

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 24th 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, Parmater, Stark. Absent: Hessenius, Vermedahl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Bendull, second by Stark to approve the minutes of the November 13th meeting. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council received letters from Fischer Law PLLC and from the Benton County Supervisors.

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

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

The RESOLUTION CONFIRMING COMPENSATION OF THE VINTON PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR was moved to later on tonight's agenda, when Ryan Davis, Parks & Rec. chairman, would be present.

Motion by Elwick, second by Stark to approve the time table for hiring a new assistant director of parks and recreation. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Parmater, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Parmater to pass a RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE A FIRE TRUCK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Parmater, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 11-14-01 passed and approved. The price of the new truck is \$456,903.50.

Motion by Stark, second by Bendull to table a pay estimate #5, final retainage for W 10th Street project until the next council meeting. The engineer and contractor have not yet looked at some sidewalk panels. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Parmater to approve Administrator Ward finding the best way to make a contribution in the amount of \$10,000 to Evergreen Cemetery. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Parmater, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. There are LOST funds available for non-profit entities, which typically have gone to Vinton Community Foundation. Administrator Ward stated that possibly a contribution from TIF funds

could be made to the Foundation. The interest rate on the cemetery's trust fund is not enough income for operating expenses. Their board is currently involved in a fund raising campaign.

Street Superintendent Erickson gave council a review of the Fall Clean Up Days revenues and expenses. The overall cost to the City was \$7,552.11. The City may charge for white goods next year.

Council discussed a resolution for compensation for the new parks and recreation director with the Ryan Davis, parks and recreation board chairman. No action was taken. Administrator Ward will set up a council work session with the parks and recreation board to discuss the compensations and benefits for the director and assistant director.

Motion by Stark, second by Elwick to approve a sidewalk reimbursement to Dave Whitson, 1205 E 4th Street for \$440.00. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Parmater, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Elwick, second by Bendull to receive and file the following meeting minutes: Library Board 10-08-14, Parks & Recreation Board 10-15-14, 10-29-14 and 11-13-14 and Airport Commission 11-19-14. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mayor Watson reported the landfill commission has hired a manager. He also reported that the Veteran's held another good Christmas Parade.

Administrator Ward reported on: 1) The airport commission is somewhat frustrated with the engineer. The commission is also seeking one more member. 2) Currently there is not an animal control officer. The county is holding a meeting in Newhall on this subject Dec. 8th. 3) IMWCA, workers compensation insurance, will be in Vinton next week.

Clerk stated that a future agenda format would be a "consent agenda". In December, Council will need to consider a resolution setting the fee for chicken and duck permits.

Council discussed various properties in disrepair.

Good & Welfare: Happy Thanksgiving to all.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:20 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk