

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER  
143 EAST WALNUT, N VERNON, IN 47265  
MAY 8, 2017

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

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Barbara King, Tim Hunt, Jeff Shinolt, Chris Lowe, Robin Brown, Mike Cole, and Ray Hughes.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2017 meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 5-0.

Quotes were opened for mowing and trimming at Hillcrest Cemetery. Results were as follows:

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| 1) Lucas Lawn Care         | \$650.00 per mow |
| 2) Morin's Landscaping LLC | \$700.00 per mow |
| 3) Morgan's Landscaping    | \$665.00 per mow |

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to award the cemetery mowing contract to Lucas Lawn Care, pending valid liability insurance, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 5-0. Clerk Treasurer Gerkin said he would inform Morin's Landscaping, previous mowing contractor for the cemetery, to cease mowing the property immediately.

Council was presented with a new "on call" contract for engineering services from FPBH, Inc. The City engineer is a position appointed by the Mayor. Council held a long discussion of engineering on various projects and the possibility of doing RFP's should the estimated cost of a project be a certain total. For smaller, "on call" projects, FPBH, Inc. would continue to be used due to being a mayoral appointment. Councilman Kelley made the motion to accept the proposed agreement from FPBH, Inc., seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 5-0.

Fire Chief Mike Cole informed Council that quotes had been received at the latest Board of Public Works & Safety meeting for remodeling of fire station #62, and Harmon Construction was the low quote in the amount of \$44,820.00. The project calls for an expansion of the day room, adding walls, floor coverings, bedrooms, and a bath remodel. Clerk Treasurer Gerkin recommended that if Council decide to move forward with the remodel that payment be made from the LOIT fund. After discussion, Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to award the contract to Harmon Construction, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief Cole subsequently presented Council a quote for new furniture in the day room. Cost of six recliners came to \$3386.33. Council tabled the request for new furniture to a later date.

Council held a brief discussion on City ordinances and violations. Councilman Hatfield explained that he would like to make sure that all unlicensed vehicles are being fined or towed. City Attorney Larry Greathouse explained that a state statute is already in place allowing for the fining and/or towing of unlicensed vehicles and that police chief James Webster is aware of the procedures to take. Councilman Hatfield also explained that in an effort to clean up the City, he'd like to see an ordinance that forces both residential and business properties to fix missing, broken, or boarded up windows within the City limits. Larry Greathouse said he would work on an ordinance and present to Council at a subsequent meeting for adoption and approval.

Mayor Ochs presented Council with a new quote to fix the clock in front of the Carnegie Building from Smith's Bell and Clock, Inc. in the amount of \$2420.00. The original quote, which included painting and additional items, was \$5740.00. The decision to move forward with the repair will be on the May 22, 2017 agenda.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin presented a change order on the CCMG project that was presented to him by Brad Bender. The change order, discussed at the recent Public Board of Works & Safety, calls for O'Mara to pave the gravel area across from Hilex where semi-trucks use to turn in and out of the lot. The change order increases the cost of the contract by \$35,020.50. Funds will be paid for out of the CCMG fund and matched 50/50 by INDOT. After discussion, Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to approve the change order, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carried 4-1 (Lamb).


Wastewater Superintendent Russell Vaught informed Council that approximately 1770 of the new meters have been installed by Lawyer Excavation. Also, the new Storm King operated flawlessly during the recent storms, even with the heavy amounts of rain received.

Councilman Kelley asked his colleagues if there was anything that could be done at the state level to get INDOT to reconsider the safety of the intersection of US Highway 50 and Highway 750.

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

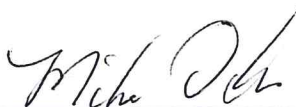
Councilman Wisner made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.



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R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



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Mike Ochs, Mayor