

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

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

Wastewater Superintendent- Russell Vaught (absent)

Golf Course Manager- Robin Brown

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Chris Doran, Clyde Campbell, Nora Campbell, Becca Napier, Angie Fletcher, Randall Marshall, Kevin Dougherty, Barbara King, Richard Morin, Beth Burnett, Russell Warlick, Thomas Gibson, and Christopher Lowe.

Councilman Lamb made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 council meeting, subject to amending the minutes to read "if necessary" on page 2, paragraph 2, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion to accept the minutes approved 5-0.

Becca Napier, representing the Relay for Life, asked Council for permission to use the new sound stage for their event, scheduled for June 18, 2016 at the Jennings County High School. After a lengthy discussion about costs, equipment involved, liability, and other issues, Councilman Kelley made the motion to allow the group use of the stage on the date requested and waive all charges, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion passed 4-1 (Lamb).

Dave Cheatham, representing the CMPA, returned to discuss with Council the previously presented Short Street Agreement. Mr. Cheatham, acting on Council's request, returned with a cost estimate for the 8' walking path to be installed at the north end of the plaza. The quote from Associated Contractors, who will be on site working on another portion of the tracks, was presented at a "not-to-exceed" cost of \$7500.00 IF the project was completed during the same time as the other work is to be completed. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to approve and sign the Short Street Agreement presented, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 5-0.

Colleen Malone, representing the Wayside Homeless Shelter, returned to follow up on the shelter's request for funding to help with the costs of installing a sprinkler and alarm system to the building. After discussion, Councilman Kelley made the motion to give the shelter \$8000.00 from the council's civic interest fund, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 5-0.

Two quotes were opened for rehabilitation work to shelter house # 4 at the North Vernon City Park. The quotes were in the amount of \$61,450.00 from Gosman Construction and \$36,800.00 from Woodhall's

Roofing & Home Improvement. Councilman Wisner made the motion to table awarding the bid until the city engineer could review, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion to table passed 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin presented two claims for King's Trucking to be paid from the Stellar account for work completed on the Main Street Parking project. Pay application # 3, in the amount of \$109,586.58, had been signed off on by the engineer. The second claim, in the amount of \$30,699.50, is the retainage on the project, but a waiver of lien has yet to be provided for this pay application. Due to the need to get the grant closed out, Clerk Treasurer Gerkin ask for approval of both claims, contingent upon receipt of suitable documentation for the second claim before payment. Councilman Wisner made the motion to approve payments, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.

There was a discussion of a request to advertise in the local Home Pages phone book. No motion or action took place on the subject.

Police Chief James Webster explained to Council the department's strategy to purchase two new vehicles, as well as quotes received for the vehicles and a request to release funds for the purchase from the cumulative capital development fund (CCD fund). Councilman Kelley made the motion to release the CCD funds of \$50,000.00 to the department for purchase of a Dodge Charger from Garlitch Ford Chrysler Jeep and purchase of a Ford SUV from Bob Poynter in Columbus. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin completed the second reading of Ordinance #954, an ordinance of the City of North Vernon Common Council establishing a materiality threshold. Councilman Kelley made the motion to accept Ordinance #954, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin presented Council with quotes from Gilpin Electrical Services and GenSet Service, LLC for maintenance on the generator installed at the E.T.C. building on O&M Avenue. Councilman Wisner believed the City needed to prepare specs for the quote so a better comparison of the work to be provided could be done, and thus made the motion to table awarding the job at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Brad Bender informed Council that INDOT had announced a call for projects. The program will be a 50/50 match for up to \$1,000,000.00. Money the City has recently received from SEA 67 could be used as match money, as well as other sources, such as dedicated CEDIT funds.

Fire Chief Mike Cole reminded those in attendance that elected officials day was scheduled for Saturday, May 14th at 8:00 AM for those interested in attending.

Chief Webster requested a Board of Public Works & Safety meeting. He also reminded Council that the department's annual Backyard BBQ was scheduled for Friday, May 20th.

USB Engineer Richard Morin and Water Superintendent Mike Hess updated Council on the progress of the stone quarry. Plans are set to be reviewed shortly and then will be forwarded to IDEM for review. Work will continue on expected construction costs for the project next. Advertisement for construction could occur as soon as late June, with opening of bids in mid-July. The anticipated construction time for the project is approximately nine months.

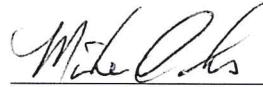
Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to pay the claims presented, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion to pay the claims carried 5-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor