

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
MARCH 28, 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

Street Commissioner- Rick Marksberry

Chief of Police- James Webster

Fire Chief- Mike Cole

Park Director- Chad Speer

Water Superintendent- Mike Hess

Wastewater Superintendent- Russell Vaught (absent)

Golf Course Manager- Robin Brown

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Randall Marshall, Jeff Shinolt, Brandon Smith, Curtis Burton, Kevin Dougherty, Barbara King, and Jeremy Ochs.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2016 City Council meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 5-0.

The first item on the agenda was a request from Jeremy Ochs and Kevin Dougherty to get confirmation of having a beer garden during the upcoming May 14th Pork in the Park festival. The tent would be maintained, licensed, and properly staffed by Old Vernon Liquors and serve beer and wine at the festival, with 10% of the profits being donated to the nonprofit Hope Foundation. After a lengthy discussion of other events and vendors that are expected to attend, Councilman Kelley made the motion to allow the beer garden at the event, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 4-1 (Lamb against).

Next on the agenda was a review of the night's Board of Works and Safety Meeting. The Board voted 3-0 to promote Officer Todd Beam to sergeant with the NVPD. The move comes with an increase in pay from \$20.47 to \$22.04 per hour. Councilman Hatfield made the motion to approve the move and amend the salary ordinance accordingly, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 5-0.

The Council reviewed Ordinance #846, or ordinance concerning the collection, removal, and disposal of garbage and waste within the City of North Vernon. A request was made from Clerk Treasurer Gerkin to amend the ordinance to say "Placing bags or cans near a front curbside more than twenty-four hours before scheduled collection" and that the waste charge needs amended to say "\$5.00 per residential unit". A first reading of the amended ordinance will take place at the next City Council meeting.

Park Director Chad Speer and City Engineer Brad Bender informed the Council that shelter houses #2, #3, and #4 were becoming unsafe due to deteriorating conditions. Shelter house #2 is in the worst shape and has been fenced off and closed to the public. Shelter house #4 has also been closed to the public. Repairs and/or replacement of all three shelter houses could cost as much as \$150,000.00. After discussion, Councilman Hatfield made the motion to have FPBH get bids on getting shelter houses #2 and #4 repaired or removed, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 5-0.

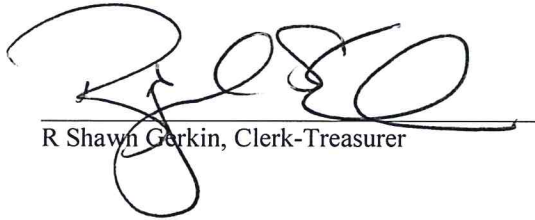
Golf Director Robin Brown told Council men's twilight league meetings were held last week. This year, the Tuesday night league will have 22 teams and the Thursday night league will have 18 teams. The course has 87 annual members to date.

Water Superintendent Mike Hess told Council he had been to the recently acquired quarry property, and that the water looked "beautiful". He also informed them that due to software issues, the online site for payment of utility bills has been temporarily shut down.

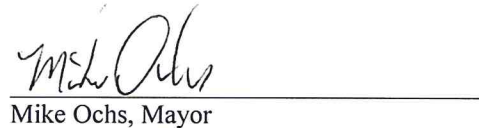
Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to pay the claims, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion to pay the claims passed 5-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor