

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2008

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 28th day of August , 2008, 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 August 14th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Maynard arrived at 7:03 p.m..

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

Representative Dawn Pettengill was not yet present.

Bonnie Sanders, Sanders & Sons, stated that there was an unintentional misunderstanding about the use of their equipment during the June flood. They did not wish to be paid rent for the tractor and sewing machine. They wanted that to be a donation and she returned the City's check that had been issued to them.

Lenny Geiger stated that he had a concern about the time frame of actually receiving a building permit. He feels it is too slow. Coordinator Lent stated that if a variance is needed, a meeting has to be scheduled and public notice has to be given. Lent will talk to the building inspector.

Representative Dawn Pettengill stated that she was proud of Vinton's leadership during the flood and flood recovery. She read a certificate of appreciation for Vinton's leaders that was signed by Governor Culver. She is trying to get a special legislative session just for flood issues.

Chris Hissong, 512 E 4th Street, stated that he obtained a building permit late last year to remodel his home. The long winter delayed his project. The building inspector has been at this property. Coordinator Lent verified the Hissong has asked for an extension of time for this permit. Hissong stated that within the next 30 to 45 days the project should be finished.

City Attorney Robert Fischer stated that the City should designate urban revitalization areas before someone applies for urban revitalization tax exemptions. He has conferred with Bob Josten, attorney with Dorsey & Whitney, about the City's urban revitalization ordinance. This ordinance will need to be corrected. Any proposed urban revitalization areas should be suspended. Attorneys Mark and John Mossman spoke to Council about their law firm, 122 E 4th Street. John had applied for their building permit to remodel and Coordinator Lent then suggested an urban revitalization tax exemption.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to table an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY DESIGNATING A NEW REVITALIZATION AREA (RUNDLETT). Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 92.07 PERTAINING TO LIEN EXEMPTION FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS. 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.

The proposed urban revitalization area, Mossman Law Firm, was discussed earlier.

Steve Hite, realtor, stated that Phil Barkdoll would like to purchase the property at 514 W 14th Street. The City has started condemnation proceedings. He will either remodel the house or tear it down. He and the owner have agreed on a price. The contingencies are obtaining a clear title, mortgage bank approval and the City stopping condemnation proceedings. Motion by Elwick, second by Maynard to approve stopping the condemnation, meet building inspection requirements and give Barkdoll 6 months from the date clear title is obtained to complete the project. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE OFFICIAL 2008 FISCAL YEAR STREET FINANCE REPORT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 08-08-04 passed and approved.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR MAPLE LANE STORM SHELTER PROJECT. Question: Ayes - None. Nays - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. The Mayor declared the motion failed. This change order was asking for \$11,523, for soil testing and material removal and replacement from foundation over-excavation. Council felt the prior change order for this project, \$27,722 for over-excavation, was enough. Kevin Ward, engineer with Howard R. Green will contact the contractor.

Gary McKenna and Tami Stark, VU, asked Council to consider a contribution to the flood volunteer appreciation celebration. Motion by Maynard, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DONATION FOR FLOOD VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 08-08-05 passed and approved. Since the general public is invited and the celebration will enhance the community spirit, Council feels that a public purpose is being served. A contribution of \$500.00 was approved.

Gary McKenna and Mark Elwick asked Council to consider road signage for a snow mobile trail for Vinton and to amend the current snow mobile ordinance. Snow mobile clubs could have a positive economic impact by bringing customers to our gas stations, bars and restaurants. Council asked them to suggest a trail route. Pedestrian and traffic safety will need to be considered.

Coordinator Lent talked about the hazard mitigation program, FEMA property acquisition program, or buyout program. Twenty-five properties will be listed on the notice of interest for the buyout program. The property owners have been invited to a meeting at City Hall on September 4th.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve the renewal of a Class C beer permit with Sunday sales for Fast Stop. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Redlinger to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Airport Commission 08-13-08 and Parks & Recreation Board 08-14-08. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Siren grant. 2) General Government Committee will meet on Sept. 25th at 6:15 p.m., to discuss a possible hotel on Hwy. 218. 3) Hwy. 218 sewer extension project. 4) Alliant probes. 5) Need to notify newspapers that there will be no fall clean up days this year. 6) 512 W 6th Street demolition. 7) Attending a conference Sept. 10th-12th, will not be present at the next Council meeting. 8) F Avenue trailer park. 9) Java Alley entrance ramp not yet remodeled.

The Iowa Department of Revenue has given the City a revised estimated local option sales tax schedule. Their estimated revenue is approximately \$275,000.00.

Good & Welfare: Veterans' Memorial Park is almost complete. Thank You AmeriCorps.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 9:20 p.m..

John R. Watson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk