

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 13th day of February, 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: Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Stark. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve the minutes of the January 23rd meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Elwick to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$625,861.21. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor reported receiving a thank you letter from Benton County Volunteer Program.

Maynard reported the general government committee met to work on the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. They will meet again following tonight's council meeting.

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

Motion by Redlinger, second by Stark to adopt an ORDINANCNE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINOTN, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 23 FROM CITY COORDINATOR TO CITY ADMINISTRATOR. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared that said ordinance had been given its initial passage.

Nate Kass, Fehr Graham engineer, discussed the proposed street improvement projects of 10th Street from G Avenue to B Avenue and the reconstruction of 13th Street form C Avenue to 2nd Avenue. Motion by Maynard, second by Redlinger proceed with these proposed projects and to set the project bid letting date for March 11th and the public hearing for March 13th. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Keith Ervin, Board Director of Evergreen Cemetery Association, asked Council to consider annual funding to help with operation costs. He explained that back from 1971 to 1979 that the City had contributed financially to Evergreen Cemetery. Some operation costs are paid by the interest earned in a trust fund. Interest rates are terribly low now. In eight out of the past eleven years their expenses have been greater than their income. They need to remove some trees yet that were damaged by the windstorm in 2011. They also would like to replace some windows in the sexton's house. Council will consider this request at their budget work session.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to appoint Jeff Horne as Vinton Unlimited representative, as Zoning Administrator and to the Benton County E911 Board, each for a two year term. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Stark to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Ron Elwick to the Building and Housing Board of Appeals, a four year term. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Elwick to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Lisa Vermedahl to the Housing Board for a two year term. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to approve the renewal of a class c beer permit with Sunday sales for Dollar General Store. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Watson reported he attended many meetings this week.

Interim Coordinator Horne reported he attended a city administrator meeting in Independence.

Clerk reported: 1) Received letter from country raising the landfill fee to \$33 per capita. 2) VMEU Trustees are willing to do a short term loan to the city if need be. 3) Council can change their set meeting dates and time by resolution.

Good & Welfare: Kiwanis Pancake Day is March 1st.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:45 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk