

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 9th day of July, 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 June 23rd 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 \$647,265.84, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Elwick reported that Mayor Watson, Coordinator Lent and himself attended a NEIRL meeting on franchise fees.

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

John Mayhew and Alan Garwood, Vinton Car Cruise Committee requested street blockings and car cruise route for July 18th. Motion by Burkey, second by Redlinger to approve these requests. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Dennis Tharp inquired about a utility deposit refund for Lois Tharp. A deposit had been paid 13 years ago. After twelve months of timely utility payments, a deposit is refunded back onto the customer's utility account.

Tami Stark, Vinton Unlimited, inquired about the Cooling Dance building. Maynard reported that she has hired a contractor to do repairs.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VINTON AND EAST CENTRAL IOWA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROGRAM. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 07-09-01 passed and approved.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROGRAM. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 07-09-02 passed and approved.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR RACM DEMOLITION PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 07-09-03 passed and approved. This is for additional garage demolition costs of \$24,597.09.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #4 FOR RACM DEMOLITION PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 07-09-04 passed and approved. This approves additional demolition costs of \$5,577.12 for a cistern.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #5 FOR RACM DEMOLITION PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 07-09-05 passed and approved. This approves additional costs of \$229.60 for removal of vegetation.

Motion by Elwick, second by Burkey to approve paying D.W. Zinser demolition invoices. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL TO DEMOLISH UNSAFE STRUCTURE AT 512 WEST 6TH STREET. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 07-09-06 passed and approved.

Coordinator Lent reviewed options for wood chipping and grinding. Estimated costs are between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Labor and equipment costs for the street and water department to clean up after the June 19th wind storm are over \$44,000.00. This does not include the electric utility's labor and equipment expense. Elwick would like to save the City this chipping and grinding expense and keep burning at the brush dump. A decision on wood chipping and grinding was tabled until the next council meeting.

Water superintendent Garwood has been searching for a dump truck. A used one with low mileage was found. Councilman Burkey will inquire about the overall condition of this truck.

The water leak under the driveway at Phillips Funeral Home has been repaired. It was determined to be a faulty flare. No materials cost will be charged to Phillips.

An upgrade to City Hall's phone system may be considered during the next budget season.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve the renewal of a cigarette/tobacco permit for Ehlinger's Vinton Express. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the June revenue and expenditure report. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Elwick to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Board of Adjustments 06-23-09 and 07-07-09. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The owner of the house that was demolished privately on West 3rd Street will be asked to put up safety fencing.

The Mayor reported a good time at the library, singing and dancing with Dan Wardell. He also had a good meeting with residents at the hospital's Cedarview properties.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Update to the hazard mitigation plan. 2) 9th Street preconstruction meeting. 3) Maple Lane Storm Shelter vandalism. 4) Seeding will be redone at the storm shelter. 5) Alliant to repair gas main at W 3rd Street and K Avenue. 6) Plans for new hotel moving forward. 7) Taking vacation later in July.

The regular city election will be held on November 3rd. Positions that will be on the ballot are Mayor, 1st ward, 3rd ward and one at-large. Any public measures (questions) will need to be turned in by September 18th.

The City received credit of over \$860 for past banking fees.

Good & Welfare: Upcoming Vinton Car Cruise and Benton County Fair.

Linda Fischer reported that the burning at the brush dump is still making her family sick. Coordinator Lent has asked the County if they would help with the cost of chipping and grinding. They will consider this again. Lent and Fischer to attend the next County Supervisor meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:35 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk