

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 25, 2008

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 25th day of November, 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. Absent: Vermedahl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to approve the minutes of the November 13th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Faith Brown, reporter for the Vinton Eagle, asked Council to consider the Eagle as the official newspaper. Their subscription count is greater than the Times. She stated that they are locally owned and operated. Mona Garwood, general manager of the Cedar Valley Daily Times, asked Council to consider the Times because they are a daily paper. The Eagle is only published once a week. A council committee will discuss this issue.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on proposed amendment to the zoning schedule of fees. Coordinator Lent stated the increases were necessary to cover publication costs and administrative time to arrange and hold the meetings. The Mayor closed the hearing.

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 ZONING SCHEDULE OF FEES. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its first consideration.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on proposed voluntary annexation. The land is owned by the Janet Elwick Trust, near the northwest corner of town. It is approximately 37 acres. Coordinator Lent stated that this annexation will not create an island and that the required notices have been sent out. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 11-08-10 passed and approved.

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

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE HIGHWAY 218 SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 11-08-11 passed and approved. Maynard asked for a change order to show that boring under Alco's driveway was not done.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Airport Commission 11-12-08 and Parks & Rec. Board 11-13-08. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor reported progress is being made on the animal pound's remodeling. Some plumbing repairs still need to be done.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Looking at options to close well #2. 2) Stony Arch lift station. 3) Natural Resource Conservation Service program to repair Hinkle and Mud Creek banks. 4) Regional league meeting on Dec. 16th. 5) Working on FEMA buyouts and demolitions.

Good & Welfare: Train rides to and from Palo on Dec. 6th. Happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:50 p.m..

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John R. Watson      Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Michael    City Clerk