

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2015

A regular meeting of the City Council of Vinton, Iowa, was held on the 26th day of March, 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: Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to approve the consent agenda. Question: Ayes –All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda are: receive and file the following meeting minutes of Council March 12th, Parks & Rec. Board March 12th, Airport Commission March 18th and Library Board Feb. 11th; approve 6 month class b beer permit with wine coolers and Sunday sales for Benton County Agricultural Society and approve the renewal of a class c liquor license for La Reyna.

Council reviewed a draft ordinance amending provisions pertaining to open burning. The general consensus was to have this ordinance on the next council agenda for its first reading.

Motion by Elwick, second by Stark to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM WATER FUND TO GENERAL FUND. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-15-08 passed and approved.

Motion by Elwick, second by Parmater to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM SEWER FUND TO SEWER REPLACEMENT FUND. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-15-09 passed and approved.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO AIRPORT FUND. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-15-10 passed and approved.

Motion by Elwick, second by Parmater to pass a RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO LIBRARY FUND. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 03-15-11 passed and approved.

Motion by Parmater, second by Vermedahl to send a request to vacate an alley in the 800 block between B and C Avenues to the planning and zoning commission. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. This alley will be checked for easements.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Hessenius to set a public hearing for a current fiscal year budget amendment for April 9th at 7:00 p.m.. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Stark to approve an agreement for bridge inspections with Calhoun-Burns & Associates. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark. Nays – Vermedahl. The Mayor declared the motion carried. The company has inspected the city bridges every 2 years. They also will be inspecting county bridges. Council asked about a certificate of insurance.

Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve an engineering services agreement with CGA for runway 16/34. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. A grant for 90% of the project has been awarded to the airport.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Elwick to not approve a reimbursement for \$225.00 to the Cornerstone Baptist Church for a sewer backup machine expense. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Contractors should call the City prior to cleaning private sewer lines.

Motion by Hessenius, second by Parmater to approve the purchase of line stop valves for the water department. The current list price is \$4,876.00. Question: Ayes – Bendull, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Bendull, second by Stark to approve a request for a 5K route on April 18th. This is to raise awareness of heart disease in women. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Ward reported on: 1) Working on nuisance abatements with Chief Paxton. 2) Drafting a snow emergency ordinance. 3) Would like a committee meeting to discuss wages and salaries. Motion by Stark, second by Elwick to hold a general government committee meeting on Apr. 9th at 6:00 p.m.. Question: Ayes – All. The Mayor declared the motion carried. 4) Looking at capital improvements. Will be asking Tionna Pooler for a proposal to do rate studies for water, sewer and landfill. 5) Safetea-Lu is now called Map 21. Funding of one million is available to Vinton for resurfacing streets, but not chip and seal. Davis-Bacon rules will apply. A 20% match is required. Superintendent Erickson will be asked for his street priorities.

Clerk reported: 1) Thank you from Dan Engledow and GoVS to city departments that participated in the donkey basketball. 2) Received inquiry about buying a lot to build a house on. 3) New special revenue fund set up for vehicle inspections. 4) Regional league meeting March 31st. 5) Re-estimated gas tax revenue is slightly higher. 6) Slight increase for property and liability insurance renewal.

Good & Welfare: The river cleanup is scheduled for August 8th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:00 p.m..

John R. Watson Mayor

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Cindy Michael City Clerk