

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 8th day of January, 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 Redlinger to approve the minutes of the December 30th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$657,478.87, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor reported council held a budget work session on January 6th.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Vermedahl to approve the 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 proposed urban revitalization area and plan adoption. Coordinator Lent stated there are two sections, the downtown and northwest industrial areas. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION OF FINDING TO A PROPOSED URBAN REVITALIZATION AREA AND PLAN ADOPTION. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 01-09-01 passed and approved.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to adopt an ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AN AREA OF VINTON, IOWA AS THE VINTON URBAN REVITALIZATION AREA. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its first consideration.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to waive the second and third readings of the above stated ordinance. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to now adopt the above state ordinance. Question: Ayes - Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared ORDINANCE 970 duly adopted.

The City Coordinator stated that Java Alley had been given a notice to abate a nuisance, the landing point near the city lamp post, on their entrance ramp, on December 1st. The notice gave 30 days to abate the nuisance or request a hearing. The owners, Gregg and Michelle Marshall requested a hearing. Coordinator Lent cited Chapter 55 of Vinton's Code of Ordinances. Michelle Marshall stated that the ramp has been there a year and no one has been hurt by it. She said that if someone was injured by the ramp, Java Alley would be responsible. She said that if the ramp was modified, the warranty on the ramp would be voided. She obtained one costly repair estimate. She stated that the ramp is ADA compliant. If someone was to modify the ramp, they have to be AWS certified. Maynard stated that the City offered to share in the cost of repairs. It was not clear that all council was considering the same modification to the ramp. The Mayor asked to start over. He will contact a local welder to again look at the ramp. He also asked Marshall to come again to the next council meeting on Jan. 22nd.

Council received information on the health effects of wood smoke.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve the renewal of a Class E liquor license with Sunday sales for Roy's Hometown Grocery. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to approve the Mayor's reappointment of John A. Anderson to VMEU's Board of Trustees for a 6 year term. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor reported working on: 1) The police union contract. 2) The new jail committee. 3) Discussions with the ambulance board and hospital about ambulance operations. 4) Looking for a new animal warden.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Looking at expanding the downtown TIF district. 2) One flood damaged house is not planning to participate in the FEMA buyout program. It is voluntary. The house foundation is damaged and will have to be demolished. 3) Tschiggfrie has tested the Hwy. 218 sanitary sewer. 4) Legislative Day is Jan. 27th.

Clerk reported that the US Census Bureau is seeking part-time help. One more budget work session is needed. The budget work session was set for Wednesday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m..

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:00 p.m..

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John R. Watson      Mayor

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

