

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 21st 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: Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Vermedahl. Absent: Maynard, Redlinger.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve the minutes of the December 10th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Maynard arrived at 7:03 p.m..

The Mayor asked that one item be added to the agenda under old business, to discuss the possible US Cellular antenna water tower rent. Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve the amended agenda. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposal to vacate part of an alley. It is a north-south alley in block two of John E. Palmer's Second Addition. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to adopt an ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF PART OF AN ALLEY IN VINTON, IOWA. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its initial passage.

Motion by Vermedahl, 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 - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its third passage.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to now adopt the above state ordinance. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared the ORDINANCE 976 duly adopted.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Burkey to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 1 AND 2 FOR T-HANGER AND TAXILANE PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 12-09-03 passed and approved. Tom Boeckman, an Airport Commissioner, explained the additional cement and electrical work requested. He also stated that an FAA grant would pay for 95% of the cost.

Coordinator Lent reviewed the Community Disaster Grant Report. An increase in cost estimate had been made for grading and engineering for the drainage ditch running east of South 2nd Avenue.

Coordinator Lent stated that US Cellular could not find a decorative screen for an antenna that they are wanting to mount on a water tower. Council's general consensus was to stick to the \$1,000/month rent and have US Cellular pay for all the costs associated with the antenna's installation.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION TO SET TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING ON JET FUEL SYSTEM PROJECT AT VINTON VETERANS MEMORIAL AIRPORT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 12-09-04 passed and approved. The hearing will be held on Jan. 14th at 7:00 p.m..

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION SETTING DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSOLIDATION OF THREE OF THE CITY OF VINTON'S URBAN RENEWAL AREAS AND ON URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 12-09-05 passed and approved. The hearing will be held on Jan. 14th at 7:00 p.m..

Motion by Hessenius, second by Elwick to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Lisa Vermedahl and Janet Sanders to the Housing Board, each for a 2 year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Andrew Lent as the Zoning Administrator for a two year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Ron Elwick and Bryan Edwards to the Building and Housing Board of Appeals, each for a four year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the reappointments of Scott Tharp and John Scherbring to the Planning and Zoning Commission, each for a five year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Burkey to approve the reappointment of Darrell Kenney to the Airport Commission, for a six year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the appointments of Dell Hanson and Nathan Hesson, alternate, to the Benton Development Group. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Burkey to approve the reappointment of Andy Lent as Council representative to Vinton Unlimited, for a two year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve the reappointment of Mayor John Watson to the Benton County Landfill Commission for a two year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the reappointment of Andy Lent to the Benton County E911 Board for a two year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Parks and Rec. Board 12-10-09 and Airport Commission 12-17-09. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council discussed the use of police cars for training and mileage. This will be discussed again at budget time.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Arbitration meeting tentatively set for Feb. 11th. 2) Appeal hearing with Iowa Alcoholic Beverages was held today via a telephone conference call. Should receive a written response in about a month. 3) Received approval for reimbursement for first six flood buyouts. 4) Project worksheet signed, dealing with historical neighborhoods. 5) To discuss downtown businesses snow removal at budget time. 6) Budget work session to be held on Jan. 6th at 6:00 p.m.. 7) Police department will be hosting an 8 hour seminar on March 2nd.

Tyler Technologies gave a software presentation on financial, payroll and utility billing at City Hall on Dec. 17th. This software will be discussed at budget time.

Good & Welfare: Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:55 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk