

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
FEBRUARY 27, 2017

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

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Corey Baugh, Chad Speer, Dan O'Mara, Rob O'Mara, Paul Eder, Jeff Shinolt, Barbara King, Tim Hunt, Brad Bender, Jeff Gee, and Kathy Ertel.

Councilman Kelley made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 City Council meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.

The first item on the agenda was the MPG Road Extension Bid Opening. The project is to extend a road onto the property owned by RA Highway 3, LLC and is being funded by the North Vernon Redevelopment Commission to allow for expansion of Metaldyne. Four companies turned in bids for the project. The results, including the engineer's estimate, are as follows:

1) Kings Trucking, Seymour, IN	\$309,455.00
2) Lawyer Excavation, Seymour, IN	\$421,038.84
3) Dave O'Mara Construction, N Vernon, IN	\$234,437.00
4) Milestone Contractors, Columbus, IN	\$368,836.00
5) Engineer's Estimate for the Project	\$309,015.00

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to take the bids under advisement at this time, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 5-0.

Kathy Ertel, Economic Development Director, told Council that the EDC had recently talked and suggested to Council that the new road, which will be within city limits and in industrial park, be named in honor of former Mayor John Hall. Councilman Kelley made the motion to name the new road after Mayor Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin asked Council for a motion to create and advertise for the position of City Maintenance Person. The Council has budgeted \$50,000.00 for the position for the 2017 year. Councilman Kelley questioned the need and cost for the position. Clerk Treasurer Gerkin explained the salary of the new employee would be determined at a later date based on the qualifications of the applicants, but assured Council that any salary would need to be put into an amended salary ordinance and approved by Council at that time. Councilman Wisner made the motion to create and advertise for the position, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Larry Greathouse, who along with City Engineer Brad Bender and Clerk Treasurer Gerkin was tasked to come back to Council with a recommendation to move forward with the previously discussed solar project, told Council there was no reason to continue the discussion of the solar project at this time.


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

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin informed Council that he had received a request from Jennings County EMA and 911 to ask Council if they would be interested and willing to purchase a new tornado siren for the northern part of the city limits. No motions or action took place at this time.

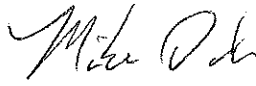
Wastewater Superintendent Russell Vaught reminded Council that the next Council meeting, which will begin with the public hearing for the PER on the annexation sewer project, is scheduled for March 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the North Vernon ETC building. Also, he told Council the new Storm King has been installed and the project continues to move forward.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor