

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 9th day of January, 2014, 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: Elwick, Maynard, Redlinger, Stark. Absent: Bendull, Hessenius.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to approve the minutes of the December 30th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Stark to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$654,724.01. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Maynard reported that the general government committee had met to discuss an administrator employment contract. The contract details are not yet finalized.

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

Vinton-Shellsburg School Superintendent Hainstock and Josh Pope, I & S Group engineer explained plans to improve water drainage off the high school's track and football field. They plan to improve the track this spring after the last track meet. Improving the football field will be later when more funding is available. Mayor Watson stated that Council is concerned about water drainage for local residents. Mike Hart and Ben Carhoff, Hart-Frederick engineers were present. Hart talked about the retention basin. He stated that the discharging pipe is too large, that the basin does not retain storm water. Council's general consensus is to work with the school to find possible solutions.

Council reviewed draft bylaws for the proposed 28E agreement for operating the county landfill. Concern was expressed that Vinton and Belle Plaine, cities with the largest populations, are not represented on the executive committee. Motion by Elwick, second by Maynard to table this topic. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Horne will contact ECICOG to discuss this executive committee membership.

Maynard asked Carhoff to check on the reflective beading on the recent W 13<sup>th</sup> Street turning lane project. Carhoff stated W 13<sup>th</sup> Street still needs paint striping.

Motion by Elwick, second by Maynard to approve a sidewalk reimbursement to Dale Butterfield, 506 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street, in the amount of \$500.00. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Maynard, Redlinger, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Elwick to appoint Dell Hanson to the Benton Development Group, with Nathan Hesson being an alternate. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to receive and file the December revenue and expenditure report. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Stark to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Parks and Recreation Board 12-12-13. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Watson reported checking on health insurance savings account cost estimates.

Interim Coordinator Horne reported on: 1) Working on the next budget. Budget work session is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.. 2) Discussing with some engineering firms the city's storm water infiltration and inflow issues to the waste water treatment plant. 3) Attended a community affairs meeting. 4) Recent water main breaks due to the extreme cold weather. 5) A safety committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

Clerk reported that two water alarm phone lines have been updated to radio alarms. Ridihalgh Fuelling Snitker Weber and Company has been here this week working on the annual audit.

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

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John R. Watson    Mayor

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