

**PUBLIC BOARD OF WORKS & SAFETY
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
OCTOBER 4, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.**

The meeting was opened with roll call by Clerk Treasurer Shawn Gerkin.

Board Members: Mike Ochs
Jerry Lamb
Trent Wisner

Attorney: Larry Greathouse

Clerk-Treasurer: R. Shawn Gerkin

Asst. Clk. Treasurer: Rita L Elmore (absent)

Guest present: Tim Hunt, Mike Cole, Tanya Burnette, Todd Beam, Chad Speer, and Melvin Marksberry.

Mayor Ochs made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 2, 2021 Board of Works meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire Chief Mike Cole informed the board that the city was not awarded the Safer Grant for new hires. The department currently has two open positions. Discussion ensued about the long term need for the maintenance position and how paid, on-call positions might be more valuable to the department than additional firefighters at this time. No motions or action took place.

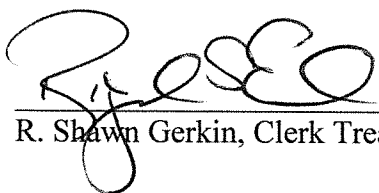
Tim Hunt, representing HWC Engineering, updated the board on the upcoming CCMG awards, the work to be performed on David Drive, the proposal for a roundabout on West Walnut Street, and the driveway across the Muscatatuck Trail for Marvin Polly. No motion or action took place.

A proposal to add permanent power to the downtown greenspace area for use of the city stage was presented in the amount of \$11,654.00 from Majestic Electric. Mayor Ochs made the motion to move forward with the work and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 3-0.

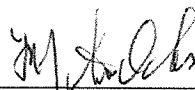
Tanya Burnette requested the closure of the alley next to 230 East Walnut Street for two months for a creation of an "umbrella sky" during the Christmas season. The board recommended that all owners of the surrounding properties be asked about the project and make sure there would be no conflicts.

Trent said that Johnson/Melloh would be fixing the lights at the city park on October 11th.

Jerry made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Mayor Ochs. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.



R. Shawn Gerkin, Clerk Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE BUILDING
OCTOBER 13, 2021

The meeting was opened at 6:00 by North Vernon Mayor Mike Ochs with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor- Mike Ochs

Clerk-Treasurer- R Shawn Gerkin

Attorney- Larry Greathouse

Councilmembers: Brian Hatfield Baron Wilder
 Jack Kelley (via zoom) Trent Wisner (via zoom)
 Jerry Lamb

Guests Present: Ryon Wheeler, Tanya Pettitt, Eric Pettitt, Daniel Smith, Denny Hatton, Terry Thompson, Tim Hunt, Kyla Higgs, Marie Shepherd, Joanie Van Horn, Will Spencer, Robin Brown, Keith Messer in person, Russell Vaught, Mike Cole, and Mike Miller via Zoom.

Jerry made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 27th and September 30th city council minutes as written and presented, and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 5-0.

Ryon Wheeler, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club, requested funding from the City of North Vernon in an effort to provide additional programming for children aged K-12 in North Vernon. Council asked that the request be tabled until the October 25th meeting. No motions or action took place.

Eric Pettitt, owner of the building located at 404 E O&M Avenue, was present to gain support from council to allow first floor residential occupancy in his building. After a lengthy discussion, attorney Larry Greathouse told council their only course of action was to make a motion to recommend to the county to amend the city/county joint ordinance that prohibits such a living arrangement. No motions or action took place.

Denny Hatton, present of Jennings County ARC, requested funding help from council for the annual Christmas Dinner and program held at St. Mary's Parish Center on December 7th. Brian made the motion to donate \$1000.00 to Jennings County ARC from the council's civic interest fund and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 4-0 (Trent had been disconnected at this point).

Daniel Smith, resident at 208 S Jennings St., requested two items from council. The first was the installation of stop signs at the corner of Jennings and College Streets to make the intersection a 4 way stop rather than the current 2 way stop as he's concerned about the safety at the intersection. The second request was to install a speed bump on Vernon Street. Tim Hunt recommended the use of speed humps over speed humps and suggested it be done during an upcoming CCMG Project. Council agreed to look into both requests. No motions or action took place at this time.

Council was present with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of North Vernon and North Vernon Main Street. There was a concern over the payment of utilities, as was the undefined increase of utility being "unreasonable". Jerry made the motion to approve the MOU subject to utilities being paid to include only those currently in the building, as well as

defining the word “unreasonable”, and that motion was seconded by Brian. Following discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Tanya Burnette asked council for approval in the temporary closure of O&M Avenue known as “brick street” in coordination with Sweet Street and the closure of Madison Avenue on Sunday, October 31st from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Brian made the motion to allow closure of the street to vehicular traffic during that time frame and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 4-0.

Shawn completed the first reading of Ordinance #1002, an ordinance approving the budget for the City of North Vernon for 2022. The second reading and potential adoption is scheduled for the October 25th council meeting.

Shawn completed the first reading of Ordinance #1003, an ordinance setting the salaries and benefits of employees of the City of North Vernon for 2022. Discussion ensued regarding a couple of the positions, notably those of department heads. The second reading and potential adoption is scheduled for the October 25th council meeting.

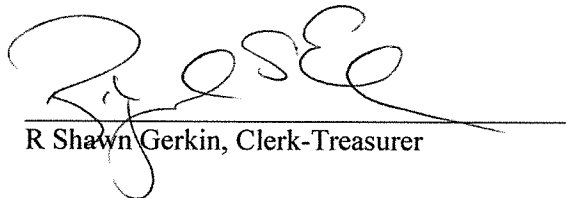
Shawn completed the first reading of Amended Ordinance #846, an ordinance concerning the collection, removal, and disposal of garbage and waste material and imposing a waste disposal fee. Council is considering an increase in trash rates to \$7.50 per month per residential unit. The second reading and potential adoption will be on the agenda for the October 25th meeting.


Police Chief Keith Messer introduced recommendations to police general orders #72, 78, 29, 84, 90, 93, and 98. Brian made the motion to approve the changes to the general orders as recommended by the department and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Following discussion, the motion carried 4-0.

Other topics without any motion or action included a matrix for elected officials, city inventory and ideas to better track it, and the possibility of going cashless for city payments.

Brian made the motion to approve the claims presented and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion to pay the claims carried 4-0.

Brian made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.


R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer


Mike Ochs, Mayor

**PUBLIC BOARD OF WORKS & SAFETY MEETING
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
OCTOBER 19, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.**

The meeting was opened with roll call by Asst. Clerk Treasurer Rita Elmore.

Board Members: Mike Ochs
Jerry Lamb (absent)
Trent Wisner

Attorney: Larry Greathouse
Clerk-Treasurer: R. Shawn Gerkin
Asst. Clerk-Treasurer: Rita Elmore

Guest present: Wil Spencer; Matt York; Brian Clark; Layton Brandenburg; Russell Vaught; Paul Eder; Katrina Keck; John Megel; Terry Thompson; Tim Hunt, Kevin Daeger, Lewie Allen w/HWC

Board Member Wisner made the motion to approve the minutes of the Public Board of Works & Safety Meeting of October 4, 2021 as written and presented; seconded by Board Member Ochs, motion carried 2-0.

Bids were received from the following for the Walnut Street Project:

-MAC Construction, New Albany IN

Base Bid	\$ 8,878,000.00
Alternate Bid #1	\$ 165,000.00
Alternate Bid #2	\$ 109,000.00
Alternate Bid #3	\$ 66,000.00
Alternate Bid #4	\$ 213,000.00
Alternate Bid #5	\$ 83,000.00

-Dave O'Mara Contractor, North Vernon, IN

Base Bid	\$ 7,797,386.87
Alternate Bid #1	\$ 147,720.84
Alternate Bid #2	\$ 174,488.30
Alternate Bid #3	\$ 49,145.67
Alternate Bid #4	\$ 167,985.71
Alternate Bid #5	\$ 87,287.36

-Milestone

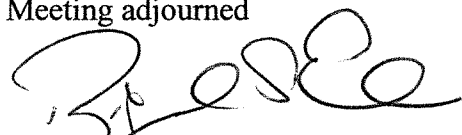
Base Bid	\$11,759,841.12
Alternate Bid #1	\$ 235,101.35
Alternate Bid #2	\$ 251,760.65
Alternate Bid #3	\$ 72,851.44
Alternate Bid #4	\$ 267,047.48
Alternate Bid #5	\$ 93,420.00

Board Member Ochs made the motion to take the bids under advisement; seconded by Board Member Wisner, motion carried 2-0.

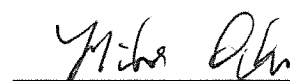
Board Member Ochs made the motion to approve payment for the claims that were submitted for payment; seconded by Board Member Wisner, motion carried.

At 2:11 p.m., Board Member made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Board Member Wisner, motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned



R. Shawn Gerkin, Clerk Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE BUILDING
OCTOBER 25, 2021

The meeting was opened at 6:00 by North Vernon Mayor Mike Ochs with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor- Mike Ochs

Clerk-Treasurer- R Shawn Gerkin

Attorney- Larry Greathouse

Councilmembers:

Brian Hatfield

Baron Wilder

Jack Kelley

Trent Wisner

Jerry Lamb

Guests Present: Ray Hughes, Terry Thompson, Russell Vaught, Will Spencer, Tim Hunt, Dale Wernke, Kylan Higgs, Keith Messer, Jeff Shinolt, Tanya Burnette, and Chad Speer and Mike Miller (via zoom).

Jerry made the motion to accept the minutes of the October 13, 2021 City Council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0.

Tim Hunt, representing HWC Engineering, informed council that bids were opened for the Walnut Street Reconstruction Project at the October 19th Board of Public Works meeting. Bids for the project have been certified and the recommendation for award goes to Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. with a low bid of \$8,424,014.60. Jerry made the motion to award the project to Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. and the motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 5-0.

Shawn completed the second reading of Ordinance #1002, an ordinance setting the budget for the City of North Vernon for 2022. Jerry made the motion to adopt Ordinance #1002 and the motion was seconded by Jack. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Shawn completed the second reading of Ordinance #1003, an ordinance setting the salaries and benefits for the employees of the City of North Vernon for 2022. Jack made the motion to adopt Ordinance #1003 and the motion was seconded by Baron. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Shawn completed the second reading of amended Ordinance #846, an ordinance concerning the collection, removal, and disposal of garbage within the city and imposing a waste disposal fee. The amendment raises the fee to \$7.50 per month per residential unit. Baron made the motion to adopt amended Ordinance #846 and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 5 -0.

Shawn completed the first reading of Ordinance #1004, an ordinance pertaining to a North Vernon USB resolution for an increase in water rates for 2022 thru 2026. The second reading and potential adoption of the ordinance will be on the agenda for the November 8th city council meeting.

Shawn completed the first reading of Ordinance #1005, an ordinance pertaining to a North Vernon USB resolution for an increase in wastewater rates for the years 2022 thru 2026. The second reading and potential adoption of the ordinance will be on the agenda for the November 8th city council meeting.

Shawn completed the first reading of ordinance #1006, an ordinance pertaining to a North Vernon USB resolution for an increase in the city's stormwater utility fees for the years 2022 thru 2026. The second reading and potential adoption of the ordinance will be on the city council agenda for the November 8th meeting.

Shawn requested funding on behalf of the North Vernon Senior Housing Board for financial help with the annual Christmas party held for the 84 housing units. Brian made the motion to give \$1000.00 from the council's civic interest fund to Senior Housing and the motion was seconded by Jack. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

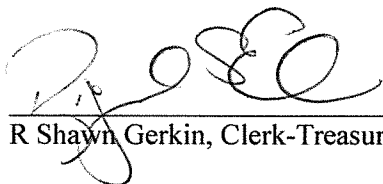
Council discussed the request for funding made by Ryon Wheeler, executive director of the Seymour Boys & Girls Club, made at the October 13th city council meeting. The club is already providing services at several of the local schools in Jennings County and have plans to expand services to Country Squire Lake after they recently received grant dollars. Jack made the motion to donate \$10,000.00 to the Boys & Girls Club from the council's civic interest fund to help promote growth of the organization within Jennings County, and the motion was seconded by Brian. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Baron made the motion to add Juneteenth to the city's paid holiday calendar beginning in 2022 and the motion was seconded by Trent. Following discussion, the newest federal holiday was approved by a vote of 5-0.

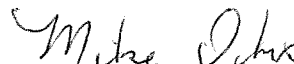
Other discussion items without motions or action included police officers working overtime shifts at GT Industries over the next couple of weeks to help with security and limiting or prohibiting overnight parking along certain areas of Walnut Street.

Trent made the motion to pay the claims presented and the motion was seconded by Baron. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Brian made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion to adjourn carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor