

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 23, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 23rd day of April, 2009, 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, Vermedahl. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the minutes of the April 6th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Burkey reported that the general government, community and economic development committee had met to discuss voluntary severance of the Floyd acreage. This committee recommends to council to table this topic until the city attorney can review documents and if the documentation is in place, to then proceed with the voluntary severance.

Elwick reported that the public safety committee had met to discuss an animal waste ordinance. This committee recommends to educate the public first about cleaning up after their pets. If this does not solve the problem, then an amendment may be done to the animal control ordinance. Pet owners not picking up after their pets could be charged with a municipal infraction up to \$750.00.

Elwick reported that the public safety committee discussed accessibility of Vinton's sidewalks to motorized wheelchairs, to get from residential areas to downtown. Mayor Watson will be helping to prioritize which curbs to make handicap accessible.

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

Coordinator Lent stated that Scott Swallom, 209 B Avenue, had made a request to purchase the vacated alley along his property. The alley was vacated in 2002, but not sold to Swallom at that time. Ownership of the abutting properties has changed since then. Council agreed with Lent to have Swallom seek a new petition from surrounding property owners to sell the alley.

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 LANDFILL FEES. Question: Ayes - Burkey, 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 table an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 85 REGARDING CONTROL OF DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Council encourages all citizens to pick up after their pets.



Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to table a RESOLUTION FOR VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE OF TERRITORY FROM CITY OF VINTON, IOWA until Attorney Fischer can review documentation. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR T-HANGER AND TAXILANE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - Elwick. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-09-03 passed and approved. The bid is awarded to Tschiggfrie Excavating for \$537,897.95. There is a federal grant for 95% of this project. The airport commission has a waiting list of people wanting to rent hangars.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATE AVIATION PROGRAM FUNDING AND CERTIFYING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-09-04 passed and approved. If awarded this grant, a Jet A fuel system would be installed and a new entrance sign installed.

Motion by Vermedahl second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF DOWNTOWN WARNING SIREN. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-09-05 passed and approved. The bid is awarded to Fesler's Inc. for \$16,265.00.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve an application for tax abatement under urban revitalization plan for City of Vinton, Iowa, for Robert Rundlett, 405 North M Avenue. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Bob Moen, Blue Cross Blue Shield representative, presented a health insurance plan renewal with an increase in premiums of approximately 16.75% over the current plan. Bob Hanna, PRIME Benefits presented a self-funding insurance plan renewal with no increase in premium cost over the current plan. Lent, Mayor Watson, and Hanna to visit with union stewards about a couple of possible administrative changes to PRIME. Council will need to decide before June 15th.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR CONCRETE REPLACEMENT AT VINTON FIRE STATION. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-09-06 passed and approved. The bid is awarded to Winsor Concrete for \$76,909.99.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to set a public hearing for a budget amendment for FY 2008-2009 for May 28th at 7:00 p.m.. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.



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

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Library Board 03-10-09 and 04-14-09 and Airport Commission 04-08-09. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) 602 8th Avenue sold on tax sale. 2) Community disaster grant funds, would like to purchase Dixon property west of Hinkle Creek. 3) Planning an After (flood) Action Review with county emergency. 4) Bid for Maple Lane Storm Shelter gutters. Need to seed the ground there. The alarm does work. 5) Schwenker apartments to be remodeled. 6) Manhole on east 9th Street at 3rd Avenue to be replaced when reconstructing 2 street blocks from 1st to 3rd Avenue. 7) Possible AFG grant in the summer for a new fire station. 8) Someone is interested in the old warning siren. 9) To reseed grass by Alco, over the sewer project. 10) C Avenue railroad crossing to be repaired this year, but not 8th Avenue. 11) F Avenue trailer park has a potential buyer.

Good & Welfare: The Java Alley ramp has been modified.

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

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John R. Watson      Mayor

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