

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 11th day of September, 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, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Absent: Bendull.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Stark, second by Elwick to approve the minutes of the August 28th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$755,572.14. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Watson reported that the landfill is now operating under the new solid waste commission. This commission will be working to get all landfill users, such as rural residents, schools and commercial businesses, to start recycling more. He also reported that Callahan Consultants will take resumes for the police chief position until Sept. 16th. There will be a meeting on Sept. 18th to review these resumes.

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

Brian Parr spoke to council about his idea of building the world's largest ear of corn. He thinks it should be in Vinton. He is not asking City Council for any money. He wants to place it downtown, to draw tourists to Vinton. Administrator Ward stated that the current zoning ordinance only allows structures to be built up to 50 feet in height. Parr will search for a location. He also asked who should take ownership of the structure after it is built. Council's general consensus was for Parr to pursue creating this project.

The Mayor announced that now was the time and place set to hold a public hearing on a proposal to rezone 811 D Avenue. The proposal is to rezone it from R-3, Multiple Dwelling District, to B-1, Commercial. Administrator Ward stated the owners want to make it a truck garden and possibly have retail businesses there. The Planning and Zoning Commission did recommend the zoning change. The Mayor closed the hearing.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Vermedahl to approve an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF THE CITY (ELWICK). Question: Ayes – Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Abstain – Elwick. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its initial passage.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve 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. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its second consideration.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to approve an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHICKENS AND WATER FOWL WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Stark. Nays – Parmater, Vermedahl. The Mayor declared the motion failed. Motion by Vermedahl, second by Parmater to send the proposed ordinance back to the Planning and Zoning Commission with the suggestion to only allow ducks and chickens, and to strike geese from being allowed. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Stark to approve pay estimate #3 for the W 10th Street project to Anstoetter Construction in the amount of \$262,256.82. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Administrator Ward stated the contractor will be re-working a few sidewalks. The project should be substantially completed by the end of September.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve a change order for the W 10th Street project in the amount of \$11,931.17. This is primarily for redirecting a sanitary sewer line. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Tyler Lorenzen and Janet Woodhouse, Park & Rec. board members, presented Council a suggested a salary range and job description for the new Parks & Recreation director. Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve these recommendations. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared. They will start advertising for this position soon.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to approve a sidewalk reimbursement for David Davis, 1112 A Avenue, in the amount of \$500.00. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Parmater to approve a sewer bill adjustment for 802 1st Avenue in the amount of \$271.66. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council discussed the waste water treatment plant operator position. The current operator is planning to retire at the end of this year. One other employee does have a grade 3 license. Another employee has a grade 2 license. Administrator Ward stated there are companies that do contract out their services for operating wastewater treatment plants. Ward will discuss this with employees.

Motion by Stark, second by Hessenius to approve the renewal of a class c liquor license for Café De Klos. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Airport Commission 09-03-14. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Ward reported on: 1) He will be attending the International Managers and Iowa League conferences. 2) Met with the county engineer to discuss farm to market roads. 3) Airport runway project to get additional rock. 4) McClure Engineering gave a cost proposal of \$10,000 to \$14,000 to do a study for storm water drainage.

Good & Welfare: Boom Fest and Boom Town were good. Flaughless 5K is soon. Art Guild event to be held at the Nature Center.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:15 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Michael City Clerk