

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2008

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 10th day of January, 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: Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Absent: Burkey, Redlinger.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve the minutes of the December 27th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$459,736.02, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council received a letter from Dorsey & Whitney LLP, bonding attorneys for Virginia Gay Hospital. VGH is wanting to issue federally tax-exempt bonds for a renovation and expansion project. A resolution for an agreement with VGH and setting a public hearing is later on tonight's agenda.

Elwick reported that the General Government Committee met on Jan. 2nd to review proposed FY 08-09 budgets with department heads.

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

Harold Cassens discussed his mother's, Vera Hilton 702 W 7th St., water and sewer bill with Council. Motion by Hessenius, second by Elwick to adjust the sewer portion back to the minimum charge. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Council asked to have a new meter installed at this residence.

Motion by Vermedahl, 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 (INDEPENDENT CHILD ADVOCACY SERVICES). Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, 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 - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared ORDINANCE 956 duly adopted.

Motion by Maynard, second by Vermedahl to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY ESTABLISHING SPECIAL 40, 45 AND 55 MPH SPEED ZONES. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its second consideration.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN THE FY 2008 BUDGET FROM DARE FUND TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT EXPENSES. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 01-08-01 passed and approved.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Maynard to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #6 TO THE 21ST STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, RATHJE CONSTRUCTION. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 01-08-02 passed and approved. This resolution adds \$752.50 to the project for additional concrete. Coordinator Lent will contact the engineer about late fees for the contractor not meeting the project deadline.

Motion by Maynard, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH VIRGINIA GAY HOSPITAL, INC. AND FIXING A DATE FOR A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS OR NOTES (VIRGINIA GAY HOSPITAL PROJECT). Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 01-08-02 passed and approved. The public hearing will be held on Feb. 14th at 7:00 p.m..

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

Coordinator Lent asked Council to not receive the Board of Adjustment meeting minutes. He needs to make a correction to them. Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Library Board 12-10-07. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor reported he has attended many meetings where the proposed local option sales tax has been discussed. He also stated there are some houses in town that need repairs or to be torn down.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Java Alley will be repairing their entry ramp and steps. 2) Fuel costs for December for snow removal were over \$6,000.00. 3) He talked with State Senator Gronstal and House Speaker Murphy about the need for TIME 21 funding, to help with road use costs.

A tentative date of Jan. 31st at 6:00 p.m. was set for a General Government Committee meeting to further discuss a proposed FY 2008-2009 budget. Council briefly discussed possible options for the old Legion Hall empty lot. Council may review stop signs at a future meeting.

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

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk