

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 12, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 12th day of March, 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 February 26th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Redlinger to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$465,143.45, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Maynard reported receiving phone calls about City Hall's parking lot. Redlinger reported inquiries about possible angle parking on A Avenue between 4th and 5th Streets.

Redlinger reported that the public works committee had met to review the bids for demolition of flood damaged houses. This committee recommends approval of the bid from DW Zinser. A resolution for awarding a demolition bid is later on tonight's agenda.

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

Terry and Melissa Mosher, 101 C Avenue, asked council to consider the use of a flood damaged house at 403 W 1st Street as a possible rental house. Council asked them to first obtain an elevation certificate. The elevation will need to be at least one foot above the flood plain. Then they could apply for a building permit for the necessary repairs.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for fiscal year 2009-2010. There were no comments. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-09-01 passed and approved. The City's tax levy will be \$14.56 per \$1,000. This is 27 cents more than last year.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposed addition to the Vinton downtown urban renewal area. There were no comments. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO DECLARE NECESSITY AND ESTABLISH AN URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 403.4 OF THE CODE OF IOWA AND APPROVE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE 2009 ADDITION TO THE VINTON DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL AREA.

Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-09-02 passed and approved.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PROVIDING FOR THE DIVISION OF TAXES LEVIED ON TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL AREA OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 403.19 OF THE CODE OF IOWA. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its initial passage.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR COUNTY HOME LIFT STATION PLATFORM. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-09-03 passed and approved. This is a flood mitigation project to be reimbursed by FEMA.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR REMOVAL OF FLOOD DEBRIS AROUND AND UNDER THE EAST 13TH STREET BRIDGE. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-09-04 passed and approved.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR DEMOLITION OF FLOOD AFFECTED HOUSES. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-09-05 passed and approved. The bid is awarded to DW Zinser Co. for \$412,914.00, to demolish 16 houses that were declared structurally unsound.

Coordinator Lent reported that the State has announced a community disaster grant from which Vinton should receive approximately \$130,000. These funds are to be used for specific purposes. Council's general consensus was for Lent to proceed with purchasing a couple properties.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VINTON AND CRAWFORD ENGINEERING RELATING TO 9TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick,

Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-09-06 passed and approved.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Burkey to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VINTON AND IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING C AVENUE RAILROAD CROSSING REPLACEMENT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-09-07 passed and approved.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Burkey to pass a RESOLUTION ON ACQUISITION OR DEVELOPMENT FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-09-08 passed and approved. Council has approved a 50% in kind match up to \$16,675 for a trail segment on 13th Street. Mike Riege is the trails committee grant writer. He explained that a resolution by council will help with the grant application.

Sheriff Randy Forsyth and Larry Druschel, property owner of the old Lincoln School building explained the county's plans for this building. Forsyth stated that it would be at least 2 years before a new law enforcement center would be built. The county plans to use Lincoln as a minimum security holding facility. The state department of corrections has given their approval. Plans still need to be reviewed by the state fire marshal. Forsyth will contact state fire marshal for review. This use is compliant with the zoning regulations. Only the ground floor would be used. Druschel will complete a remodel in approximately 60 days. Lent stated that a building permit would be needed.

Forsyth also stated that the county is considering locations for a new communications system and 180 foot tower. One option is on the ICAS property, on W 8th Street. If they decide to pursue this location, they will have to apply to the City's Board of Adjustments.

Sheriff Forsyth and Supervisor Dave Vermedahl talked about the location for a proposed new county law enforcement center. A site just west of the First Christian Church has been selected. They stated that FEMA will pay for a new center of approximately the same size. The land owner, John Anderson, is working on a plat. The land will need to be rezoned. A street and sanitary sewer service will be needed.

Scott Hansen, Benton County Emergency Management, discussed a possible Cedar River flood gauge. The gauge would automatically read the river's elevation and post it to an internet web site. Originally 6 entities had planned to purchase the gauge together. But Duane Arnold Energy Center and Benton County have backed out. Hansen stated that federal funds may be available for the gauge. He also stated that the Cedar River basin is large between Waterloo and Vinton. Automatic gauge readings will give more accurate flooding forecasts. Council wants to wait to see if it can be federally funded.

Motion by Elwick, second by Burkey to purchase a new police car using the state bid for a 2009 Impala police package for \$18,847 from Karl Chevrolet in Ankeny. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Redlinger to approve the disbursement of \$1,000 to Benton County Volunteer Program. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve a request from the Wesley United Methodist Church to block 3rd Avenue, from 5th to 6th Street on the morning of April 12th. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to approve a supervised display of fireworks by the Iowa Pyrotechnic Association on March 21st at the Benton County Fairgrounds. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Library Board 02-10-09 and Parks & Rec. Board 02-12-09. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to receive and file the building inspection report of January and February 2009. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The first council meeting in April will be held on Monday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m..

The Mayor reported a request for angle parking along one side of A Avenue, between 4th and 5th Streets. A flower shop plans to go into the old Tip Top Tavern. The Public Works Committee will meet to discuss this on March 26th at 6:30 p.m..

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) FEMA grant for downtown warning siren. 2) Cost estimates for City Hall basement. 3) Airport hangar bids.

Burkey left the meeting at 8:55 p.m..

Lent continued: 4) Sewer backup court case to be on March 24th. 5) Out of the office next Monday. 6) Legislative updates. 7) Notices for nuisance abatements.

Good & Welfare: Police Officer Roger Roseberry was honored in the FBI Enforcement Bulletin for his actions at the house fire on W 6th Street last April.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 9:00 p.m..
