

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 24, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 24th day of July, 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, Stark. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Stark to approve the minutes of the July 10th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Chuck Yedlik, Bar Y Pyros, asked Council for their continued support as a corporate sponsor for BoomFest. This year will be the 8<sup>th</sup> annual event. Motion by Hessenius, second by Elwick to approve a contribution of \$2,000 for BoomFest. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Yedlik stated that as the event has grown so has the need for parking spaces.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to make an appointment to fill the vacant At-Large council seat at the next council meeting. Their intentions are to appoint David Vermedahl to this seat until the fall election. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Bendull to accept the resignation of Bud Maynard as 3<sup>rd</sup> ward council member. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Kathy Tranel and Zach Parmater expressed interest in the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward council seat. Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to make an appointment to fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward vacancy at the next council meeting. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to pass a RESOLUTION PROPOSING DISPOSAL OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY BY SALE AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 07-14-01 passed and approved. The public hearing is set for August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m..

Council discussed options for searching for a new police chief. Attorney Fischer reported that federal guidelines do not allow the use of asset forfeiture funds for this type of expense. Captain Smith lives in La Porte City and does not plan to move back to Vinton. He is in charge during the interim. Mayor Watson intends to appoint him as Interim Chief in August. Administrator Ward, Mayor Watson and Pat Callahan could start a search. Council plans to have a new chief hired by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Administrator Ward updated council on a request from Mike and Cindy Elwick to rezone their property at 811 D Avenue. Currently there are only 4 council members. Councilman Ron Elwick is a related party to the owners of 811 D Avenue. He would have to recuse himself from

voting on this request. This would leave only 3 council members to vote, which would not be enough votes to pass a zoning change. Council will wait until there are 6 members again.

Motion by Stark, second by Elwick to approve a sidewalk reimbursement for Mike and Karen Scheib, 1307 E 15<sup>th</sup> Street, in the amount of \$320.00. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Nate Kass, Fehr-Graham engineer, sent a progress report on W 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The paving is done. They will be working on intersections and storm drains. The project could be finished slightly ahead of schedule.

Motion by Stark, second by Elwick to approve a sidewalk reimbursement for Ted Jessen, 313 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street in the amount of \$500.00. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Stark to close 2<sup>nd</sup> Street when IDOT is doing Hwy 150 bridge repairs in 2015. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to approve the renewal of a class c beer permit with Sunday sales for New Century Fast Stop. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Stark, second by Bendull to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Library Board 06-11-14 and 07-09-14, Parks & Rec. Board 07-10-14 and Airport Commission 07-16-14. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Ward reported receiving a request for Vinton to look into a housing needs assessment. The cost would be between \$5,000 to \$10,000. TIF funds for LMI could be used because it would be a community wide benefit. Motion by Stark, second by Elwick for Administrator Ward to seek RFPs for a housing needs assessment. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Clerk reported on: New Itron meter reader has been installed at City Hall. Need to replace the server monitor. Air conditioner fan in basement not working, but there is a dehumidifier running. NEIRL meeting in Dyersville. Federal review of W 13<sup>th</sup> Street RISE project next week. Iowa League of Cities conference Sept. 24-26. A garbage trucked was leaking. Vinton Unlimited will be searching for a new director.

Good & Welfare: Benton County Fair is this week.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:30 p.m..

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John R. Watson     Mayor

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

