

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 22, 2010

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 22nd day of April, 2010, 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 April 8th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor announced that one item needed to be added to the agenda under old business, to discuss assisting the Palace Theatre. Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve the amended agenda. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Matt Blythe, Benton County Monsanto Representative, stated that local farmer Mark Happel had won voting rights to award \$2,500 to a community project and that Happel has selected the Vinton Fire Department to receive these funds. Thank You Mark.

Ranae Becker, Benton Development Group, gave an update on BDG projects.

Ken Cappel stated that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. Vinton's web site will help promote this subject.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER RATES. 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 Elwick, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$330,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION STREET EQUIPMENT NOTE AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE SAME. After discussion the motion and second were withdrawn. Lent to seek clarification on wording for the interest. This resolution will be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF VINTON TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE OFFER WITH STEPHEN WESTCOTT FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-10-03 passed and approved.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF VINTON TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE OFFER WITH JOHN AND REBECCA HAINES FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-10-04 passed and approved.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF VINTON TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE OFFER WITH BRETT SCHMINKE FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-10-05 passed and approved.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF VINTON TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE OFFER WITH BRETT SCHMINKE FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-10-06 passed and approved.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR FLOOD PREVENTION WALL FOR MAIN SEWER LIFT STATION. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-10-07 passed and approved. The bid is awarded to C & S Concrete for \$16,493.00.

Todd McNall, Design Dynamics representative, gave a presentation for the new law enforcement center. He explained that the County is asking for diagonal parking on 2nd Avenue and an easement on the front (south) side of the law enforcement center for steps and ramp. Council thought there would be no problem with these items. A discussion took place on possible location for construction staging. Council indicated that they would prefer to close 2nd Avenue and keep 3rd Street open.

Motion by Burkey, second by Redlinger to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO DIAGONAL PARKING. 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 Burkey, second by Elwick to set a public hearing on a proposed budget amendment for FY 09-10 for May 27th. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council considered health insurance renewals with Wellmark, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Bob Moen and Bob Hanna from Prime Benefits. The increase from Wellmark is 15.24%. The increase for Prime Benefits is 15.56%. A suggestion was made by Hanna to move the deductible up to \$2,000, but make up the difference through self-funding so that the employees' benefits remain the same. The Council decided to wait until the next meeting to decide what to do with the suggestion.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the Senior Police Officer designation for James Livingston. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Library Board 03-09-10 and Parks & Rec. Board 04-08-10. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) We changed the date of the shelter open house to May 1st at 10 AM, due to the forecast of rain this weekend. 2) Applications are due tomorrow for the open street department position. 3) We will need the seeding subcontractor to come back to rework some of the right-of-way areas on 9th Street. There was some run-off in one area. Most of the rest seems to be growing. Crawford says we will need to pay the sub to come back, but that we are under quantities for this item. 4) Crawford is finalizing plans for 10th Street. We have some places where we need to remove steps and replace with ramps at intersections. Other places need a long hedge removed that is along the curb and a short piece of a raised flower bed removed and reworked. Property owners have been contacted in person and by mail. 5) I need direction from Council on where we go from here on City Hall roof since we are facing delay on taking care of AC units. I am concerned about the integrity of the roof itself if we delay anymore without doing something on it. Council decided to table roof improvements for now since it appeared that the roof integrity is okay.

Good & Welfare: Virginia Holsten was named Woman of the Year by Vinton Women's Club.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 9:15 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk