

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2014

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 22nd day of December, 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 consent agenda items. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Items included on the consent agenda are: Council meeting minutes of 12-11-14, Parks & Rec. Board minutes of 12-11-14 and Airport Commission minutes of 12-17-14.

Motion by Elwick, second by Parmater to pass a RESOLUTION CONFIRMING COMPENSATION OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE VINTON PARKS AND RECREATIONS DEPARTMENT. The resolution does not include longevity. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 12-14-07 passed and approved. Brad Barker stated the Parks & Rec. board will hold interviews on January 31st. Their recommendation will be made to the City Administrator for hiring, with an anticipated starting date of March 2nd. The individual may opt out of the housing and utility benefit.

Motion by Elwick, second by Vermedahl to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO SIDEWALK FUND. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 12-14-08 passed and approved.

Motion by Elwick, second by Parmater to approve partial pay estimate #6 early release of retainage for the W 13th Street RISE Project. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. A payment of \$25,000 will be made to Stickfort Construction.

Administrator Ward informed council that early last week he, Mayor Watson, County Auditor Marlow and County Supervisor Wiley had met with Cedar Valley Humane Society personnel. A sample agreement was just received today. The current shelter could be used for a three day holding facility, before taking an animal to their Linn County site. The Cedar Valley Humane Society could have agreements with cities in Benton County individually, as well as one with Benton County. Council could choose to handle dogs and/or cats.

Motion by Elwick, second by Parmater to approve interim pay for Captain Bruce Smith in the amount of \$2,284.80. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council discussed a request for reimbursement for use of an easement. The request came from the tenant of the land and not from the property owner. The City does have a permanent easement as well as a construction easement. Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to not pay the invoice received from Wayne Siela. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

The Mayor reported attending several meetings: Landfill Commission, Fiber Optics, Cedar Valley Humane Society and Airport Commission.

Administrator Ward reminded Council of the upcoming goal setting session with Institute of Public Affairs on January 28th.

Clerk reported receiving inquiry about traffic control devices by old school buildings. She also stated that a retirement open house will be held on Dec. 30th for Jerry Meadows, Dan Knaack and Duane Randall.

Good & Welfare: Happy Holidays.

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

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk