

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
APRIL 25, 2016

The meeting was opened by Mayor Mike Ochs with a prayer and the 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

Jerry Lamb

Connie Rayburn

Trent Wisner

Street Commissioner- Rick Marksberry

Chief of Police- James Webster

Fire Chief- Mike Cole

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: Dawn Cohee, Jaime Greathouse, Mike Mowery, Beth Burnett, Colleen Malone, Jeff Shinolt, Steve Graham, Russell Warlich, Nick Megel, Darren Heavern, Randy Hancock, Cavin England, Curtis Burton, Brandon Smith, Laurie Blackburn, Joshua Smith, Michael Alexander, Barbara King, and Dave Cheatham.

Council requested two changes to the previous minutes, changing that Barbara King questioned if council "had signed" the conflict of interest forms and that Councilman Kelley said the planters downtown would be filled the "week of May 1st" and not by May 1st. With the two changes, Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 5-0.

Isaac Beverly, homeowner on Hwy 3 within city limits, asked Council to repair a storm water issue at his property that is eroding the land. Mr. Beverly was told to attend a USB meeting to address storm water need. Ray Hughes thanked the council for getting shelter house #2 down so the Farmer's Market could reopen. Michael Alexander, homeowner on Hoosier Street, asked the city to look into a storm water issue near his home.

The first item on the agenda was a rezone request for the property at 310 N 5th Street, North Vernon. Interim APC Director Dawn Cohee and Annalee McClintock, representing Cynthia Scheuer, were asking Council approval to rezone the property from Commercial Single Site to Residential Duplex to operate two residential daycares at the site. After discussion, Councilman Hatfield made the motion to grant the rezone request, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 5-0.

Wayside Inn, represented by Colleen Malone, informed Council they are in need of financial help to bring their building up to code, specifically with a fire alarm system and fire sprinklers. Quotes from Koorsen Fire & Security were presented in the amounts of \$8,042.00 for the new fire alarm system and \$16,194.00 for the sprinkler system. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to table the request, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 5-0.

Dave Cheatham, representing Madison Railroad, presented Council with a Short Street License Agreement. The agreement calls for the City to be financially responsible for an eight feet (8') concrete crossing where the Short Street road formerly crossed the tracks. Council indicated they were interested in having the crossing done and directed Mr. Cheatham to get not-to-exceed cost from Associated Contractors to complete the work. Councilman Rayburn made the motion to table approving the agreement until a cost could be determined, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 5-0.

Randy Hancock, representing HWC Engineering, presented Council with "supplement #2" to the Consulting Contract between the City and HWC for construction inspection for Phase 2 of the Downtown Streetscape Stellar project. Mr. Hancock explained that due to railroad delays on the project, HWC has experienced additional costs for time involved in the project. The supplement provides for an additional \$32,046.00 for inspection fees and travel expenses, in necessary. After discussion, Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the contract, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. The vote was 2 for (Hatfield/Rayburn), 2 against (Lamb/Kelley), and 1 abstain (Wisner). Mayor Ochs broke the tie by voting to accept the new agreement.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin completed the first reading of Ordinance #954, an ordinance of the North Vernon common council establishing a materiality threshold. The second reading and possible adoption of the motion will take place at the May 9, 2016 council meeting.

Wastewater Superintendent Russell Vaught presented Council an amendment to sewer ordinance #947. The amendment, titled Ordinance #947.1, prohibits all persons from engaging in the construction of new combined sewers outside of the existing combined sewer area, and that for any new building the inflow water connection to a combined sewer shall be made separate and distinct from sanitary waste connection to facilitate disconnection of the former if a separate storm sewer subsequently becomes available. Councilman Kelley made the motion to waive the first reading of the amended ordinance, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 5-0. Councilman Kelley subsequently made the motion to adopt ordinance 947.1, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin completed the seconded reading of amended ordinance #846. The amendment prohibits placing "bags or cans near a curbside more than twenty-four hours before or after scheduled collection" and recognizes the fee of "\$5.00 per residential unit per month". Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept amended ordinance #846, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 4-1 (Lamb).

City Engineer Brad Bender presented Council with a change order from Gosman Construction that included a new light pole near the recently demolished shelter house #2 in the amount of \$1100.00. Mr. Bender recommended the change order and believed the price to be fair. Councilman Kelley made the motion to accept the change order, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0. The City will accept quotes for the demolition of shelter house #4 at the next scheduled meeting.

Park Director Chad Speer informed Council that the tennis courts were now complete, the soccer season is winding down, and the pool will open in the next couple of weeks.

Director of Golf Robin Brown told Council that the work to the parking lot was to start in the next couple of weeks, weather permitting. Membership count is now at 91 with non-member and out of town play up from the previous year.

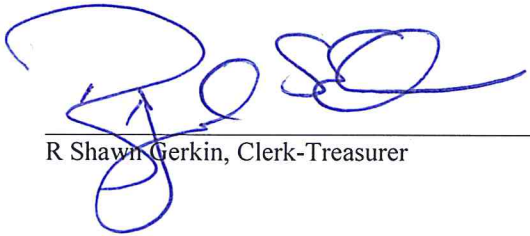
Russell Vaught informed Council that 4th Street has opened back up to traffic. A guardrail is still scheduled to be installed. Also, work on the Long Term Control Plan continues to progress at the plant on Greensburg Street.

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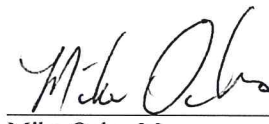
Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to pay the claims presented, seconded by Councilman Wisner.
Motion to pay the claims approved 5-0.

Councilman Wisner made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn.
Motion to adjourn carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor