

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2010

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 8th 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, Vermedahl. Absent: Maynard, Redlinger.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the minutes of the March 25th 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 \$481,055.01, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Burkey reported that the General Government, Community and Economic Development Committee had met prior to this council meeting to discuss a TIF policy for future business assistance. This committee recommends the approval of a resolution for this TIF policy with added language of retail and food service.

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

Lynn Yundt, owner of Fifth Street Koffee Haus, requested permission to place small tables and chairs on the sidewalk along the west side of her business. Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to allow this conditional use of sidewalk. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Tom Lane, 714 E 5th Street, asked about parking and use of vacated alleys. He would like to park a boat and trailer in the alley. A phone line runs along this particular alley, so an easement would be necessary before proceeding to dispose and sell the alley to abutting property owners. The Mayor will contact Lane's neighbor about a pile of wood in this alley. Lane would like to see a taller extension on his neighbor's wood burner smoke stack. He questioned why the neighbor would burn green wood on a day that the outside temperature was 79 degrees. He also stated that the wood smoke leaves stains or soot on the houses. Council stated that this is an issue between private property owners.

Roger Wenner, land owner, requested to split 2 parcels without having to subdivide. Rick and Penny Ohrt and Brian Karr are interested in buying some of the Wenner land. Attorney Fischer stated that state law requires subdivision before selling off a third piece of a parcel. This ground is zoned R-1. For Karr's intended use, he will need to apply for a rezoning from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF VINTON TO ENTER INTO REAL ESTATE CONTRACT WITH ROGER WENNER FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-10-01 passed and approved. One acre will be purchased by the electric utility for \$7,500.00.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES IN TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-10-02 passed and approved. Retail and food service will be added to item 6a of this resolution. An application for TIF economic development assistance will be required, along with a business plan summary.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to approve the Senior Police Officer designation for Roger Roseberry. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve a new six month class B beer permit with Sunday sales and outdoor services for Benton County Agriculture Society Inc.. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Police car has been ordered. 2) Dixons have agreed to sell their property. 3) Opening in the street department. 4) Ordinance on next agenda for water rate increase. 5) VMEU loan for street department equipment. 6) Maple Lane Storm Shelter grand opening. 7) Health insurance renewal at next council meeting. Premiums will be up over 15%. 8) Law enforcement center, diagonal parking and easement for front steps.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to proceed with the purchase of the Dixon property and paying legal, recording and abstracting fees. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Lent continued: 9) The school system was considering a berm, to direct water flow. 10) Closing on flood buyout properties tomorrow.

The road use tax revenues will be \$2/capita lower than original estimates. The premiums for property and liability insurance increased by 4.8 percent.

Elwick would like Council to reconsider spring burning days for 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:25 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk