

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 6th 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 March 26th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$382,742.31, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

A thank you letter for the City's contribution was received from the Benton County Volunteer Program. AmeriCorps NCCC will be having a graduation ceremony in Waterloo on April 30th.

Burkey reported that the rural fire advisory board had met with the City's fire department. He stated that operations are going well in this joint venture.

Elwick stated that the Public Safety Committee will meet on April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. to consider an animal waste ordinance.

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

Tricia Floyd asked Council to consider a voluntary severance of ag land along the west edge of the city limits. The Floyd family would like to see the road paved and feel it would be easier to only have to deal with the county to get this done and not deal with both the city and county to get the road paved. Council felt they could work with the county on such a project. The voluntary severance was referred to the general government and economic development committee. This committee will meet on April 23rd at 6:00 p.m..

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposed t-hangar and taxi lane construction project. Coordinator Lent showed a diagram of the proposed hangar and lane. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR THE 2009 T-HANGER AND TAXILANE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey,

Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-09-01 passed and approved.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PROVIDING FOR THE DIVISION OF TAXES LEVIED ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL AREA OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 403.19 OF THE CODE OF IOWA. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared 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 971 duly adopted.

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 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 first consideration. The county has raised their fees to cities by \$2.00 per capita. This ordinance will raise the monthly landfill fee by 41 cents.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COST OF REPAIRING, REPLACING, OR RECONSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 09-04-10. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-09-02 passed and approved. The cost to the property owner will be \$8.00 per linear foot.

Gregg Marshall, Java Alley owner, had cost estimates to fix the landing on their entrance ramp, by disassembling it and taking it to the manufacturer in Detroit, Michigan. Council asked Marshall to contact a local welder, Roy Sturtz. Marshall said he would contact Sturtz and let Coordinator Lent know of plans. Attorney Fischer has talked with a state ombudsman. The April 1st deadline was not met. Marshall was urged to have the modification done by the next council meeting.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to change City Hall's open to the public hours to 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning May 1st. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Notices will be sent on utility bills and placed in the newspapers.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to approve a request from the Parks & Recreation department to burn wood debris from the nature trail site for the next two weeks. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Brian Elwick, park maintenance, stated AmeriCorps NCCC is helping and that he would watch wind directions and notify neighboring residents.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Vermedahl to approve a six month beer permit with Sunday sales and outdoor services for the Benton County Agricultural Society. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Parks & Rec. Board 03-12-09. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Downtown sidewalk bids. 2) Property and liability insurance premium down slightly, because of improvement on the workers compensation modification factor. 3) Closeout meeting with FEMA. 4) Surveying of 2 blocks on 9th Street was completed last week. 5) Health insurance premiums to increase almost 17%. 6) Sandbags in Bascom Addition to be covered with dirt. 7) New downtown siren has been installed.

Good & Welfare: The snow storm missed us. Donkey basketball is tomorrow night.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:30 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk