

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 10th day of December, 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: Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Absent: Burkey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Maynard to approve the minutes of the November 24th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$549,381.44, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. The use of the spare squad car was encouraged for police training and conferences.

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

Motion by Maynard, second by Elwick to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO DEFINITION OF FRONT YARD. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared that said ordinance had been given its second consideration.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION SETTING TIME OF HEARING ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO VACATE PART OF AN ALLEY. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 12-09-01 passed and approved. The hearing will be held on December 21st at 7:00 p.m..

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VINTON AND CRAWFORD ENGINEERING RELATING TO 10TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 12-09-02 passed and approved.

Mike Elwick, VMEU Chairman, asked council to consider flood mitigation measures now and when preparing the budget for the next fiscal year. The City will be working on a drainage ditch east and west of South 2nd Avenue. The City may decide to protect the old main lift station.

Council considered allowing U.S. Cellular to place an antenna on the east water tower. Coordinator Lent will negotiate a rental agreement.

Council took a short break from 7:30 p.m. to 7:32 p.m..

Pat Lyons, Vinton Eagle representative, asked Council to consider the Eagle as the official newspaper. Cedar Valley Daily Times sent a letter requesting the continuation of the Times as an official newspaper. Council stated they want to continue using both businesses for publications.

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

Motion by Hessenius, second by Vermedahl to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Alan Woodhouse to VMEU's Board of Trustees, for a six year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Redlinger to receive and file the Library Board meeting minutes from 11-10-09. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Hessenius stated the hospital needs timely building inspections.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Officer Suljic has resigned effective Dec. 20th. He will be joining the Waterloo police force. 2) The City received an insurance payment for hail damage for various park and recreation department buildings. These funds will be transferred to the Park and Recreation department. 3) City Hall roof repairs will be considered at budget time.

Iowa Alcoholic Beverages has set a hearing for the appeal of the recent liquor license denial.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 21st.

Good & Welfare: The Street department has done a good job with the snow plowing.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:05 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk