

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER  
JANUARY 12, 2015

The meeting was opened by Mayor Harold Campbell with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin completed roll call:

Mayor- Harold N. Campbell

Clerk-Treasurer- R Shawn Gerkin

Attorney- John Roche

Councilmembers-Brian Hatfield

Matthew Hurley

Michael Ochs

Connie Rayburn

David Shaw

Street Commissioner- Rick Marksberry (absent)

Chief of Police- James Webster

Fire Chief- Rick McGill (absent)

Park Director- Chad Speer (absent)

Water Superintendent- Mike Hess (absent)

Wastewater Superintendent- Russell Vaught

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Phil Layman, Cheryl Trisler, Ivory Sandefur, Dave Cheatham, Randall Marshall, Jeff Shinolt, Harold Risner, and Chris Ertel.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the minutes of the December 22, 2014 meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 5-0.

The first item on the agenda was for Council organization for the 2015 year. Councilman Hurley made the motion to nominate Councilman Shaw for Council president, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion to name Councilman Shaw Council President for the 2015 year passed 5-0.

Councilman Shaw made the motion to nominate Councilman Hurley as Council Vice President for the 2015 year, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion to name Councilman Hurley Council VP for the 2015 year passed 5-0.

Mayor Campbell named his appointments for the 2015 year (see attached), including naming Harold Risner his appointment to the Alcohol & Beverage Board and reappointing Ron James to the Utility Service Board.

Area Plan Director Cheryl Trisler appeared before Council with Phil Layman with a request to rezone 112 East Main Street from residential duplex to commercial office for a tax and insurance office. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to waive the first reading of the rezone request, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0. Councilwoman Rayburn subsequently made the motion to accept the rezone request, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was the second reading and potential adoption of amended ordinance #898, an "ordinance pertaining to a North Vernon USB resolution for an increase in wastewater rates of the North Vernon Municipal Utilities for 2015, 2016, and 2017". The ordinance would effectively increase the current wastewater rates by 1 ½% each year for three years. Councilman Hurley made the motion to adopt amended Ordinance #898, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 5-0.

Chris Ertel was present to continue the discussion from the previous Council meeting about the possibility of the North Vernon Redevelopment pursuing an additional bond in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00. He reaffirmed to Council that the entire amount would ultimately not have to be borrowed and that Council could decrease the borrowed amount based on the money needed to fund the various projects that have recently been discussed. Councilman Ochs made the motion to allow the Redevelopment Commission to proceed with the steps needed to obtain the bond in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 with a final repayment date in 2040. Councilwoman Rayburn seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin requested permission from Council to release the first half of the City's contribution to employee's HSA funds. Councilman Shaw made the motion to release the funds, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council had received and opened quotes for repair work to the storage building located on 5<sup>th</sup> Street behind the old Moose Building at a previous Council meeting. City Engineer Brad Bender recommended to Council to award the project to the lowest bidder, Woodall Roofing and Home Improvement in the amount of \$3700.00. Councilman Shaw made the motion to award the bid, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.


Police Chief James Webster presented a coin to Detective Ivory Sandefur in commemoration of 25 years of service with the North Vernon Police Department.

Discussion of old business turned to St. Annes Municipal Golf course and the need to create a position within the City to run the course and hiring someone to fill the position. After a lengthy discussion of job duties and potential pay, Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to create the position of golf course manager, with a starting biweekly salary of \$1515.65 (the same starting pay for year one of Park Director), seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 5-0. Councilman Ochs then made the motion to hire Robin Brown, who had been running the course for the City on a temporary basis since the City took over on August 8, 2014, as the golf course manager. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Shaw made the motion to pay the claims presented, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion to pay the claims carried 5-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Harold N. Campbell, Mayor