

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
APRIL 27, 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

Golf Course Manager- Robin Brown (absent)

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Randall Marshall, Baron Wilder, Chris Manning, Kathy Ertel, Sue Beesley, Barbara King, Jeff Shinolt, Adam Simmons, Lisa Jines Plessinger, and Kelly Hatton.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2015 city council meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Ochs abstained).

Sue Beesley presented Council with Resolution #629-2015, a resolution "Approving and Supporting a Resolution of the Redevelopment Commission". The NVRC had previously voted unanimously to pass their own resolution to move forward with a bond of up to \$6,000,000.00, but ultimately needs Council approval to borrow money. Councilman Ochs was concerned that one of the projects that the bond money is to be used for, providing infrastructure to the quarry for the City's long term water supply, should be further investigated as to the possible contamination of the water, and made the motion to table the decision to pass the resolution until the next meeting. There was no second. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to approve Resolution #629-2015, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 4-1 (Ochs against).

Kathy Ertel, Economic Development Director, was present with Chris Manning of NVIC, to request a \$2.4 million dollar tax abatement. The abatement would be resolution #630-2015. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the request, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 5-0.

Kathy Ertel then discussed with Council the 2014 compliance forms for tax abatements. After discussion on several of the companies who have received abatements, Councilman Ochs made the motion to continue to accept the abatements, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 5-0.

Police Chief James Webster was present to request from Council the police department's share of the Cumulative Capital Development fund to be used to purchase new police cars for the department. The Chief told Council that he expects to purchase two vehicles in the very near future and one additional car towards the end of the calendar year. Councilman Shaw made the motion to release up to \$50,000.00 to the department for vehicle purchases, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief Webster also announced that the police department's annual "Backyard BBQ" would take place on Friday, May 15th.


Chad Speer, park director, told Council that 70 teams competed in a youth baseball tournament over the weekend. Members of Council and Mr. Speer also discussed a complaint that the bid process over t-shirts had not be done correctly and the issue of receiving merchandise that was not up to the standards of the bid specs would be looked into further. Mr. Speer advised Council to discuss the issue with the park board.

City Engineer Brad Bender informed council that the work being done by Harmon Construction Inc. to Fire Station #61 had reached completion and that payment for the work could be made.

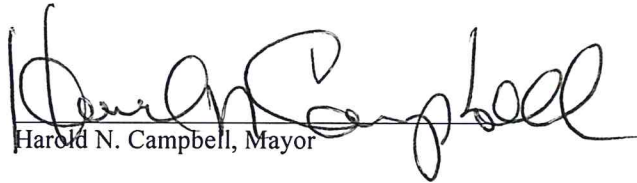
Councilman Shaw made the motion to pay the claims presented, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion to pay the claims passed 5-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Harold N. Campbell, Mayor