

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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, Hessenius, Stark. Absent: Elwick.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Watson called Elwick, so Elwick was present via cellular communications.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to approve the minutes of the July 24th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Bendull, second by Stark to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$733,624.33. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council received a letter from Benton County Above the Influence Coalition. They ask Council, as they search for a new police chief, to remain committed to the prevention of underage drinking and substance use.

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

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to approve a request for the Boomtown 5K route on August 30th. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to appoint David Vermedahl to fill the at-large council vacancy. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Vermedahl was sworn into office by Mayor Watson. Elwick left the meeting.

Back to Citizen's Input: Kurt Karr asked Council to consider having a local telecommunications utility board. He would like to provide local broadband access. The electric utility board of trustees could also serve as the telecommunications board. He would like to add a question to this fall's election ballot. Mayor Watson and Administrator Ward will discuss this with VMEU.

Nathan Hesson, VU Director, asked permission to block 4<sup>th</sup> Street from B Avenue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue for BoomFest activities on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Stark, second by Vermedahl to approve this request. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Stark, second by Vermedahl to discuss filling the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward council vacancy. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Motion by Hessenius to appoint Zach Parmater to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward council seat until 12/31/14. This motion was rescinded. Motion

by Stark, second by Hessenius to appoint Parmater to the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward council seat for the remainder of the term. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Hessenius, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Parmater was sworn into office by Mayor.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposal to dispose of an interest in real property. This is in block 1 of Sell's Addition. This proposes abandoning an easement. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DISPOSAL OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY BY SALE FOLLOWING A PUBLIC HEARING. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 08-14-01 passed and approved. Stephen W. Amato is to pay for all legal, publication and transaction expenses.

Motion by Stark, second by Bendull to approve a grant agreement with FAA for airport 9/27 runway rehab project. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Stark to approve the proposal from Callahan Municipal Consultants for the police chief search process. The cost for this proposal is not to exceed \$6,620.00. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. A citizen's committee may be formed to help this selection process. Prior to making his appointment the Mayor will confer with City Council.

Motion by Stark, second by Bendull to approve a partial pay estimate #2 to Anstoetter Construction in the amount of \$205,179.66 for W 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. West 13<sup>th</sup> Street should be open tomorrow, which is right on schedule.

Motion by Stark, second by Bendull to approve the sidewalk reimbursement program revision. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

An ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO USE AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY REGULATIONS OF STREETS AND ALLEYS was tabled until the next meeting. Council would like to have a set fee schedule of per cubic foot or per square foot included in the ordinance for doing street repairs.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Bendull to approve replacing the north clarifier arm at the wastewater treatment plant. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. The bid is awarded to Weidner Construction for \$37,000.00.

Motion by Stark, second by Bendull to approve purchasing a lift station pump replacement for Budd's Addition from Zimmer & Francescon for \$4,760.00. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to approve the renewal of a class C liquor license with Sunday sales for Ron Da Voo. 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 John's Qwik Stop. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the July revenue and expenditure report. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Watson stated that AmeriCorp NCCC had completed painting the shelter and that he had received financial information from Friends of the Shelter.

Administrator Ward reported he had met with IMWCA about worker's compensation. He will be addressing a few issues.

Stark stated that citizens had asked about smoking in city owned vehicles. Ward will also check on this issue.

The Iowa League of Cities conference will be held Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> in Council Bluffs. Fall Clean Up Days are being planned for early October.

Good & Welfare: Ward and Stark attended ribbon cutting ceremony at the IBSSS. Upcoming events are Boomfest and Boomtown, a VU Block Party at Celebration Park and the rescheduled Party in the Park music and fireworks.

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