

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2008

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 11th day of December, 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, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike Elwick, VMEU Trustee Chairman, presented an employee service award to Kevin Kirchner for 10 years of service. Mayor Watson presented employee service awards to Wendy Dunkelberger, 25 years, Gary Garwood and Rick Erickson, each for 30 years. The Mayor thanked them all.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Redlinger to approve the minutes of the November 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 \$578,514.27, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council received letters from the Cedar Valley Daily Times about City publications and one from Beverly Schmidt about wood burning furnaces.

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

Tom Lane, 714 E 5th Street, and Doris Holst, 705 E 5th Street, discussed wood burning boilers and the smoke they create. Holst asked if some regulations should be made. More wood burners are being installed in town. Rich and Lori Miracle, 710 E 5th, did add an extension to their burner last winter. Council will contact a wood burner salesman for information. No action was taken.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 80.04(1) PERTAINING TO PLACES OF OPERATION FOR SNOWMOBILES. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared that said ordinance had been given its third consideration.

Motion by Burkey, second by Redlinger to now adopt the above stated ordinance. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared ORDINANCE 968 duly adopted.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO ZONING SCHEDULE OF FEES. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared that the ordinance had been given its second consideration.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SNOWMOBILE ROUTES IN THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 12-08-01 passed and approved.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR THE HIGHWAY 218 SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 12-08-02 passed and approved.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to approve contractor Tschiggfrie Excavating Co. payment request in the amount of \$15,906.30. Question: Yes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. This is for the Highway 218 sanitary sewer extension project.

Julie, Havran, Donita Casey and Richard Havran discussed an agreement between the City and Friends of the Shelter, Inc. for the operation of the animal shelter. Some changes will be made and Attorney Fischer will draft a hold harmless agreement. Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to table a resolution approving this agreement until the next council meeting, possibly a special meeting next week. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VINTON, IOWA NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY AND IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT FOR REPAIR OF 8TH AVENUE RAILROAD CROSSING. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 12-08-03 passed and approved.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to approve a request from Garling Construction to place a dumpster in front of the Governor Sherman building for construction. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Abstain - Maynard. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) NEIRL meeting Dec. 16th. 2) Checking with FEMA on flood reimbursement for Well #2. 3) One of City Hall furnaces is not working.

Clerk reported reimbursement payments for Maple Lane Storm Shelter and FEMA flood payments. Also, EMC insurance has reimbursed the City for the state auditing expense. Budget work sessions should be set for some time in January. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 30th.

Good & Welfare: AmeriCorps has been a great help for remodeling the animal shelter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:25 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk