

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER  
143 EAST WALNUT, N VERNON, IN 47265  
MARCH 27, 2017 AT 6:00 PM

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 (absent)

Jerry Lamb

Connie Rayburn

Trent Wisner

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Mary Boggs, Kim Hoeltke, Jeri Tompkins, Bill Tompkins, Randall Marshall, Dave Strope, K Strope, Jesse Tompkins, Nicholas Earl, Danielle Earl, Matt Alexander, Rick Lucas, Kevin Tompkins, Whitney Wynne, Carla Tompkins, Jeff Turnbow, Jody Tompkins, Brittney Nawland, Barbara King, Jim Schwartz, Robin Schwartz, Deb Lilly, Jeff Dettmer, Dan Rennekamp, and Marie Shepherd.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to approve the minutes of both the March 13, 2017 City Council Minutes and the March 13, 2017 Public Hearing as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Mike Ochs and Police Chief James Webster acknowledged the individuals involved in the saving the life of Mr. William Tompkins after an accident at the intersection of Highway 7 and State Road 750 on February 20, 2017. Jeff Dettmer, Nicholas Earl, James Swartz, and Dan Rennekamp received special recognition for their heroic efforts.

Deb Lilly, with Administrative Resources association, was present to discuss with Council their interest in applying for a state funded aging and placement program. The program, designed to help those 55 and older living in owner-occupied housing with lower incomes, could be worth up to \$350,000.00 for various home improvements. The City would be responsible for only 10% of the grant for a local match. Opening round of applications is set for May. Ms. Lilly said there would be two public education meetings fairly quickly if the City was interested. Council expressed interest in the program and moving forward, but no motions or action took place at this time.

Marie Shepherd, Area Plan Director, was present to request a rezone request for Christ Baptist Church at 321 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The request involved rezoning the property from Residential Multi-Family to Institutional to bring the property in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. After brief discussing, Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the rezone request, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 4-0.

Pat York, Council's 911 representative, and Matt Alexander were present to discuss the need and funding for a new tornado siren for the northern edge of the City limits. Cost for the new siren was quoted at \$24,152.00 from ERS OCI Wireless. Council agreed the siren was needed for the

industrial park area. Discussion at that time turned to funding. Clerk Treasurer Gerkin explained that the Council did not have funding for EMA in the general fund like years past and recommended the siren be paid for with LOIT public safety funds or by the NV Redevelopment Commission. After discussion, Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to table the purchase of the siren until next meeting, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 4-0.

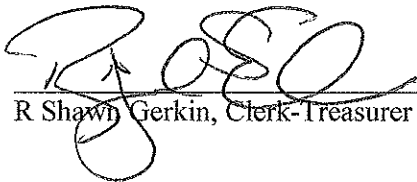
Clerk Treasurer Gerkin introduced two resolutions for adoption. Resolution 641-2017 gives Mayor Ochs the authority to sign the SRF funding application for the sewer extension to the annexed area, and Resolution 642-2017, which approves the PER presented at the recent public hearing. After discussion, Councilman Hatfield made the motion to approve both resolutions, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 4-0.

City Attorney Larry Greathouse instructed Clerk Treasurer Gerkin to schedule an executive session for the City Council for Monday, April 10, 2017 at 5:15 PM to discuss the sale of real estate and potential litigation.

Councilman Hatfield made the motion to pay the claims presented, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion to pay the claims carried 4-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.



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R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



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Mike Ochs, Mayor