

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 23, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 23rd day of October, 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 Elwick, second by Parmater to approve the minutes of the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council received a letter from IDOT notifying the City of a HMA Joint and Crack Sealing project. This project will be on W 4<sup>th</sup> Street with anticipated completion in 2015.

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

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to approve a request from David Condry, Revolution Church Plant, to block the 100 block of W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, by Celebration Park, on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 7 pm. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Elwick to approve an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHICKENS AND DUCKS WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT, with “simple misdemeanor” being removed as a violation. 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. The fee for these permits will be set by resolution after the adoption of the ordinance.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Stark to approve an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TOWARDS NONCONFORMING USES. 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 Elwick to approve an ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO INCLUDE A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT. 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 Stark, second by Hessenius to approve a pay estimate #4 for the West 10<sup>th</sup> Street project to Anstoetter Construction in the amount of \$41,746.14. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Nate Kass, Fehr-Graham engineer was present. Council told him that more dirt was needed for one property. Council expressed concern about how the sidewalks abruptly narrowed.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve partial pay estimate #5 to Stickfort Construction for the West 13<sup>th</sup> Street RISE Project in the amount of \$2,877.27. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve the Mayor's appointment of Ted Paxton as the new police chief. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Vermedahl. Nays – Parmater, Stark. The Mayor declared the motion failed. The Mayor called for a 5 minute recess.

Council reconvened. Mayor Watson stated that he would like to hold a special council meeting next week when all 6 council members could be present.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE OFFICIAL 2014 FISCAL YEAR STREET FINANCE REPORT. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-14-01 passed and approved.

Administrator Ward reported that a STP grant was available to restore a bricked street block, but that the cost estimates were four years old. Ward will further check on this grant.

Administrator Ward stated that Garrett Wittmer has given the city 30 days notice of resigning as the animal control officer. Kirk Stout has submitted a proposal for the animal control officer. Ward will clarify proposal with Stout.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve a sidewalk reimbursement to Dean Wieditz, 1015 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 Hessenius, second by Parmater to approve a sidewalk reimbursement to Mark and Carolyn Phippen, 501 B Avenue, in the amount of \$500.00. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Parks & Recreation Board 10-09-14. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Ward reported on: 1) Had meeting with IDOT. Vinton gained some federal designation for streets. 2) Two employees are interested in the waste water superintendent position.

Clerk reported: 1) VMEU approved 2% interest on the short term loan to the City. 2) The folding machine is jamming occasionally. Will be checking prices on postage machines. 3) Airport Commission thanked the water department for their help with a hydrant.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 7:45 p.m..

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John R. Watson Mayor

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