

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 2008

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 8th day of May, 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 Elwick, second by Maynard to approve the minutes of the April 24th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$827,050.80, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Vermedahl reported that the Business Type Activities Committee had met to consider landfill rates and water rates. This committee recommends to Council to increase the landfill rate by 60 cents per month and to increase water rates by approximately \$1.76 per month, for 5,000 gallons. Ordinances for these rate increases are later on tonight's agenda. Vermedahl also reported that the Housing Board had met and they recommend to Council to sell Maple Lane Lot #3, a resolution for this is later on tonight's agenda. This Committee also recommends to Council to approve appointing Josh Osborn to the Housing Board.

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

Dawn Pettengill, Iowa Representative, gave Council a legislative update. She is concerned about a collective bargaining bill that has been sent to the governor.

Bob Moen, Blue Cross Blue Shield representative, presented a health insurance plan renewal with premiums approximately 12% less than the current plan. Bob Hanna, PRIME Benefits presented a self-funding insurance plan renewal with about 11% less premium cost than the current plan. Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to approve both plan renewals. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Coordinator Lent and Moen plan to talk with each department about the insurance plan.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposed urban revitalization area at 1409 South M Avenue. If approved, an urban revitalization area receives an 80% tax abatement for 3 years. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION OF FINDING TO A PROPOSED URBAN REVITALIZATION AREA (Robert & Maureen Hanson) AND PLAN ADOPTION. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl.

Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 05-08-01 passed and approved.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY DESIGNATING A NEW REVITALIZATION AREA (Robert and Maureen Hanson). 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.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposal to dispose of an interest in real property. The proposal is to sell Maple Lane Lot #3 to R B Homes, Inc. for \$10,000 plus legal, publication and transaction expenses, including all closing costs. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DISPOSAL OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY BY SALE FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 05-08-02 passed and approved.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE RATE CHARGED FOR THE BENTON COUNTY LANDFILL USE. 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.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Vermedahl to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER RATES. 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.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE USE OF ENGINEER TO DEVELOP MASTER TRAILS PLAN. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 05-08-03 passed and approved. Council has budgeted \$10,000 for a master trails plan.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to obtain a cost estimate from Crawford Engineering for a sanitary sewer line along Hwy. 218 bypass, from the First Christian Church north to Alco. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to obtain a cost estimate from Crawford Engineering for the restoration of 2nd Avenue in the 900 block. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO RECOVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH NUISANCE ABATEMENT ENFORCEMENT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 05-08-04 passed and approved. A \$25 administrative fee will be charged for processing nuisance abatements.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 FOR MAPLE LANE STORM SHELTER PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 05-08-05 passed and approved. This resolution adds federal contract language required by FEMA.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to approve a request from Farmers Savings Bank & Trust to block the west side of B Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets for approximately 2 weeks for a heating and cooling system replacement. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve a request from Vinton Tuck Pointing to block the north-south alley behind US Bank for approximately 3 weeks for repairs. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Redlinger to approve the Mayor's appointment of Josh Osborn to the Housing Board, replacing Phil Hammerand. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the Fire Department's 2007 annual report. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Parks & Recreation Board 4-10-08 and Housing Board 4-30-08. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor reported that he was pleased to see such great community efforts in preparing for the flood.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Updating the personnel policy handbook. Plans to have EMC Insurance review the policy. 2) Strategic planning session with the Institute of Public Affairs. 3) ICAS would like to change the no parking zones by their premises along D Avenue. 4) Has talked with Wilson-Hite Insurance about bidding out our workmens' compensation

coverage. We need to lower our work comp modification factor first. 5) Rathje Construction has asked IDOT to reduce their retainage to 1%.

Good & Welfare: The after-prom party was another success. Tilford Elementary students made a financial contribution to the animal shelter. Thank You. Lisa Vermedahl was named Educator of the Year, by the Vinton-Shellsburg Education Association. Congratulations Lisa! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped fill sandbags during the recent flood scare.

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

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk