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE). Question: Ayes -

Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-07-07 passed and approved.

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

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve the renewal of a special class C liquor license with Sunday sales for the Peony Chinese Restaurant. 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 Casey's General Store. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Maynard, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the Parks & Recreation board meeting minutes of 9-13-07. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The second council meeting in November will be held Thursday, November 29th at 7:00 p.m..

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Shane Scott was hired as the new meter reader. 2) Work is being done on 204 and 206 C Avenue and 409 E Avenue. 3) A bus will be parked by the Palace Theatre for the movie "Final Season". 4) Gathering actual costs for the Fall Clean Up Days. 5) Airport Commission is looking at runway repairs. 6) Met with IDOT about repairs to 8th Avenue railroad crossing. 7) IDOT is reviewing the school crossing on C Avenue and will be doing a speed study. 8) Street department has cleaned up the white wash off of 4th Street. 9) Street department will be repairing intakes on 4th Street. 10) Vinton meets new IDNR water quality requirements.

There will be no Public Works committee meeting on Oct. 25th. Council received individual requests to keep the current operation of the stop lights on 4th Street.

A 5 year capital projects plan will be drafted at budget time.

Good & Welfare: The Palace Theatre will be showing the "Final Season" this weekend.

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

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk