

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2008

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 13th day of March, 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.

Motion by Maynard, second by Vermedahl to approve the minutes of the February 28th 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 \$490,457.36, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Maynard reported he had received inquiries about the stop signs on 2nd Avenue. He also received calls concerning snow plowing and plugged driveways.

Elwick reported that the Public Safety Committee met to discuss non motorized vehicle or trailer parking. Chief Tilson recommended adding "and trailer" to the existing code of ordinances, chapter 69.05 and 69.10. Coordinator Lent will prepare an ordinance for the next meeting.

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

Dave Henkel, Henkel Service Station, asked Council to consider a sewer bill adjustment. He had one bill showing over 4,000 cubic feet, when his average has been less than 300 cubic feet. The water meter was replaced and he is now having more normal readings. Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to refund the difference between his high sewer billing and his average sewer billing. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Larry Druschel talked to Council about vacating an alley by McDowell's lumber yard. He is concerned about the speed of traffic through there and the safety of his employees. HACAP also uses the alley. Council directed Coordinator Lent to prepare proceedings to start the vacation process. Previously the Planning & Zoning Commission had recommended against the vacation.

Joe Schott, 201 1st Avenue, stated that he appreciated the street department plowing the streets. He then asked if they could now move that snow back away from the north side of his building, it is now melting into his basement. Coordinator Lent will contact the street department.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2008-2009. There were no comments. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2009. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-08-01 passed and approved.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the flood plain ordinance. There were no comments. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 122, FLOODPLAIN REGULATIONS. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its initial passage.

No action was taken on an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA BY ADDING CHAPTER 69, SECTION 14 DEALING WITH NONMOTORIZED VEHICLE PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. Chapter 69.05 and 69.10 will be modified.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Andy Lent to the Benton County E911 board for a two year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Meeting with IDED and VU. 2) Grant applications for warning siren and fire department water rescue suits. 3) AFLAC supplement insurance meeting. 4) Maple Lane storm shelter preconstruction meeting. 5) IDOT to be replacing Mud Creek bridge. 6) ICAS looking for kitchen supplies. 7) IDOT and pot holes on W 3rd Street. 8) Meeting with Rathje Construction soon, about late fees. 9) Received a contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Roths for a pot hole by their house. Thank You.

The City Clerk presented documents to the Mayor on two tobacco violations. The Mayor accepted these settlement agreements regarding the tobacco violations from John's Qwik Stop and Fareway. The civil penalties of \$300 each have been paid to the City.

Good & Welfare: VU has projects for 2 youth groups scheduled later this summer.

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

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John R. Watson      Mayor

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