

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER  
AUGUST 24, 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

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Jeff Shinolt, Cheryl Trisler, Marie Shepherd, Todd Holwadel, Brad Kage, Mary C. Fox, Adam Davis, and Randall Marshall.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2015 City Council meeting as well as the minutes from the August 12, 2015 City Council budget meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 5-0.

Ardell Mitchell, project manager on the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Restoration project, told Council that it appears the Hatton property lien would soon be released and that condemnation of the property will possibly be avoided. Also, three 1000 gallon tanks were found on the old Bowling property. IDEM has been contacted for an environmental study, but there doesn't seem to be any migration of chemicals. Mr. Mitchell has also been in contact with City Storm water Superintendent Russell Vaught, and the plan is to put a steel casing through the property to use as a sleeve to replace an old 10" clay sewer line.

Todd Holwadel informed Council that he was planning a "Fallen Soldier Memorial" and needed half of O&M Avenue closed from Players to 4<sup>th</sup> Street on Saturday, September 5, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to allow the temporary street closing, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Area Plan Director Cheryl Trisler and APC attorney Brad Kage were present to discuss with Council the property at 305 Jennings Street. Circuit Court Judge Jon Webster allowed access to the property where it was determined that a new front wall, roof, and porch were needed to make the property safe. The Area Plan Commission hopes that bids could be taken on the work done at the property and then discussion could take place on whether the City could help financially. Councilman Shaw made the motion to move forward with the bid process, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Trisler also asked City Council if they would help with the clean-up of Paul Sandlin's property by paying for a small dumpster to be put on the site. Councilman Shaw made the motion to pay for the dumpster, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie Shepherd, Jennings County Chamber of Commerce Director, returned to update Council on progress made since she last attended a Council meeting on July 27, 2015. She had attended the County Council meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss getting the Chamber financing help as well as had discussions with other Chambers around the State on how they work with city, county, tourism, and economic development groups. Mrs. Shepherd said that, ideally, the City could contribute \$25,000.00 and the County could contribute \$20,000.00 to help fund the chamber, and that she would provide the Council with a budget at the next Council meeting.

Mary Catherine Fox, coordinator for the upcoming bicentennial celebration, updated Council with the progress she has made to date on the event, as well as provided them with an updated budget proposal for the project.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin presented Council with a recommendation for transfers within the Council's general budget. After a short discussion, Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to approve the recommended transfers, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 5-0.

Street Commissioner Rick Marksberry informed Council that the Street Department had a 2012 truck, a trailer, and a mower stolen from the City garage on Friday night, August 21, 2015 and that police still have not found the stolen property.

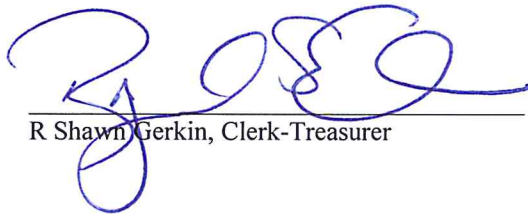
Park Director Chad Speer told Council he had spoken with Henry Shoultz, who had requested to be put tonight's agenda but was not in appearance, and let Council know he was interested in looking into playground equipment that was handicap accessible and that he would work with Mr. Shoultz in looking into funding possibilities.

Mayor Campbell took a minute to commend Park Director Chad Speer, Street Superintendent Rick Marksberry, and their entire crews on helping make the recent Pat O'Connor Memorial and dedication a huge success.

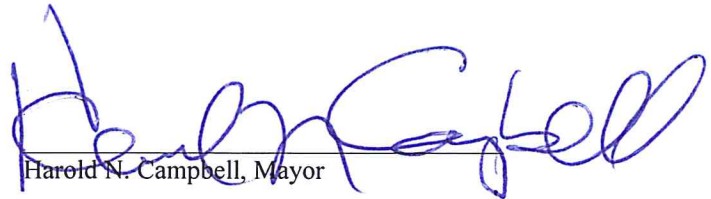
Councilman Shaw made the motion to pay the claims presented, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion to pay the claims carried 5-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Harold N. Campbell, Mayor