

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2008

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 23rd day of October, 2008, at 7:05 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 Hessenius to approve the minutes of the October 9th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor has received a letter about unsightly houses and yards in Vinton.

Redlinger reported that the Public Works Committee had met to discuss stop signs for north and south bound traffic on 4th Avenue at 5th Street. This committee recommends to Council placing stops signs at this intersection.

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

Mary and John Austin, 513 W 14th Street, expressed concern about vehicle parking at neighboring house. They feel it is a safety issue. There are also dogs running loose in the neighborhood. The police department will be contacted. Council may consider parking on only one side of E Avenue.

Julie Havran, Friends of the Shelter, Inc. representative, gave Council a draft copy of an agreement between the Friends and the City to operate the animal shelter at the current location. The Public Safety Committee will meet Oct. 30th at 7:00 p.m.. An alternate meeting date will be Nov. 6th at 7:00 p.m.. Future plans may include building a shelter on city owned land near the airport and consider a 28E agreement with the county.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION TO AMEND ESTABLISHED TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES PURSUANT TO THE CITY OF VINTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO STOP SIGNS. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-08-01 passed and approved. Stop signs will be placed on 4th Avenue for north and south bound traffic, at 5th Street.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to proceed with establishing TIF financing for a proposed new hotel. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Gary McKenna and Mark Elwick asked Council to consider adding to the designated snow mobile route and to amend the current snow mobile ordinance. Coordinator Lent will prepare an ordinance for the next council meeting.

The entrance ramp to Java Alley has not yet been repaired. Council asked Attorney Fischer to send a notice to abate.

Council considered legal fees incurred for proceeding to sell Maple Lane lot #7. M. Roster was eligible for a home loan through USDA, but funding from rural USDA ran out. Motion by Redlinger, second by Elwick to dismiss the fees. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VINTON AND CLAPSADDLE-GARBER ASSOCIATES, INC. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-08-02 passed and approved. Vinton was awarded an FAA grant that will pay 95% of the construction for a taxilane and two hangars.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR FLOOD REPAIRS TO VINTON FIRE STATION. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-08-03 passed and approved. The bid is awarded to Vinton Fireman's Association for \$58,929.00.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF COUNTY HOME LIFT STATION GENERATOR. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-08-04 passed and approved. The bid is awarded to Altorfer Power Systems for \$17,690.00.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to adjust sewer charges at the F Avenue trailer park for a water leak. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Library Board 09-09-08, Airport Commission 10-08-08 and Parks & Rec. Board 10-09-08. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Maynard, second by Hessenius to set Halloween's Trick-or-Treating on Friday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Economic Development Committee meeting Nov. 13th at 6:00 p.m.. 2) Possible location for animal shelter on City owned land near airport. 3) Considering change to City Hall hours. 4) Storm shelter change order #3. 5) Hwy. 218 sanitary sewer extension. 6) Storm shelter walk through Saturday at 7:30 a.m.. 7) Voluntary annexation

of land held by Janet Elwick Trust, located near northwest corner of town. 8) Trails committee meeting on October 28th. 9) Title awarded to City for 409 E 2nd Street. 10) Demolition of 20 to 30 houses.

The Clerk reported that the City and the Electric Utility have received some FEMA flood reimbursements. Road Use Tax revenues were down in October. City Hall will be used for a polling place on Nov. 4th. Proposal for the residential property tax rollback to not be quite as high.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 9:10 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk