

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 24, 2014

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

The Mayor asked to add one item to tonight's agenda under old business, to consider truck chassis bids for the street department. Motion by Stark, second by Hessenius to approve the amended agenda. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Sarah Parker, 104 So R Ave., asked Council to consider a utility credit for a broken water pipe under her home. The water did not go into the sanitary sewer system. General consensus was that they would give a credit. This request will be considered at the next council meeting.

Bendull stated a citizen reported seeing someone smoking in a city vehicle.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Stark to table a RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR SIDEWALK PROGRAM FOR 2014. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Interim Administrator Horne stated that Vinton has many incomplete sidewalks. Council discussed replacing whole blocks at one time. They will select the sidewalks in the worst shape to be done first.

Street Superintendent Erickson received three bids for a new truck chassis and two bids for the dump body and snow plow. He recommends the Truck Country bid of \$73,283 for the chassis and the Henderson Truck Equipment bid for \$35,060 for the body and plow. Motion by Elwick, second by Stark to approve the recommended bids. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Stark to approve an application for the sidewalk reimbursement program for 401 E 5th Street. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Maynard, Redlinger, Stark. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. The total reimbursement will be \$1,948. This is a corner lot, so the reimbursement is for two sides, curb grinding and two handicap ramps.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Stark to approve the renewal of a Class E liquor license, with Class B wine permit and Class C beer permit for Fareway. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

There was discussion on the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The previous year's property valuation was entered on one of the lines in the state budget form. Because the current valuation is higher than last year's, this error effectively lowers the tax levy, but the amount of taxes to be collected remains steady. Future state budget reports will be reviewed by a second person prior to publication.

Motion by Stark, second by Hessenius to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Library Board 03-12-14 and Parks & Rec. Board 04-09-14. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Interim Administrator Horne reported on: 1) Water department started work for the 10th & 13th Street projects. There was a big watermain break by the old West School building. Phase I of the project is delayed, so they will begin with Phase II. 2) I & I meeting on May 1st. 3) Planning & Zoning meeting on 04-29-14. 4) He asked for a Public Works committee meeting on May 8th at 6:00 p.m., to discuss the development in the southeast corner of town. 5) Safety Committee to be held soon.

Clerk reported that the dental insurance renewals remained the same as last year and that Mayor and Council were invited to visit with Senator Grassley who will be at IBSSS tomorrow morning.

Good & Welfare: Veterans, guardians and volunteers who participated in the Eastern Iowa Honor Flight on Tuesday had a great day. Thank you to all past, current and future veterans.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:55 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Michael City Clerk