

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
143 EAST WALNUT, N VERNON, IN 47265
APRIL 24, 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: Rick Lucas, Jeff Shinolt, Barbara King, Chris Lowe, Kathy Ertel, Ray Hughes, and Kurt Kegerreis.

Councilman Lamb made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017 City Council minutes with one correction (adding the word “week” to paragraph #5), seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.

Park Board Member Bob Ertel confirmed that, after discussion of naming the old Ford’s Crossing with Jennings County historian Tom Rice, that the name of the park would be Tripton Park, spelled with one “p”.

Kurt Kegerreis, State Director with Work One, was present to discuss the termination of the lease at the North Vernon ETC building at 1200 West O&M Avenue due to state budget cuts. He explained there has been a three-year decline in funding, which is loosely based on the state’s unemployment rate. He explained that staffing is also down. He assured Council that his group has no intention of leaving North Vernon or Jennings County but need to find space at a cheaper or no cost alternative until funding increases. No motions or action took place.

Kathy Ertel, Jennings EDC Director, was present to get approval for the yearly CF-1’s (compliance forms for abatements). A spreadsheet was presented that showed B&D Properties, Hilex Poly, LLC, Injection Mold, Lowe’s, Martinrea, Metaldyne, NVIC, R&M Tool, and SET Steel were all at or near estimated employee totals and estimated payrolls. After a brief discussion, Councilman Lamb made the motion to approve the CF-1’s, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 5-0.

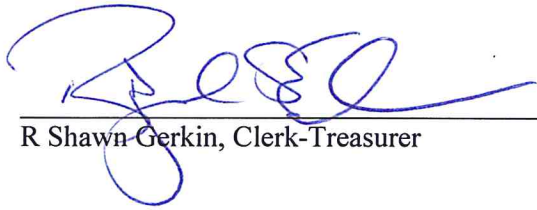
Discussion ensued about the Muscatatuck Trail project, specifically the need to remove stumps around the trail for ease of mowing and standing water at each end. The project is not yet complete nor has final walk thru been completed. Generally, a punch list of items not completed and/or unsatisfactory to the City will be created and completed before the Mayor will sign off on the project as complete.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin informed Council that FPBH Inc. has submitted an on-call engineering contract for services which will be reviewed and discussed at the Council meeting on May 8th.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor