

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2015

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Motion by Hessenius, second by Parmater to approve the consent agenda. Question: Ayes – All. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried. Items on the consent agenda are to receive and file the Council meeting minutes of October 8, 2015 and to approve the renewal of a class c liquor license with Sunday sales and outdoor service for Mickey's Bar.

Councilmember Parmater and City Administrator Ward gave a report on the Middle Cedar River Watershed Management Authority meeting that took place on Wednesday October 21, 2015. A 28E agreement to form the Watershed Management Authority will be before the City Council for consideration at the November 12, 2015 City Council meeting.

Councilmember Stark reported on the meeting with the residents on 17th Street about the sump pump discharge. Both the sump pumps are draining towards the street and not to the neighbors' homes.

Sarah Mathis, asked Council to consider a request for a walk/run to be held on November 22, 2015 for Sole Sisters. Councilmember Vermedahl expressed a concern of the railroad crossings. Police Chief Paxton will be working with Sole Sisters on the planning of the event. A motion was made by Hessenius and seconded by Parmater to allow the event. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Administrator Ward discussed quotes for 2 new valves for the old main lift station. Quotes were from Pollution Control Systems and Mississippi Valley Pump. Motion by Elwick, second by Hessenius to approve replacement of valves for the old main lift station quote from Mississippi Valley Pump, for \$9,700. Question: Ayes – Vermedahl, Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mr. Jay Usher and Mr. Jay Becker expressed an interest in purchasing the Q Avenue lots. The City Council discussed the terms and length for the sale of the lots. It was the consensus of the City Council to direct City Attorney Fischer to prepare the documents to sell the lots at a price of \$1,666.67 per lot with five years to build a home. The closing date for the sale would be January 1, 2016.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Elwick to approve a special sidewalk assessment for 309 W 6th Street, in the amount of \$1,375.00 at five percent interest for a period of five years. Question: Ayes - All. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Motion by Parmater, second by Vermedahl to approve a RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPRERTY. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays – None. The Mayor declared the motion carried and declared RESOLUTION 10-15-01 passed and approved. Two police vehicles will be sold through a bid process or at an auction.

Motion by Vermedahl, second by Stark to approve the sidewalk reimbursement in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Ruth Dulin at 1101 1st Avenue, for two lots. Question: Ayes – Elwick, Hessenius, Parmater, Stark, Vermedahl. Nays - None. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Mr. Rich Hainstock addressed the City Council. He discussed with the City Council the possibility of the use of Tax Increment Financing for residential in Vinton with a minimum assessment agreement. It was the consensus of the City Council to listen to any proposal that is presented.

City Administrator Ward addressed the City Council about the need for tracer wire on new water and sewer construction in Vinton. It was the consensus of the City Council for a draft ordinance be brought back to the City Council for consideration.

Police Chief Paxton attended a health and wellness drive safety class. Both of the new vehicles are out and on the road. Justin Coshow will be graduating from the Hawkeye Police Academy on October 30, 2015.

Good & Welfare: The cross country team qualified for state. The Mayor told people to get out and vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Time: 8:18 p.m.

John R. Watson Mayor

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Cindy Michael City Clerk