

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 26th day of February, 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 Hessenius, second by Elwick to approve the minutes of the February 12th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Kathy Tranel, Johnson Auction & Real Estate, gave Council a copy of a letter written by Don Martin, past City Coordinator, on October 10, 2003 to Randy and Kathy Burgess. The letter waived the \$1,000 sewer connection fee in return for an easement running across their property.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve a RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL MATCH FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 02-09-05 passed and approved. This is for flooded property acquisitions. The local match is \$329,970.00 or 15 percent of the total cost. This resolution replaces one done in January.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the City and Water audit reports for fiscal year 2007-2008. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to approve a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF VINTON TO ENTER INTO SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT WITH LUCAS MICHAEL GARWOOD. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 02-09-06 passed and approved.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to approve a sewer bill adjustment for 505 C Avenue in the amount of \$218.15. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. This adjusts the bill back to the monthly average.

Jeff Peterson, Trails Committee representative, spoke about 13th Street Trail segment. The committee is working on a grant and is asking the City for an "in kind" match. Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to provide in kind match of labor and equipment for this segment of the trail. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Maynard to reappoint Don Burkey to the Benton County Community Foundation for a three year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Maynard, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Airport Commission 02-11-09 and Planning & Zoning Commission 02-17-09. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor reported he would like to try to alleviate a water issue on East 15th Street. Council's general consensus was to proceed with installing an elbow and piping. He also reported that we are still looking for an animal warden.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) 16 houses on the demolition list and demolition bid deadline is tomorrow. 2) 6 communities plan to share the cost of river gauges. An agreement will be needed. 3) New requirements dealing with asbestos required for bids to demolish 512 W 6th Street. 4) Cost estimates for 2 blocks on 9th Street are approximately \$150,000. The general consensus was to proceed. Lent will seek an engineering agreement. LOST funds will be used for this project. 5) Working on a grant for tables at Maple Lane Storm Shelter and fire hydrant markers.

The City Clerk presented documents to the Mayor on a tobacco violation. The Mayor accepted the settlement agreement regarding the tobacco violation from Vinton Fast Stop. The civil penalty of \$300 has been paid to the City.

Good & Welfare: Vinton-Shellsburg Schools has selected a new superintendent.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:20 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk