

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 13th day of November, 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, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Bendull to approve the minutes of the October 23rd and October 28th meetings. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Stark, second by Hessenius to approve the following invoices in the amount of \$822,324.90. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

Heather Kalous, Vinton-Shellsburg representative, requested permission for the Tour DeLights 5K route on December 7th and permission for a supervised display of fireworks for the Tour DeLights at the brush dump on Dec. 7th to be conducted by Chuck Yedlik. Motion by Vermedahl, second by Parmater to approve these requests. Questions: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. This will be the 10th annual Tour DeLights.

Melissa Schwan, new VU Director, introduced herself to Council. She requested permission to block parking spaces on Sunday, Nov. 23rd from noon to 4:00 p.m., during the holiday open houses downtown, for horse drawn buggy rides. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Kevin Schlarbaum and Teresa Lindsey informed council of plans for a spring concert at the fairgrounds on June 6th. They are planning 5 annual spring concerts to be called Benton County Country Fest. The Bellamy Brothers will perform at this event. Theisen's will be a sponsor. Food vendors, security services, septic services, and radio advertising have all been contacted. They asked council to consider a funding contribution. Mayor Watson asked them to come back to ask again early next year after the new budget is done.

Kurt Karr and Nathan Hesson, representatives of Business Opportunity Group, BOG, of Vinton Unlimited, requested funding for a housing study. The estimated cost for a survey is \$12,000. They asked council to contribute \$7,500.00. Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to approve up to \$7,500 for this housing study. Administrator Ward will work with BOG to select a firm for the study. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Stark, 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. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – Bendull. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its third consideration.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to now adopt the above stated ordinance. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – Bendull. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared ORDINANCE 1007 duly adopted.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Parmater to approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VINTON, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TOWARDS NONCONFORMING USES. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its third consideration.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to now adopt the above stated ordinance. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared ORDINANCE 1008 duly adopted.

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

Motion by Elwick, second by Parmater to now adopt the above stated ordinance. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared ORDINANCE 1009 duly adopted.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Parmater 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 (Ketchen). Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and that said ordinance had been given its initial passage. This will change the zoning from R-1 single family district to B-1 commercial district for Tilfords second addition lot 2,3,5,6,7,8 and block 18 lying between East 8th and East 9th Street.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to approve pay estimate #4 for \$41,746.14 and change order #3 for \$33,330.03, for the W 10th Street project to Anstoetter Construction. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Nate Kass, Fehr-Graham engineer, stated that seeding would be done next spring and a cracked sidewalk could be remedied then. A performance bond is held for two years.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Stark to table the pay estimate #5, final retainage, in the amount of \$36,219.87, for the W 10th Street project until the next council meeting. The engineer and contractor plan an onsite review of the project.

Motion by Parmater, second by Stark to approve a driveway expense reimbursement for 214 W 13th Street in the amount of \$734.25. Engineer Kass had the cost calculation for this driveway. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to approve final acceptance of airport hangar project, contractor Garling Construction. The final payment to Garling will be \$9,864.00. The remaining state grant funds available are \$140,136.00. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Watson asked for a two minute recess.

Ryan Davis, Parks & Recreation board member stated that they recommend hiring Brad Barker as the new Parks and Recreation director, replacing Duane Randall who will retire Dec. 31st. Motion by Elwick, second by Parmater to approve the City Administrator's appointment of Brad Barker as the new Parks & Recreation Director, starting January 1, 2015. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Stark to approve only \$60 per dog picked up for an animal control contract with Kirk Stout. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. The county has planned an animal control meeting to be held in December.

Motion by Parmater, second by Bendull to accept the federal functional classification of Vinton streets. These streets will now be eligible for STP grant money. This could be up to 80% of the cost of future street construction projects. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Ward reported on the brick street paving grant that was awarded 5 years ago. The City's share of a project would be 33%. There is a possible agriculture land and stewardship grant for storm water mitigation. Motion by Elwick, second by Parmater to approve paying \$500 to Fehr-Graham to apply for this grant. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to approve a six month trial basis having co-captains for the waste water treatment operators. This would start Jan. 1st. One employee already has a grade three license, the other has a grade two license with many years of experience and will be required to obtain a grade three license within six months of starting as co-captain. The annual salaries will be \$55,000. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Stark to approve a sidewalk reimbursement for 114 W 10th Street, James and Cheryl Kelley, in the amount of \$500.00. This is the second side of a corner lot. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Elwick, second by Stark to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Airport Commission 10-15-14. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Hessenius asked council to revisit the burning ordinance. Motion by Elwick, second by Parmater to sent this topic to the Culture, Recreation, Health and Social Services Committee. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. This committee will meet early next year.

The second council meeting in November will be held on Monday, Nov. 24th at 7:00 p.m..

Administrator Ward reported that a conditional use permit was given to 408 E 12th Street for a garage to store a recreational vehicle.

City Clerk reported: 1) Received the new fire truck invoice. 2) Received funding from the county for the fire truck. 3) Auditors were here last week. A couple changes will be to now have two signatures on checks and to do resolutions for transfers between funds. 4) Budget worksheets were given to department heads. 5) Bruce Gardner is working on nutrient reduction to the watersheds.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Parmater to go into closed session per Code of Iowa 21.5(i). Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Time: 9:17 p.m.

The meeting came back into open session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 9:45 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk