

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER  
NOVEMBER 9, 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 (absent)

Chief of Police- James Webster

Fire Chief- Rick McGill

Park Director- Chad Speer

Water Superintendent- Mike Hess

Wastewater Superintendent- Russell Vaught (absent)

Golf Course Manager- Robin Brown

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Chris Ertel, Jeff Shinolt, Dave Stocks, Willie Steele, Randall Marshall, Barbara King, Chuck Waggoner, Jack Kelley, Denny Hatton, and Adam Simmons.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2015 City Council meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 5-0.

Ardell Mitchell told Council that the cleanup project on 5<sup>th</sup> Street was complete. Mr. Mitchell presented a change order to the Council from Holman Construction in the amount of \$2835.00 for additional work done for tank cleanup and other miscellaneous items. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept change order #2 from Holman Construction, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 5-0.

Chris Ertel, president of the North Vernon Redevelopment Commission, was present to get direction from Council on how to proceed with INDOT on the potential acquisition of the quarry. Councilman Shaw made a motion to direct Mr. Ertel to contact INDOT with the offer discussed in the executive session held earlier in the evening. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. After a brief discussion, the motion was carried 4-1 (Ochs against).

Council was presented with Ordinance #948, an additional appropriation for expenses for the golf course fund. Clerk Treasurer Gerkin explained to Council that the amount of money collected from the golf course since the City's acquisition has far exceeded expectations so the cash flow is there to spend additional funds on the course. Councilman Ochs made the motion to accept Ordinance #948, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 5-0.

Council was also presented with Ordinance #949, an additional appropriation for expenses at the airport. Airport manager Ryan Curry explained to Council that the funds for the additional money had been secured from the NVRC. Councilman Ochs made the motion to accept Ordinance #949, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin told Council that the bids received the previous meeting for trucks for the Street Department had been reviewed. The bids for Chevrolet Trucks from Country Chevrolet were the lowest of

The bids received. Councilman Shaw made the motion to purchase two trucks from Country Chevrolet from the Street Department, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Rayburn explained that the Jennings County Coordinating Council was in need of funding for their annual gift baskets. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to donate \$2000.00 to the Coordinating Council from the City Council's civic interest fund, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Council was presented with Resolution #2015-632, a resolution for the Council to provide for the approval of an economic development grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the North Vernon Redevelopment Commission for expenses anticipated for the 2016 Bicentennial of the State of Indiana. After a brief discussion, Councilman Ochs made the motion to accept Resolution #2015-632, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin recommended the transfer of \$50,000.00 from 101-000-05-318 (insurance) to 101-000-05-306 (civic interest) for the purpose of helping fund the E.T.C. building for the remainder of the calendar year, among other things. Councilman Ochs made the motion to approve the transfer from within the Council's budget, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Brad Bender presented Council with an update on various projects. Mr. Bender also requested, on behalf of Dave O'Mara Contractors, an extension on the CEDIT project due to a conflict with the utilities. A notice to proceed was given to O'Mara's on September 22, 2015, and as of November 9, 2015 there will still conflicts with the utilities within the construction area. It is O'Mara's intent to begin and complete work within the 60 day terms initially set forth in the contract after they are able to begin. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the extension, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief McGill informed Council that November 28, 2015 had been chosen as the date for the physical agility testing for the potential new hire. Also, mechanical difficulties on the aerial have come with a \$21,000.00 repair bill, which will be paid for by the NVRC. Finally, the State leadership conference is requesting North Vernon host the annual conference on January 23, 2016.

Golf Course manager Robin Brown told Council that the course has been newly seeded and fertilized, and the course is being winterized.


Denny Hatton, president of the ARC, asked Council for a donation to the ARC to help feed the kids on the annual Christmas Dinner at St. Mary's, scheduled for December 8, 2015. The money would be used to help buy food, as well as buy gifts for some of the children. Councilman Ochs made the motion to give \$300.00 to ARC from the Council's civic interest fund, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Councilman Hatfield made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

  
R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Harold N. Campbell, Mayor