

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
JUNE 27, 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

Councilmembers-Brian Hatfield

Jack Kelley

Jerry Lamb

Connie Rayburn

Trent Wisner (absent)

Street Commissioner- Rick Marksberry (absent)

Chief of Police- James Webster

Fire Chief- Mike Cole (absent)

Park Director Chad Speer (absent)

Water Superintendent- Mike Hess (absent)

Wastewater Superintendent- Russell Vaught (absent)

Golf Course Manager- Robin Brown

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Jeff Shinolt, Brian Biehle, Barbara King, Randall Marshall, Mike Anderson, Clarence Wullenweber, Patty Wullenweber, and Ray Hughes.

Councilman Lamb made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2016 City Council meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 4-0.

Brian Biehle, representing St. Mary's Parish, requested that the Council allow the Parish to close portions of Washington Street and Clay Street from September 7, 2016 to September 12, 2016 for the annual Parish Fall Festival. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to allow for the street closures during the dates requested, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Councilman Kelley asked that representatives from the parish meet with Street Commissioner Rick Marksberry after the event to ensure that the holes created by the setup of tents were properly repaired after the event. After discussion, motion to close the roads carried 4-0.

Mr. Biehle also asked that St. Mary's be allowed to use the new stage for the event. Council tabled the discussion until more details of costs and usage could be discussed.

Barbara King explained to Council that the media was not allowed to ask questions during the June 23, 2016 NVRC meeting, nor was a local businessman who wished to speak. She reminded those in attendance that the current administration had run their campaigns on allowing more transparency but instead were allowing less.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin completed the second reading of Ordinance #955, known as the "Building Code of Jennings County, Indiana". Councilman Kelley made the motion to adopt Ordinance #955, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 4-0.

Mike Anderson, speaking on behalf of the wastewater department, informed Council that work on the Long Term Control Plan was progressing as scheduled, and the plan continues to be to have Greensburg Street reopened before the start of the school year.

Chief Webster explain to Council that although service weapons are given to police officers as a token of appreciation upon retirement, that recently retired officer Ted Westerman was a reserve officer and would have to purchase his own weapon. Chief Webster said that the gun, a 45 caliber Sig Sauer, was appraised at John's Guns with a trade in value of \$350.00. Councilman Lamb made the motion to allow Mr. Westerman to purchase his duty gun at a cost of \$350.00, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 4-0.

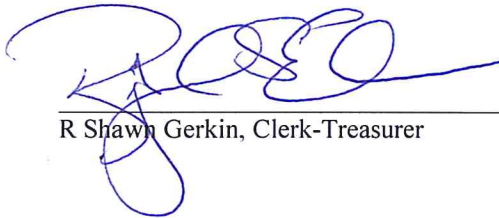
Clarence Wullenweber, market master with the farmer's market held at the NV City Park, and his wife Patty, discussed with Council a construction date for a new shelter house, as well as funding of the project. The farmer's market has told Council that they can raise \$50,000.00 toward the construction of a new shelter house if the City will commit to the rest of the funding needed.

Councilman Kelley told Council that the Jennings County Swim Club has committed to help with maintaining the flowers and landscaping downtown for the remainder of 2016. Councilman Kelley estimated that it would take \$2000.00 in labor costs for the City to pay to have it done otherwise and recommended the Council commit the \$2000.00 to the Swim Club instead, which would benefit the club greatly and introduce younger people to civic duty and get them involved in the City. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to allow the JC Swim Club to do the landscaping for \$2000.00, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 4-0.

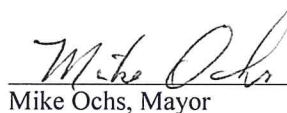
Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to pay the claims, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion to adjourn carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor