

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
NOVEMBER 12, 2019

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM 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 Connie Rayburn
 Jack Kelley Trent Wisner
 Jerry Lamb

Guests present: Baron Wilder, Barbara King, Russell Vaught, Ryan Curry, and James Webster.

Jerry made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2019 city council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 5-0.

Shawn presented council with Resolution #2019-676, a resolution approving an additional appropriation for the aviation fund in the amount of \$25,000.00. Airport manager Ryan Curry explained to council that some unanticipated repairs came up at the airport and the airport desires to add security cameras to the premises as well, causing the need for the additional appropriation. Shawn explained that the request had been advertised properly in the newspaper. Jack made the motion to approve Resolution #2019-676 and the motion was seconded by Trent. Following discussion, the motion was carried 4-1 (Lamb).

Shawn presented council with the first reading of Ordinance #989, an ordinance fixing the salaries for elected officials for 2020. The second reading and potential adoption will be on the November 25, 2019 council agenda.

Utility Superintendent Russell Vaught informed council that the recent water leak that had caused the city to purchase water from Jennings Water for a few days had been located and corrected.

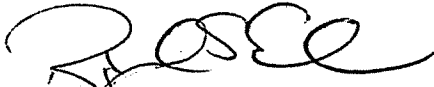
Park Director Chad Speer informed the council that a notice of substantial completion for Tripton Park had been executed and the park was now opened to the public. Discussion also ensued regarding the park's work on completion of a Park Master Plan, as well as discussion of the park's recreation soccer league and ideas on locating a better location for soccer in the future. Finally, Larry asked for direction on amending/creating an ordinance that would set the open hours for Tripton Park. Chad explained the park board prefer the ordinance read that the park would be open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, rather than set hours. Following a lengthy discussion, Brian made the motion to have Larry draft an ordinance that would keep the park open from an hour prior to sunrise to an hour after sunset, and the motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 3-2 (Lamb, Kelley opposed).

Connie made the motion to pay the claims presented and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion to pay the claims carried 5-0.


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Brian made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Trent. Motion to adjourn carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor