

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 27th 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 Redlinger to approve the minutes of the February 13th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor stated that an item needed to be added to the agenda, to discuss the landfill 28E agreement under old business. Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to approve the amended agenda. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Citizens Input: Fire Department representatives were present. They will discuss a new fire truck later on tonight when the FY2014-2015 budget hearing is set.

Motion by Elwick, second by Redlinger to adopt an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, 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 that said ordinance had been given its second consideration.

Council discussed the infiltration and inflow study proposals. Seven firms submitted proposals that varied widely in details and cost estimates. Nate Kass, Fehr Graham rep, stated that it would be a long term process. The water superintendent will help point out problem areas. A public works committee meeting will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to consider these infiltration and inflow study proposals.

Gary McKenna, Fire Chief, stated that he received a final bid a little under \$450,000 for a new fire truck. He stated that the department feels very strongly that now is the time to place the order for this truck. He also stated that the County is willing to give them a loan for \$100,000 at a very low interest rate, for up to 10 years. Vinton Municipal Electric Utility also could possibly give them a loan. Other funding sources would be LOST funds, county contribution and the rural fire trustees. Council's general consensus was to direct McKenna to place the order for a new truck. Mayor Watson will sign paperwork for the purchase. They thanked Council for their continued support. Council plans to certify debt or bond for \$300,000 that will go towards the new fire truck and a dump truck for the street department.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Stark to set the public hearing for the proposed budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 for March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Watson reported that there has been a change in the executive committee membership for the new proposed landfill 28E agreement. The minimum quorum will be seven. They plan to meet on the third Thursday of the month. A new revised agreement will be coming soon. Council will consider it at a future meeting.

Motion by Stark, second by Redlinger to approve the renewal of a class B native wine permit with Sunday sales for The Hope Chest Antiques and Décor. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Redlinger to approve the Mayor's reappointment of Tami Stark to the Housing Board for a 2 year term. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve the appointment of Scott Hepker to the Airport Commission for a six year term. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Library Board 01-08-14, Parks & Rec. Board 02-13-14 and Airport Commission 01-15-14 and 02-19-14. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council briefly discussed a street project for next spring, continuing on W 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mayor Watson stated that a union negotiation strategy meeting needed to be held immediately following the council meeting.

Interim Administrator Horne reported he attended Governor Branstad's visit at Clickstop in Urbana.

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

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John R. Watson     Mayor

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