

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2009

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 22nd day of October, 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 Hessenius to approve the minutes of the October 8th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Burkey reported that the General Government Committee had met prior to this meeting. They recommend to Council to approve a purchase policy with the removal of the City Coordinator's approval of purchases over \$2,500, since it also stated that these needed approval from Council. This committee also discussed the nonprofit organization funds from the local option sales tax. This committee recommends that the funds should be given to the Vinton Community Foundation for distribution to nonprofit organizations in Vinton since the Foundation is set up to do this and can better handle the process of application, selection and distribution.

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

Ken Henkle and Brian Hamling, owners of property on the 100 block of West 4th Street, came to talk with Council about a down spout that was not hooked up correctly during the downtown improvement project about 10 years ago. The tile under the sidewalk was not connected and the water caused a huge void under the sidewalk. They proposed to redirect the down spout to the nearby awning, to handle future drainage. Council agreed to work on repairing the sidewalk. Council also directed Coordinator Lent to contact Mike Hart since Hart-Frederick was the engineer for the original project.

Jennifer Ritch, ASAC Prevention Specialist, spoke to Council about new substance abuse prevention program.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A TIF PROJECT IN THE WEST #1 TIF DISTRICT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WEST 11TH STREET EXTENSION. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-09-11 passed and approved.

Motion by Maynard, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERNAL ADVANCE TO TAX INCREMENT SUBFUND. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-09-12 passed and approved.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASING POLICY. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-09-13 passed and approved.

Motion by Maynard, second by Redlinger approve an extension request from K Cunningham Construction for the 9th Street paving project. Council wasn't sure why Cunningham was asking for a request when they had since May to start work and they did not start until the beginning of September. The deadline for the project was October 15th. The extension request was for October 29th, with seeding to be done in the spring. Council asked Coordinator Lent to ask Crawford Engineering for the construction log to check on work progress of Cunningham during the project. Maynard withdrew his motion, Redlinger withdrew his second. Maynard made the motion to table the request until the next meeting on November 12th, Redlinger seconded the motion, vote was unanimous.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to offer the net amount to the Dixon family after the liens were paid from the original offer. The original offer was \$3,000 and the amount of the liens is \$2,344.20, leaving a net of \$655.80. Vote was unanimous. City Attorney, Bob Fischer to make this offer. If offer is not accepted, the City may look into going after the title in court under Code of Iowa Chapter 657A, for abandoned buildings.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to approve a permit for supervised display of fireworks for the Iowa Pyrotechnic Association on November 14th at the Benton County Fairgrounds, from noon to 10:30 p.m.. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Maynard to approve the City Attorney's request to attend the IMAA Annual Seminar on November 20th. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Parks & Rec. Board 10-08-09 and Airport Commission 10-14-09. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Downtown trees won't be taken out until next spring. 2) First six buyout closings are tomorrow. 3) County may remove their cardboard recycling trailer from the County Shop. 4) US Cellular is interested in putting an antenna on the east water tower. 5) Due to state budget cuts, there will be a decrease in homestead credits. Vinton's loss will be about \$4,119. 6) Tom Lane feels his neighbor's wood burning boiler smokestack is too short. 7) VU After Hours is on Friday, Oct. 30th at the Airport. 8) Halloween Trick-or-Treat will be on Saturday, Oct. 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m..

Good & Welfare: Lots of volunteers showed up to help install playground equipment at the Jaycee Park last Saturday.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:30 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk