

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 22, 2008

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 22nd 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: Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Absent: Burkey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the minutes of the May 8th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Elwick reported that the General Government & Community & Economic Development Committee had met to discuss a pay plan for fiscal year 2008-2009. The committee's recommendation to Council will be later on tonight's agenda.

The Mayor announced that ICAS has withdrawn a request to remove No Parking signs along D Avenue, which was item H under old business. Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to approve the amended agenda. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Jody Burns and Angela Sarrels, AmeriCorps NCCC representatives, gave an update on AmeriCorps getting started in Vinton. By June 10th there will be 19 team leaders here. July 8th will be opening day. An open house will be in August. Mayor Watson and Council welcomed them to Vinton.

Tom Lindauer, 1502 E 13th Street, requested a deaf child sign be posted along E 13th Street. Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to place 2 deaf child signs, one heading east and one heading west, on E 13th Street. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Currently the posted speed limit on E 13th Street is 35 mph. Council will consider lowering this speed limit.

Kathy Tranel, Johnson Realtor, asked Council to consider an encroachment easement for a property at 606 E 2nd Street. The property is being sold and there is a garage sitting on part of an alley. Council directed Coordinator Lent to write a letter stating that the City plans to grant an encroachment easement for this garage.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposed budget amendment for fiscal year 2007-2008. There were no comments. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2008. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 05-08-06 passed and approved.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger 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 - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its second consideration.

Motion by Elwick, 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 - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its second consideration.

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

Kevin Ward, H.R. Green representative, explained the over excavation costs for the Maple Lane Storm Shelter. The soil was not suitable to support the weight of the storm shelter. Prairie Construction had not taken soil borings prior to bidding the project. To be able to finish the project on time, the over excavation was done. Council feels that according to project specifications Prairie Construction should have taken soil samples prior to bidding and start of the project. Ward will contact Prairie Construction. Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to table the resolution for change order #2 for the Maple Lane Storm Shelter. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council discussed a roll out stop sign at C Avenue and 13th Street for a school crosswalk. The traffic speed heading north on C Avenue is a concern. The school's busing hub may change back to the Washington building next fall. Erin Monaghan, 1311 D Avenue, feels there is a need for the crosswalk at 13th Street and C Avenue. Possibly the intersection of 12th Street and C Avenue might work better for a crosswalk. Mayor Watson, Coordinator Lent, Chief Tilson, Council Member Maynard plan to talk with school officials about a school crosswalk and have a decision before school starts this fall. A school walking route map should be designed for parents and students.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VINTON AND IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING C AVENUE RAILROAD CROSSING REPLACEMENT. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 05-08-07 passed and approved.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION SETTING SALARIES AND COMPENSATION FOR SUPERVISION, MANAGEMENT AND PART-TIME EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger,

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

Motion by Maynard, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF OLD CITY RECORDS. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 05-08-09 passed and approved.

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

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve the renewal of a cigarette permit for Casey's General Store. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Maynard to approve the appointment of Dale Petersen to the Airport Commission, replacing Cheryl Parker. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Library Board 04-08-08 and 05-13-08 and Airport Commission 05-14-08. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Vermedahl to approve a request to block 9th Street from 1st Avenue to 2nd Avenue on May 26th, for a final performance by Little Johnny & The Rockers. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Maynard, second by Vermedahl to approve a request to park a hearing mobile unit in front of Clingman Pharmacy on May 28th through 30th. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Grant for downtown siren has been approved. 2) Last meeting in June is during Party in the Park activities. Council decided to hold the 2nd meeting in June on Wednesday, June 25th. 3) Work comp case has been settled. 4) IDOT audit on the 21st Street project. 5) Strategic planning session will be August 7th. 6) Yard mowings. 7) Working on old houses.

Clerk will be looking into accepting debit card payments at City Hall.

Good & Welfare: Party in the Park next month. Boomtown will be on September 20th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:45 p.m.

John R. Watson Mayor

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Cindy Michael City Clerk