

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 11th day of September, 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, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Absent: Elwick.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On this Patriot's Day, the Mayor asked for a moment of silence in honor of those whose lives were lost on September 11, 2001.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve the minutes of the August 28th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Elwick arrived at 7:04 p.m..

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Maynard to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$508,577.55, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council received a letter from the Friends of the Shelter. They also received a Thank You from the Masonic Lodge, in dealing with the flood.

Vermedahl reported that the Housing Board had met and approved a loan.

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

Michelle Marshall, Java Alley owner, 102 E 5th Street, talked about the entrance ramp. She stated that Council approved ramp plans prior to the installation. The point by the street light is a concern to Council. Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to seek an ADA opinion. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Bobbie Jo Cox, 209 W 5th Street, petitioned to vacate part of a north-south alley in Beckett's Addition. Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to refer this request to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Redlinger to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 92.07 PERTAINING TO LIEN EXEMPTION FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its third consideration.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to now adopt the above stated ordinance. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared ORDINANCE 967 duly adopted.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO SET TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING ON THE HIGHWAY 218 SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 09-08-01 passed and approved. The public hearing will be held on Sept. 25th at 7:00 p.m..

Patrick Hill and Katie Gardner, high school students requested painting 21st Street between the two high school driveways on Wed. Sept. 24th at 8:00 p.m.. Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to approve this request. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. The school will supply the white wash paint and several chaperones will be present.

Patrick Hill, requested approval for the Home Coming parade route on Sept. 26th. Staging begins at the Fairgrounds, then heads north on 2nd Avenue, turning west on 4th Street, ending at B Avenue. Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve the parade route. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to approve a permit for supervised display of fireworks by the Iowa Pyrotechnic Association, on Sept. 19th and 20th, at Benton County Fairgrounds. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Library Board 07-08-08, Board of Adjustments 8-27-08 and Housing Board 9-9-08. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Todd Lehman, 1115 A Avenue, requested permission to block A Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets on Sept. 13th, from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., for a block party. Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to approve this request. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Lehman was asked to contact Chief Tilson to inform him of this event.

The Mayor expressed concern for the flood damaged homes in the 500 year flood plain. He plans to talk with various legislators. Governor Culver has not called for a special flood session. For the flood damaged homes planning for demolition, taking pictures and documenting is strongly advised. For the homes where the occupants had to move out, a certificate of occupancy is required before moving back in. Council plans to ask the previously hired Iowa City building inspector to come back and re-inspect the flood damaged homes.

Council would like to invite the Friends of the Shelter to come talk with Council. The Friends of the Shelter are planning to start their own rescue.

Clerk reported the City received its first local option sales tax payment from the State. Vinton received a \$280 flood relief scholarship for Coordinator Lent to attend the Iowa League of Cities annual conference. The airport runway repairs should start next week. The federal share for

public assistance for the flood disaster was increased to 90 percent. The Northeast Iowa Regional League is planning a meeting on nuisance abatements. Some Council members plan to attend this meeting on Sept. 23rd.

Good & Welfare: Veterans Memorial Park dedication will be Sept. 28th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:15 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk