

**NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
APRIL 11, 2016**

The meeting was opened by Mayor Mike Ochs with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin completed roll call:

Mayor- Mike Ochs

Clerk-Treasurer: R.Shawn Gerkin

Attorney-Larry Greathouse

Councilmembers-Brian Hatfield

Jack Kelley

Connie Rayburn

Trent Wisner

Street Commissioner-Rick Marksberry (absent)

Fire Chief- Mike Cole

Park Director-Chad Speer

Golf Director- Robin Brown

Water Superintendent- Mike Hess (absent)

Wastewater Superintendent- Russell Vaught

Asst. Clk. Treasurer- Rita L. Elmore

Guest present: Matt Staples; Cavin England; Jerry St. John; Ralph (Bill) Branham; Teresa Poole; Frank R. Poole; Frank Poole II; Ryanna Poole; Randall Marshall; Cindy McIntyre; Dick & Carol Gardner; James Jump; Nick Megel; Brandy Taulbee; Aueri Zamora; Sydney McIntyre Brenda & Mark Habenicht; Steve & Fran Ogden; Craig Kipper; Wes Thayer; Richard Adrian; Andrew Richmond; Patty & Clarence Wullenweber; Marcia & Rick McGill; Barbara King and Kathy Ertel w/JCEDC.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2016 as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

-Barbara King questioned why the City Council and Mayor have to sign a conflict of interest form for the City of North Vernon; Attorney Greathouse informed Ms. King he was instructed to do so.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Ochs swore in Aaron Habenicht, Brandon McIntyre, and Tiger Zamora as Reserve Police Officers for the NVPD. Mayor Ochs then swore in Aaron Poole as a Firefighter with the NV Fire Department. Several family members and friends were in attendance for the ceremony.

-Gene Rudical and Burt Gibson were present to request de-annexation from the City on the property located off of Hwy. #50 W and Hutton Road. After a lengthy discussion Councilman Kelley made the motion to table this request for 90 days in order for Mayor Ochs to look into options to de-annex this property; seconded by Councilman Hatfield, motion carried 4-0-1(abstain Lamb).

-Quotes were opened for demolition of Shelter House #2 at the City Park from the following:

Woodall's Construction \$ 8,500.00

Gosman Construction \$ 3000.00

St. John Trucking \$ 7,020.00

David Baurle, LLC \$12,500.00

Councilman Hatfield made the motion to proceed with the Gosman Construction quote providing everything is complete with the quote; seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS (contd.):

- Kathy Ertel w/JCEDC presented several CF-1 compliance forms for several companies within the city limits for Council approval. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to approve the CF-1 compliance forms presented, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 5-0.
- Clerk Treasurer Gerkin presented Ordinance #865- establishing the cash change funds for the City of North Vernon adding the St. Anne Golf Course for \$200.00 for approval. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to consider Ordinance #865, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 5-0. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to amend Ordinance #865; seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 5-0.
- A request from Hypnotic Hair Studio to use the Carnegie parking lot for their grand opening celebration on May 21, 2016 which would allow vendors selling goods, crafts and food set up in the parking lot. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to allow Hypnotic Hair Studio use the parking lot, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Clerk Treasurer Gerkin presented the first reading of Amendment of Ordinance #846-concerning the collection, removal, and disposal of garbage and waste material within the City of North Vernon Indiana and imposing a waste disposal and recycling fee. Clk. Treasurer Gerkin stated in Section 13-Nuisances be amended to read: 1. Placing bags or cans near curbside more than twenty-four hours before scheduled collection. Also Section 15-Waste disposal and recycling fee, A should read-The fee shall be the sum of \$5.00 per residential unit per month effective June 24, 2013.

DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES:

- Fire Chief Cole stated his department had training at the City Park.
- Wastewater Superintendent Vaught reported that 4th Street is open.
- Chief of Police Webster stated there is exploratory items which was included in their packets to review.
- Golf Director Brown reported there are currently 83 members; league will start April 26th and 28th; and have scheduled 5 more scrambles that last year.
- Engineer Bender stated all paperwork is in order for Gosman Construction for his quote.
- Park Director Speer had nothing to report.

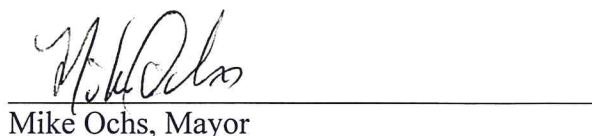
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Patty Wullenweber thanked the Council for allowing the Farmer's Market to set up on the slab of concrete of Shelter House #2 until a new shelter house is built.
- Councilman Kelley stated the planter's downtown will be filled by May 1st and he is seeking not for profit organizations to water and maintain the planters and possibly the City could compensate the group.
- Councilman Kelley stated in Executive Session the City discussed the old golf course and he would make the motion to allow Albert Jackson and the City Attorney negotiate with Dean Ford a good faith contract; seconded by Councilman Wisner, motion carried 4-1(Lamb).

MAYOR & CLERK TREASUER FINAL COMMENTS:

- Clerk Treasurer Gerkin stated he was approached by the Lions Club if the City would be interested in trees, Golf Director Brown stated his department would take some at the Golf Course and Councilman Hatfield questioned if the walking trail would be able to utilize some.
- Clk. Treasurer Gerkin stated the security system for the Carnegie Building will cost \$4,400.00 from Jim Gordon, Councilman Kelley made the motion to install the security system; seconded by Councilman Wisner, motion carried 5-0.
- Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to approve payment for the claims that were submitted for payment; seconded by Councilman Wisner, motion carried 5-0.
- Councilman Wisner made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.


R.Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer


Mike Ochs, Mayor