

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 12th day of November, 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 October 22nd 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 \$1,084,108.61, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Mike Rommann, 1501 Washington Drive, stated that there was a water drainage issue in his neighborhood. He invited Council to come walk around the area and asked them to find a solution. Craig Flickinger, Sherry Crawford and Tom Kueny, also residents in this area, stated that sump pumps have been getting a work out. The drainage ditch is always wet and has weeds, brush and willow trees growing in it. Council will go to the neighborhood this Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m..

Nathan Hesson, Vinton Unlimited director, asked Council to consider blocking two parking spaces in front of Jessy's Gems on December 5th. They plan to bring llamas and alpacas to town. Motion by Burkey, second by Redlinger to approve the request. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Hesson also stated that on November 22nd there would be open houses in Vinton's downtown district.

Motion by Elwick, second by Burkey to pass a RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR ASBESTOS SURVEY AND MONITORING. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 11-09-01 passed and approved.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VINTON AND FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA AND IOWA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 11-09-02 passed and approved.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO SET TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO FRONT YARD DEFINITION FOR CORNER LOTS. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 11-09-03 passed and approved. The public hearing will be held on Nov. 24th at 7:00 p.m..

Kelly Cunningham asked Council for an deadline extension, due to a wet weather conditions, for the 9th Street project. The project was substantially complete. Liquidated damages, retainage and possible sod were discussed. Maynard suggested granting the extension, but not allowing any extension on future contracts. Motion by Vermedahl, second by Burkey to grant the extension. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - Maynard. The Mayor declared the motion carried. A retainage of \$7,200 will be held until next spring, when the grass seeding can be done.

Coordinator Lent explained possible uses for the remaining community disaster grant funds. HESCO (flood) barriers and a large portable pump could be purchased.

Discussion on the next local option sales tax street project was tabled until the next meeting.

Jerry Mabry stated that he had applied for a new liquor license, d.b.a. Jerry Ray's BBQ & Steakhouse. The City Clerk reported that she just received notice today from the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages that the dram shop insurance was in place and that the license was now submitted to the local authority for their consideration. Police Chief Tilson's report and recommendation were not yet available for council to review. Council will consider this new liquor license application at their next meeting.

The second council meeting in November was rescheduled for Tuesday, November 24th.

Coordinator Lent stated that the American Legion is planning a holiday parade for November 19th. The parade is to start at 2nd Avenue and 6th Street, go north to 5th Street, west to B Avenue, north to 4th Street, and back east to the Courthouse and municipal parking lot. Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve this parade route. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. The parade will start at 6:00 p.m..

Randy Fennern, 813 E 6th Street, requested the vacation and disposal of an alley. Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to refer this request to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on November 17th at 4:30 p.m..

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

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to receive and file the following meeting minutes:  
Library Board 09-08-09 and 10-13-09 and Planning & Zoning Commission 10-27-09. Question:  
Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) General Government Committee to meet on Nov. 24th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the local option sales tax disbursement for nonprofit organizations. 2) The fire department aerial truck has passed inspections and been purchased. 3) Nov. 17th legislative open house in Coralville. 4) Americorp induction. 5) Review of fall clean up days costs. 6) County may be changing their recycling system.

Certificates of election from the county were given to those recently elected to council positions.

Good & Welfare: Americorp induction ceremony on Nov. 13th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:18 p.m..

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John R. Watson      Mayor

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