

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2015

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 22nd day of January, 2015, 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. Absent: Bendull, Vermedahl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Elwick, second by Stark to approve the consent agenda. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda are Council minutes of Jan. 8th, Library Board minutes of Dec. 3rd, Parks & Rec. board minutes of Jan. 8th, renewal of the liquor license for Vinton Country Club and receive and file the 2014 water loss report.

Vermedahl joined the council meeting.

Council received the audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Dana Elliot, Ridihalgh Fuelling Snitker Weber & Co. auditor, presented the audit. She reviewed their findings and recommendations.

Derick Anderson, regional manager with McClure Engineering, reviewed the results of their inflow and infiltration study with Council. He reviewed their suggested plan of action. Phase I of their plan would cost approximately \$305,000 and would include flow monitoring and smoke testing. The flow monitoring is best done in April to June. GPS mapping and manhole inspections could be done. IDNR has issued an NPDES permit for the wastewater treatment plant. Goals and testing requirements will have to be met for this permit. The goal will be to reduce the levels of e-coli, copper and nutrients coming out of the wastewater treatment plant.

Administrator Ward stated that the cities of Van Horne and Urbana are interested in contracting with Cedar Valley Humane Society for animal control. Stark reported that the animal control committee had met once and will meet again next week. No action was taken on the animal control issue.

A request for funding for the Benton County Country Fest will be on the next council agenda. Radio commercials are being aired for this event and Theisen's is selling tickets for the event.

Motion by Parmater, second by Stark to hold a budget workshop for fiscal year 2015-2016 on Feb. 3rd at 6:00 p.m.. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Ward reported on: 1) Eileen Loan and ISU Extension have inquired about an adult community garden. This could possibly be located near the Don Martin shelter. 2) The strategic planning session will be held Jan. 28th, starting at 6:00 p.m.. 3) He has looked at the water runoff issue to a field on the west side of town. Attorney Fischer has reviewed the temporary construction easement that was prepared by Hart-Frederick engineers. The easement

does allow for payment of damages. The tenant has requested reimbursement in the amount of \$233.56. 4) Street Superintendent Erickson has done interviews. Council's general consensus was to hire his recommendation. 5) VU's Business Opportunity Group, "BOG", will be applying for the housing study grant.

Clerk reported: 1) City received an insurance dividend from IAMU for \$15,247 and coupons for \$400 for safety training. 2) Lt. Dickinson had an article published in the Cityscape magazine. 3) Sally Pederson will be the guest speaker at VU's annual meeting on Feb. 5th.

Good & Welfare: Landfill commission is working well. BDG is working hard.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 9:00 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

Attest: _____
Cindy Michael City Clerk