

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2011

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 14th day of April, 2011, 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, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Absent: Maynard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Vermedahl to approve the minutes of the March 24th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$555,434.16, excluding investments. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Maynard arrived at 7:10 p.m..

Burkey reported that the General Government, Community and Economic Development Committee had met on March 31st. The committee discussed possible development on West 13th Street and the Parks and Recreation ordinance dealing with the hiring of parks and recreation employees.

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

Bernie Markey was not at the council meeting. Vinton Building Inspector Jerry Michael expressed his concerns about the building located at 615 W 4th Street. He had been approached by the individual who bought the place after the 2008 flood and this is when he had inspected the building and became aware of its many defects. Coordinator Lent explained to the Council the situation with the buyout of the property. Because Markey had sold the property after the flood, under FEMA rules, the property had to be appraised. Because of the condition of the property, the appraisal stated that the value of the property was \$3,500. Markey can get it reappraised, but could not receive anymore than \$27,500 for the property. The City had given Markey a deadline of April 8, 2011 to decide if he would participate in the buyout or not.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposal to vacate part of an alley in Block 9 of Fremont, now Vinton. The request was made by Connie Gill. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to adopt an ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF PART OF AN ALLEY IN VINTON, 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.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposed south apron reconstruction project at the Vinton Airport. There were no comments. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATED COST FOR THE SOUTH APRON RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-11-01 passed and approved.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to adopt an ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF PART OF AN ALLEY IN VINTON, 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 third consideration.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to now adopt the above stated ordinance. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared ORDINANCE 987 duly adopted.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND RATES THEREOF. 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 Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO ADOPT WATER CONSERVATION PLAN. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-11-02 passed and approved.

Council generally discussed options for changing the parking along Park Drive from parallel parking to diagonal along the north side of the street and along the south side of the street along the property owned by Virginia Gay Hospital. Mayor Watson and Coordinator Lent mentioned that the hospital board was also looking at creating parking along the County Club driveway on the south side of the Annex. It was generally agreed that the hospital should go ahead with doing the parking on Park Drive along their property and the parking along the Country Club driveway.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR STREET DEPARTMENT PICK-UP TRUCK AND AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SNOW PLOW BLADE. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 04-11-03 passed and approved.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to approve an application for tax abatement under urban revitalization plan for 107 W 4th Street. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Burkey, second by Hessenius to approve an outdoor service privilege for Mickey's Bar liquor license. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Cunningham will look at the cracks on W 10th Street. Council feels that they should replace all panels with cracks since they did not survive the first winter. 2) Possible city-related training for city personnel. Coordinator Lent felt this would be good training for Craig Walker, Scott Meyer, Kevin Kirchner and Brad Barker. These four are "assistant directors" in their departments. This training will help prepare them if they do step into future roles as department directors. 3) Would like to have a general government committee meeting right after council tonight. Committee members agreed to do that.

Good & Welfare: Vinton was awarded a ten year Tree City award.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:10 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk