

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 22, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 22nd day of May, 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, Hessenius, Redlinger, Stark. Absent: Bendull, Maynard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve the minutes of the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup> meetings. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

A letter was received from the Trustees of VMEU. They no longer plan to make a funding contribution to Vinton Unlimited. They have increased their payment in lieu of taxes to the city and asked the city to contribute to VU the \$6,500 that they had previously made on an annual basis.

Elwick reported that the General Government Committee had met to discuss health insurance. They recommend the renewal with Wellmark and PRIME Benefits.

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

Nathan Hesson, Vinton Unlimited Director, asked Council to consider funding to VU. Motion by Elwick, second by Stark to approve the disbursement of budgeted funding in the amount of \$6,000 to Vinton Unlimited. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Don Eells, Vinton Unlimited's Business Opportunity Group representative, gave an update on their activities and focus for 2014.

Darla Gray, 1120 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street, informed Council of an offensive smell coming from a neighboring property that has chickens. Administrator Ward stated that the City Code is not clear on raising chickens.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Stark to approve a health insurance renewal with Wellmark. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Elwick to approve the self-funding health insurance renewal with PRIME Benefits. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The General Government Committee had met to discuss health insurance. They had made a recommendation regarding the agent of record. Motion by Stark, second by Elwick to table this topic until all council members are present. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Nate Kass, Fehr-Graham Engineering, talked about the estimated costs for engineering and street project for the housing development in the southeast corner of Vinton. A development agreement will be drafted.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to change the public hearing date for the budget amendment for fiscal year 2013-2014 to May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Stark, second by Redlinger to approve submitting claim #2 for reimbursement for the STP and RISE project costs for the W 13<sup>th</sup> Street project. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Hessenius to approve a partial pay estimate #3 in the amount of \$606,870.78 to Stickfort Construction the W 13<sup>th</sup> Street project. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Signage for the Veterans Memorial park was briefly discussed. Administrator Ward will check into DOT programs and requirements. Ron Geiger, VFW representative, expressed concern for residents to pick up after their dogs.

Council briefly discussed sidewalk replacement projects. Administrator Ward will check on funding. Council wants a recommendation from Superintendent Erickson on with which sidewalks to start.

Nate Kass, Fehr-Graham Engineering, explained classification of rock for road projects. There is class 2, class 3 and class 3i. A street project was bid out with DOT specifications requiring class 3 rock. A local supplier has class 2 rock. The contractor will be getting class 3i rock from a subcontractor.

Motion by Elwick, second by Stark to refer the topic of urban chickens to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Stark, second by Hessenius to approve the renewal of a class c liquor license with outdoor service and Sunday sales for Golf Right. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Redlinger, second by Elwick to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Library Board 04-09-14. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Watson and Administrator Ward reported on the painting project at the animal shelter. A state inspection is requiring this project.

Administrator Ward reported on municipal bond disclosure requirements

Good & Welfare: Vinton-Shellsburg High School graduation is this weekend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 9:20 p.m..

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John R. Watson    Mayor

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