

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CARNEGIE BUILDING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2022

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: Kylan Higgs, Russell Vaught, Will Spencer, Ray Hughes, Jeff Walker, Anna Walker, Marie Shepherd, Keith Messer, Tim Hunt, Tanya Burnette, Garrie Ritchie, Linda Hershman, Carla Wright, and Liz Ulery.

Jerry made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 City Council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 5-0.

Area Plan Commission Director Marie Shepherd presented a rezone request on behalf of Thomas Gosman. Mr. Gosman wishes to rezone 2.932 acres on Hayden Pike from Residential Multi-Family to Commercial-Planned business to place additional storage units on the property. Jack made the motion to approve the rezone request subject to the owner taking care of any additional drainage issues on the property should it become an issue. The motion was seconded by Jerry. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Marie requested from council reimbursement costs for demolition of the home at 341 German Street in the amount of \$5500.00. Baron made the motion to reimburse the Area Plan Commission \$5500.00 and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 5-0.

Marie also informed council that the work permit for building located at 504 East O&M Avenue for work being done by Indiana Historic Landmarks had expired. Council requested that Greg Sekula attend a future council meeting to update them on the progress of the building.

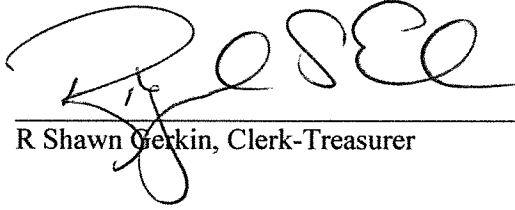
Liz Ulery (Anthem Benefits), Jeff Walker (Wellness Update), Carla Wright (Harm Reduction), and Linda Hershman (Children's Bureau) gave brief presentations to council.

Council considered Tanya Burnette to fill the role of event coordinator for the city. Tanya had proposed an hourly increase to her mayor's assistant role of \$6.15/hour to cover the additional role and responsibility of event coordinator. Jerry made the motion to approve the position and direct Shawn to amend the 2022 salary ordinance to reflect the change and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0.

Tim Hunt, HWC Engineering, informed council that the city had been awarded an INDOT grant to replace/repair all markings and signage at 14 railroad crossings within the city. The cost of the project, estimated to be just under \$45,000.00, is 100% reimbursed through INDOT.

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

Trent made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Brian. Motion  
carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.



---

R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



---

Mike Ochs, Mayor