

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2011

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 24th day of February, 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 Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve the minutes of the February 10th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Burkey reported that VU's Business Opportunity Group had met to discuss strategic planning for economic development. They will contact the City Council in the near future. The Mayor reported that he and Coordinator Lent had attended VMEU's meeting and Representative's Dawn Pettengill's Saturday morning talk.

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

Dan Engledow, Benton County Speedway representative, made a request to block 1st Avenue from 4th Street to 5th Street for a 2nd Annual Benton County Speedway Car Show on Sunday, March 27th. Motion by Redlinger, second by Vermedahl to approve this request. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. The police, street and fire departments will be notified.

Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION SETTING TIME OF HEARING ON A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO VACATE PART OF AN ALLEY. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 02-11-05 passed and approved. The hearing is set for March 10th at 7:00 p.m.. Property owner Jason Cox has made this request to vacate part of an alley. He is planning to rebuild his garage.

Larry Burger, Speer Financial Vice President, explained that they received 5 good bids for the general obligation refunding bonds. They recommend accepting the best or lowest bid from D.A. Davidson & Co.. Their interest rate is 1.8452%. Motion by Burkey, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2011, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES TO PAY THE SAME AND AUTHORIZING PREPAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING NOTES. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 02-11-06 passed and approved. The approximate savings to the City is \$70,000.00.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Elwick to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDED PERSONNEL POLICY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 02-11-07 passed and approved.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to set a public hearing for the proposed fiscal year 2011-2012 budget for March 10th at 7:00 p.m.. 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 for the Vinton Country Club. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to accept the settlement agreement from Roy's Hometown Grocery for a first tobacco violation. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. The \$300 civil penalty has been paid to the City.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Parks & Rec. Board 02-10-11 and Airport Commission 02-16-11. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Received amendment for the airport grant. 2) Property, work comp, liability insurance renewal meeting. 3) Mediacom digital open house. 4) Landfill costs to increase because of Vinton's population increase. 5) Road use tax estimate has been lowered. 6) RFPs sent out for engineering for 4th Street project. 7) New police car. Council's general consensus was get a new police car ordered using the state's bid. It will be paid after July 1st.

A segregation of duties policy has been written.

Farm Service is still considering a new site west of the First Christian Church. Coordinator Lent, Mayor Watson and some council members plan to meet with Farm Service officials on Monday morning to discuss W 13th Street and a new water line.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:50 p.m..

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John R. Watson      Mayor

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