REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2008

   A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 9th day of October, 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 September 25th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

   Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to approve the following invoices in the amount of $473,312.77, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

   Council received a Thank You from Harold & Dona Merchant for the City allowing the use of golf carts on the streets.

   Burkey reported that the General Government and Economic Development Committee had met to discuss possible TIF financing for a new hotel in Vinton. This committee recommends to Council to proceed with setting up this financing. This topic will be on the next Council agenda.

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

   Motion by Maynard, second by Redlinger to table a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR MAPLE LANE STORM SHELTER PROJECT. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Attorney Fischer will contact legal counsel for H. R. Green. Council has previously negotiated change order #2 which was for over-excavation and a settlement had been agreed upon.

   Council concurs with Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation to not vacate an alley. Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to deny a request to vacate an alley along the east of 209 W 5th street. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

   Council discussed the animal pound with Jenny Corbett and Julie Havran, Friends of the Shelter representatives. They inquired how long would operations stay in the current building. The ventilation is not good and more space is needed. A new facility could be built near the sewer plant or out by the airport. Coordinator Lent and Mayor Watson will contact the Airport Commission. The furnace needs maintenance and some cinder blocks should be removed. An agreement or contract between the City and the Friends of the Shelter will be reviewed at the next council meeting.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to have the Public Works Committee meet on October 23rd at 6:45 p.m.. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. This Committee will discuss stop signs on 4th Avenue at 5th Street.

Motion by Burkey, second by Redlinger to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Parks & Recreation Board 09-11-08 and Planning & Zoning Commission 09-30-08. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Demolition of 512 W 6th Street. 2) Recommendation to increase planning and zoning application fees. 3) F Avenue trailer court. 4) Police union contract coming up for renewal. 5) STP grant application for possible E 3rd Street improvements. 6) Possible FAA 95% funding for new T-hangar. 7) Scott Meyer to rejoin street department. 8) Java Alley is wanting to place a rubber bumper on the point of their ramp. Coordinator Lent and Mayor Watson to seek a welding cost estimate.

Clerk reported first FEMA reimbursement of over $30,000. Also, received second LOST payment of $22,418.33.

Good & Welfare: AmeriCorps nice open house this afternoon.

Motion by Burkey, second by Redlinger to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 21.5(1)(g), discussion of auditing techniques or schedules. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Time: 8:20 p.m..

The Council came out of closed session. Time: 9:09 p.m..

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

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John R. Watson   Mayor

Attest: _____
       Cindy Michael   City Clerk