

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
NOVEMBER 23, 2015

The meeting was opened by Mayor Harold Campbell with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin completed roll call:

Mayor- Harold N. Campbell

Clerk-Treasurer- R Shawn Gerkin

Attorney- John Roche

Councilmembers-Brian Hatfield

Matthew Hurley

Michael Ochs

Connie Rayburn

David Shaw

Street Commissioner- Rick Marksberry

Chief of Police- James Webster

Fire Chief- Rick McGill

Park Director- Chad Speer

Water Superintendent- Mike Hess (absent)

Wastewater Superintendent- Russell Vaught

Golf Course Manager- Robin Brown

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Marcia McGill, Jack Ross, Ryan Harrison, Randall Marshall, Colleen Malone, Joanne Riley, Randy Shepherd, Barbara King, Jack Kelley, Jeremy Ochs, Larry Greathouse, Robert Wise, and Elston Boldery.

Councilwoman Rayburn made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2015 City Council meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 5-0.

Ardell Mitchell, project manager for the 5th Street Fire Restoration project with Harmon Construction, presented Council with a proposal for temporary lighting in the 5th Street area from Green Electric in the amount of \$3347.00. After brief discussion, Councilman Hatfield made the motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Mitchell then presented Council with a change order request for the 5th Street project from Holman Construction in the amount of \$1116.65 due to additional bond cost for the company due to work performed, the third change order to date on the project from Holman. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept change order #3, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 5-0.

Robert Wise and Elston Boldery approached Council with the idea of using the City owned offices at 275 Main Street for space to interview parolees in exchange for the parolees providing labor for certain City projects. The two explained how interviews are currently conducted at the county jail with no privacy for the parolees, making it hard to openly communicate. Mr. Wise told the Council the group had previously met with members of the VFW and Thrive Alliance (the two groups currently using the building for space) and received no objections. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Ochs made a motion to accept the offer on a six month trial basis, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 5-0.

Colleen Malone and Joanne Riley presented Council with an itemized needs list for work to be completed at the Wayside Inn, per Council's request. Council had previously expressed interest in helping the homeless shelter find temporary space while needed renovations were being completed at the home, but had never received an actual requested amount. The two explained any amount would be beneficial and helpful. The request was tabled.

Fire Chief Rick McGill presented Council with a letter requesting to be transferred from fire chief to the assistant chief position. The letter was accompanied by a previously submitted letter with the same request dated September 22, 2014. Councilman Ochs made the request to table the decision until the next meeting, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 5-0. Chief McGill also informed the Council that the state fire marshal confirmed the annual leadership conference will be held in North Vernon at the E.T.C. building on January 23, 2016.

Police Chief James Webster presented Council with various transfer requests within the police department's general budget. Councilman Ochs made the motion to accept the transfer request, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 4-1 (Shaw against).

Chief Webster then requested the purchase of a new police car in the amount of \$22,601.25 from Garlitch Ford. The money would come from the requested transfers and the remaining balance of the police department's portion of the CCD fund. Councilman Shaw made the motion to allow the purchase of the new police car, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin completed the first reading of Ordinance #951, an ordinance fixing the salaries of the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and elected officials for 2016. Councilman Ochs commented that he would be voting against the salary ordinance, which includes a 2% increase for elected officials, in an effort to save money. The proposed ordinance will be up for adoption at the December 14, 2015 City Council meeting.

Street Commissioner Rick Marksberry and City Engineer Brad Bender informed Council that they had looked in to using the former back portion of the old Moose Building for storage, but due to costs involved, the building would be best used for cold storage. Mr. Bender also reported that the CEDIT projects are scheduled to begin on November 30, 2015.

Park Director Chad Speer presented Council with various transfer requests within the recreation, recreation non-reverting, and pool budgets. Councilman Ochs made the motion to accept the transfer request, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 5-0.

Wastewater Superintendent Russell Vaught informed Council that the SRF loan for the Long Term Control Plan closed on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 and the notice to proceed on the project had been issued. Also, the USB will be opening bids on the 4th Street project at their next meeting, December 7, 2015. Finally, Mitchell & Stark, the contractor for the LTCP has requested that the City close Greensburg Street for a period of six months so the project can be completed safely. Council asked Mr. Vaught to see if the contractor could request a shorter period of time, if possible.

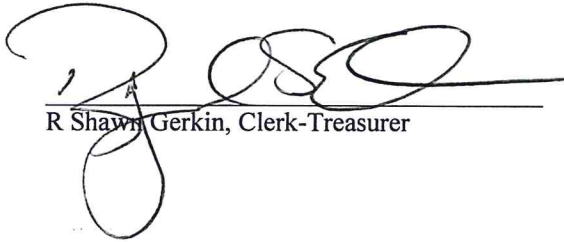
Councilman Shaw said that the North Vernon Redevelopment Commission offered the City a grant amount of up to \$150,000.00 to purchase a mobile stage for the community. Councilman Shaw made the motion to accept the grant from the NVRC to purchase the stage, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin told Council that they had previously committed to paying for up to 13 yards of concrete for sidewalk work for St. Vincent de Paul in front of their building if they provided the labor costs. The project ultimately used 21 yard of concrete, creating a total cost of \$2555.25, \$843.52 over the previously approved amount. Mr. Gerkin told Council that Clyde Campbell had informed him that St. Vincent de Paul had paid over \$7000.00 for the labor on the project, and St. Vincent would be appreciative of the City paying for all of the concrete. Councilman Shaw made the motion to pay the full cost for the concrete, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

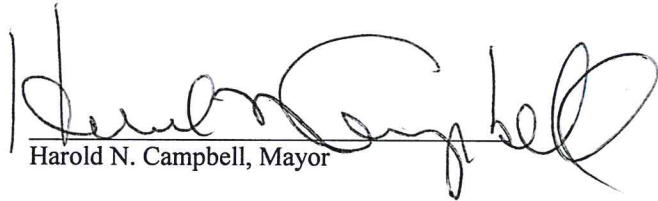
Councilman Shaw made the motion to pay the claims presented, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion to pay the claims carried 5-0.

Councilman Hatfield motions to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Harold N. Campbell, Mayor