

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
FEBRUARY 23, 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

Chief of Police- James Webster

Fire Chief- Rick McGill

Park Director- Chad Speer

Water Superintendent- Mike Hess (absent)

Wastewater Superintendent- Russell Vaught (absent)

Golf Course Manager- Robin Brown

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Randall Marshall, Baron Wilder, Barbara King, and Chris Ertel.

Councilman Hurley made the motion to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2015 City Council meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Chris Ertel, president of the North Vernon Redevelopment Commission, was present to request from Council a City Tax backup on the proposed \$6,000,000.00 bond the redevelopment was in the process of obtaining. The tax backup will help the Redevelopment Commission get the best rate possible on the bond. After a brief discussion, Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to grant the city tax backup, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Ertel also informed Council that the Redevelopment Commission had approved two resolutions earlier in the day which committed the dollars necessary to help the City in the acquisition and cleanup of the buildings destroyed by the downtown fire last November. Appraisals on the properties would be done shortly. Ardell Mitchell, which Harmon Construction Group, has said he will attend the first Council meeting of the month for the foreseeable future to discuss the project should the Council or the public have any questions regarding the progress of the cleanup.

Randall Marshall, on behalf of the North Vernon Police Department, requested from Council a Board of Public Safety meeting. The North Vernon Board of Public Safety will hold a meeting on March 9, 2015 at 5:30 PM at the Carnegie Government Center. Lieutenant Marshall also reminded those in attendance that the retirement party for former officer Mike Piirto was set to take place on Friday, February 27, 2015 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the E.T.C. building.

Brad Bender, city engineer, presented Council with a couple of options for the next City CEDIT project. Options included work at the intersection of Hurley Drive & Veterans Drive and at the intersection of Elm Street & O&M Avenue. A decision on which project to move forward with will be made at a later date.

The buildings destroyed by the fire last November and the subsequent clean-up have now been named the "North 5th Street Restoration Project". Councilman Shaw made the motion that the City intends to give

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notice of our intention to apply for a tax credit grant for potential restoration of the block. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.


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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Harold N. Campbell, Mayor