

**NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
JANUARY 23, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was opened by Mayor Mike Ochs with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Asst. Clerk Treasurer Elmore completed roll call

Mayor- Mike Ochs

Clerk-Treasurer- R. Shawn Gerkin

Attorney- Chris Doran

Councilmembers-Brian Hatfield

Jack Kelley (absent)

Jerry Lamb

Connie Rayburn

Trent Wisner

Assistant Clerk Treasurer- Rita Elmore

Guest present: Beth League; Martin Hull; Jeff Shinolt; James Miller; Paul F. Wernke; Paul Eder; Pam Barnes Mike Barnes, Jr; Ryan Gassaway; Kevin Conwell; Mike Barnes Sr.; Chris Lowe; Richard Morin; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Dixon; Russell Vaught; Gloria Bennett; Cara Giles; Susie Hall; Nick Megel; Dakota Megel; Darcy Megel and Ivory J. Sandefur.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Lamb, motion carried 3-0-1(Wisner).

Councilman Wisner made the motion to approve payment for the claims that were submitted for payment, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn, motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bids were received and opened for the Community Crossroads Matching Grant Improvements from the following:

-Dave O'Mara, North Vernon, IN \$444,703.25

-Milestone Contractors, Columbus, IN \$529,692.20

-All Star Paving, Seymour, IN \$635,480.00

The engineers estimate was \$526,377.50, the bids were taken under advisement and will be awarded at the next City Council meeting on February 13th.

The bid for demolition of the 5th Street bid was tabled.

Mayor Ochs swore in Brett A. Dicks as a NVPD Reserve Police Officer.

Richard Morin w/RLM Engineering, along with Wastewater Superintendent Russell Vaught, were available if the Council had any questions on the PER for the 2017 North Vernon Wastewater Service Utility on the Annexation Area. Councilman Hatfield, along with Councilwoman Rayburn, stated they did not received their Council packets until today. WW Superintendent Vaught stated Clerk Treasurer Gerkin was attending the TIF meeting today to request funding for this project. The Council will determine a public hearing at their next Council meeting.

Marie Shepherd w/ J.C. Area Plan Commission presented a rezoning request for the property at 1200 N. Madison Avenue, NV, for Jennings Church of Christ from Agricultural to Institutional. Councilman Hatfield made the motion to approve the rezone request; seconded by Councilman Wisner, motion carried 3-0-1 (Lamb abstained as he is a member of the Church)

Ham Werkne and Dale Wernke w/DJP Mini Warehouse were present requesting the Council enforce Ordinance #936-An ordinance prohibiting the growing of grass and or weeds, and providing for the removal, collection and expenses. Mr. Wernke stated the property he is referring to is owned by Marlene Stoner, 415 & 417 W. Walnut Street, NV, and stated this in violation of this Ordinance and asked the Council to enforce it. Mr. Wernke asked APC Director Shepherd to inspect the property which she reported she could only enforce their ordinance on the car parked on the property. Councilman Hatfield made the motion to table this request until their next meeting on February 13th; seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn, motion carried 4-0.

Susie Hall w/ JC Animal Control was present to request trash pickup at the shelter by the City; the Council has asked Street Commissioner Rick Marksberry to look into this and report back to the Council.

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Chief of Police James Webster requested funding from the Council to purchase shelving to store his department's records with a cost of \$1,500. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to pay up to \$2,000 for shelving for the Police Department; seconded by Councilman Wisner, motion carried 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review of City Noise Ordinance: Mike Barnes w/Phat Guys told the Council his business has been in existence since 2010 and felt he has done everything to help with the neighbors' complaints of loud music.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur (Buck) Dixon was present to tell the Council they are constantly being woke up by the sound of the drums the bands Friday and Saturday nights. Chief of Police Webster suggested having dispatch notify Mr. Barnes before the police respond.

Councilwoman Rayburn will have her Council appointment at their next meeting.

Mayor Ochs requested from the Council to pay for the 12 months for \$40.00 a month for a total of \$480 as a sponsor of the Bi-Centennial History of Jennings County. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to pay for the 12 months out of the Council Civic Interest appropriation; seconded by Councilman Lamb, motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Ochs requested from Council \$500 to pay for the Home Page phone book. Councilman Hatfield made the motion to pay 50% of the bill out of the Council Civic Interest with the Mayor paying the other 50 % from his budget; seconded by Councilman Lamb, motion carried 4-0.

Wastewater Superintendent Vaught reported on the LTCP- Storm King the beams are failing and will be replaced at no cost to the City and Greensburg Street will not have to be closed. The deadline was to be February-17 he will be asking IDEM for an extension until 8-1-17.

Officer Manager Gloria Bennett along with Wastewater Superintendent Vaught approached the Council on charging a 2.95% of the utility bill to pay online as well as the walk in credit card/ debit card; no determination was made on the charge.

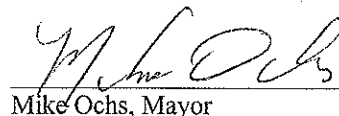
Councilman Hatfield stated he would like to readdress the charge for the trash fee of \$5.00 on the water bill.

At 7:45 p.m. Councilman Wisner stated if there was no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn, motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.



Rita L. Elmore, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor