

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 24, 2011

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

Burkey reported that Vinton Unlimited's Business Opportunity Group had met to discuss the community assessment and business plan.

Coordinator Lent and Mayor Watson attended a safe routes to school meeting.

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

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Burkey to approve a sewer bill adjustment back to their 12 month average for Doris and Mike Kaegbein, 614 B Avenue. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Ron Geiger and John Gualtier were present to discuss planned events on March 30th. Motion by Burkey, second by Redlinger to approve a parade route for the VFW, American Legion and AmVets on March 30, 2011. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Dan Albert, Vinton's Assistant Fire Chief, stated that the Vinton and Garrison fire departments are campaigning to host the 2013 Firefighter Convention. Vinton last hosted the convention in 2003.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend the zoning district map. Virginia Gay Hospital would like to rezone two lots on the corner of North 9th Avenue and Park Drive. They intend to make a parking lot. Council discussed other parking space options. Diagonal parking on Park Drive and having the hospital employees use the parking north of the ball diamond were discussed. The Mayor closed the hearing. Neighboring property owners present were Doris Pippert, Lowell and Mary Mahr and Orville Schrage.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY (VIRGINIA GAY HOSPITAL). Question: Ayes -

Elwick. Nays - Burkey, Hessenius, Redlinger, Vermedahl. The Mayor declared the motion failed.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to adopt an ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF PART OF AN ALLEY IN VINTON, IOWA. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Redlinger. Nays - Vermedahl. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given it second consideration.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Redlinger to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NOT-TO-EXCEED COST FOR ENGINEERING OF EAST 4TH STREET PROJECT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-11-08 passed and approved. Replacing sanitary sewer manholes and storm water intakes will be included in this project.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius 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 03-11-09 passed and approved. The hearing is set for 7:00 p.m. on April 14, 2011.

Coordinator Lent explained that CDBG funds are likely to be available for possibly buying 605 and 615 W 4th Street. He will ask the property owners to decide by April 8th if they will accept a buyout offer.

Coordinator Lent stated that Council could approve a new bond issue for possible street improvements on W 13th Street. The interest rates are very low right now. They could also state that the bond issue be used for other street improvement projects.

The General Government, Community and Economic Development Committee will meet on March 31, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss possible improvements to W 13th Street.

Motion by Burkey, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO SET TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING ON 2011 SOUTH APRON RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT VINTON AIRPORT. Question: Ayes - Burkey, Elwick, Hessenius, Redlinger, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-11-10 passed and approved. The hearing is set for April 14th at 7:00 p.m..

Coordinator Lent talked about water conservation regulations in case of a water shortage due to a drought. A resolution for water conservation will be on the next Council agenda.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Vermedahl to approve a new class B native wine permit with Sunday sales for The Hope Chest Antiques and Decor. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to receive and file the February revenue and expenditure report. 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 02-08-11, Parks & Rec. Board 03-10-11, Airport Commission 03-16-11 and Planning & Zoning Commission 03-22-11. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Coordinator Lent reported on: 1) Inquiry to FEMA about leasing flood buyout properties to abutting neighbors for \$1.00/year. 2) Also asking permission to use porous cement on 4 flood buyout lots. Estimated cost is approximately \$75,000.00.

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

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk