

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
AUGUST 8, 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 (absent)

Park Director-Chad Speer

Water Superintendent

Wastewater Superintendent- Russell Vaught (absent)

Golf Course Manager- Robin Brown

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Jeff Shinolt, Sue Fenton, Randall Marshall, Denny Hatton, Dalton Ratliff, Shyela Smith, Morgan Reichenbacher, Taylor Miller, Aaron Miller, Nick Megel, Tina Beauchamp, Brent Ashpugh, Wes Thayer, Marcia McGill, Rick McGill, Toni Stinson, Marilee Barber, Alexis Hall, Kyle Hall, Trevor Miller, and Anthony Bagby.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 25, 2016 City Council meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 5-0.

Police Chief James Webster introduced to Council new probationary officer Anthony Bagby, as well as reviewed with them the recommendation by the Board of Public Works & Safety to accept Mr. Bagby as the newest City of North Vernon officer. Councilman Kelley made the motion to confirm the probationary officer, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Ochs performed the oath of office for new officer Anthony Bagby.

Marilee Barber and Toni Stinson reviewed in detail the direction of the City's health insurance with SIHO insurance. They confirmed that the For Your Health clinic would no longer be available to City employees as of January 1, 2017. Discussion included possible rate increases, going to market, and different options that may be available to the City to reduce insurance costs. Clerk Treasurer Gerkin said that there would be no need to go to market at this time if SIHO was willing to hold the same rate as 2016. No motions or action was taken at this time.

Sue Fenton was present to ask Council for permission to have a beer garden present for the next "Food Truck Friday" to be held at the North Vernon City Park. She was informed that there is currently a city ordinance that prohibits alcohol at the City Park. When asked about repealing the ordinance, each Councilman spoke out that they had no desire in repealing the ordinance and allowing alcohol in a place specifically designed for children to play. Mrs. Fenton was told if future "Food Truck" events were held at a different location, the request would be considered.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin opened up the public hearing portion of the meeting for those interested in discussing the previously advertised request for an additional appropriation for the City's CEDIT fund. After a short time with no discussion, Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to close the public hearing portion of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 5-0.

At that time, Councilman Kelley made the motion to approve Additional Appropriation Resolution #635, a request to spend an additional \$351,285.00 from the CEDIT fund, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. The additional funds are being moved to the Rainy Day fund in preparation of the City's match for the potential Community Crossroads Grant. Motion carried 4-1 (Lamb against).

Chief Webster presented Council with a transfer request to move \$7000.00 from within the police department's general budget from 101-000-06-206 (Gasoline) to 101-000-06-417 (Equipment). Councilman Kelley made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 5-0.

City Engineer Brad Bender explained a plan for quotes not to exceed \$70,000.00 for local paving and maintenance projects for work on JFK Drive, Long Street, Vernon Street, Jackson Street, Meloy Street, and Shadeland Avenue. Requests for quotes will be sent out this week and be opened at the next City Council meeting on August 22, 2016.

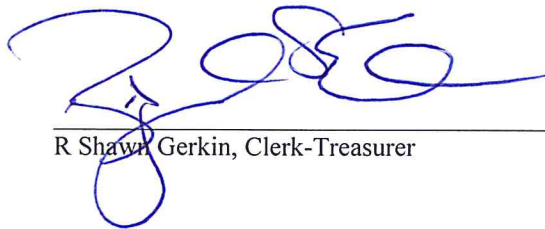
Mr. Bender and Park Director Chad Speer explained the costs of building a new shelter house and received information from both the Council and Park Board as to the use of the building, size of the structure, etc. Brad Bender was instructed to design the shelter house as stated so the City could put the structure out for bid before the end of the year. Approval of the structure will be completed at a later date.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin told Council that the St. Mary's Festival Committee had asked the City to put information regarding their upcoming festival on the City's webpage.

Councilman Hatfield made the motion to approve the claims, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion to pay the claims passed 5-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.



R. Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor