

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2007

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 25th 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, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Absent: Hessenius, Maynard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the minutes of the October 11th meeting. 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.

Maynard arrived at 7:03 p.m..

Glenn Kaiser and Don Weideman presented a petition requesting curb and gutter for the north end of Riverview Drive. This street has a steep grade and heavier rains wash away some of the ends of driveways. Council will keep this request in mind.

Josh Geiger, 1014 E 6th Street, showed Council a rusty water filter that had only been used one month. He asked Council to consider only charging one street opening fee if he were to disconnect from his current water supply line to reconnect to the newer high pressure water main. Coordinator Lent will contact water superintendent Garwood and find out how many houses are still on the old water main. Lent will contact Geiger next week.

Don Eells, Vinton Unlimited board member, invited Council to a meeting at the high school on November 5th. This will be the kickoff for their 2008 membership campaign.

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

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to now adopt the above stated ordinance. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared ORDINANCE 955 duly adopted.

Council reviewed a preliminary drawing, from Howard R. Green Company, of the Maple Lane storm shelter. The city received a FEMA grant that will pay 75% of the shelter's cost. Council told Coordinator Lent to proceed with the shelter plans.

Council briefly discussed the downtown traffic lights. These lights will remain in their current operation, red, yellow & green in the daytime and flashing red at night. Chief Tilson had recommended these lights stay this way to allow the angle parking ease for backing out of a parking space. Also, Council received requests from IBSSS employees to remain this way for their students. Coordinator Lent will send a letter to Kent Stufflebeam regarding this issue.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Planning & Zoning Commission 10-09-07 and Airport Commission 10-10-07. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Elwick inquired about the 8th Avenue railroad crossings. Coordinator Lent reported the crossing is scheduled for repair in 2009, although it may be moved up to 2008. The IDOT pays for 60% of the repair cost, so the city is subject to their schedule.

The Mayor reported he would like to have Vinton do spring clean up days next year, with residents paying a minimal fee per load.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Faster internet provider. 2) Electrician bid for installing generator at water plant and 14th Avenue sewer is due November 2nd. 3) Special election for the local option sales tax is set for Jan. 29th. 4) Possible school crosswalk at C Avenue and 13th Street. 5) Repairing downtown storm water intakes. 6) Tree roots on 4th Street between A and B Avenues is pushing up metal grates. 7) Received property tax rollback figures. Residential is down 1.5% more than last year.

Good & Welfare: V-S girls varsity volleyball team won.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:07 p.m..

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John R. Watson      Mayor

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