

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CARNEGIE BUILDING  
NOVEMBER 8, 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: Russell Vaught, Keith Messer, Tim Hunt, Sue Haase, Marie Shepherd, Jeff Shinolt, and Terry Thompson.

Jerry made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021 city council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0.

Area Plan Director Marie Shepherd requested a rezone request on behalf of Wes Bradshaw at the property located at 2990 N State Highway 7. Mr. Bradshaw requested a rezone from Residential Single Family to Commercial Planned Business as he would like to use the building there as a counseling center. Jack made the motion to approve the rezone request and the motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 5-0.

Council was presented with Resolution #2021-692, a resolution of the Common Council concerning authorization for execution of INDOT agreements. The resolution authorizes the mayor to sign on behalf of the city for all INDOT agreements. Jerry made the motion to adopt Resolution #2021-692 and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 5-0.

Shawn completed the second reading of Ordinance #1004, an ordinance pertaining to a North Vernon Utility Service Board (USB) Resolution for an increase in water rates for years 2022 thru 2026. Jack made the motion to adopt Ordinance #1004 and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 5-0.

Shawn completed the second reading of Ordinance #1005, an ordinance pertaining to a North Vernon USB Resolution for an increase in wastewater rates for the City of North Vernon for years 2022 thru 2026. Jack made the motion to adopt Ordinance #1005 and the motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 5-0.

Shawn completed the second reading of Ordinance #1006, an ordinance pertaining to a North Vernon USB Resolution for an increase in stormwater rates for the City of North Vernon for years 2022 thru 2026. Jack made the motion to adopt Ordinance #1006 and the motion was seconded by Brian. Motion carried 5-0.

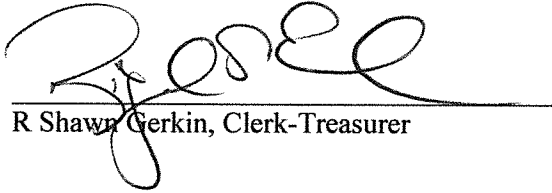
Police Chief Keith Messer recommended changes to police General Orders 101, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, and 110 to council after a recent department review. Trent made the motion to approve the recommended updates and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 5-0.

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

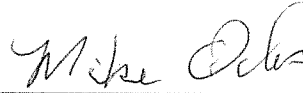
Trent made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion to  
adjourn carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.



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Mike Ochs, Mayor

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Guests Present: Robin Brown, William Spencer, Chief Keith Messer, Jeff Walker, Anna Walker, Kylan Higgs, and Joanie Van Horn.

Jerry made the motion to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2021 city council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Baron. Following discussion, motion carried 5-0.

Council was presented with Ordinance #1007, an ordinance prohibiting tampering or gaining access to water meters, city water supply, or the city water system. Water Superintendent William Spencer explained that total cost of a meter and accessories is near \$1000.00 to replace, and some users have either deliberately or unintentionally caused damage to meters. The ordinance comes with the approval from the Utility Service Board. After completion of the first reading, Jerry made the motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance #1007 and move to adoption and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0. Jack subsequently made the motion to adopt Ordinance #1007 and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 5-0.

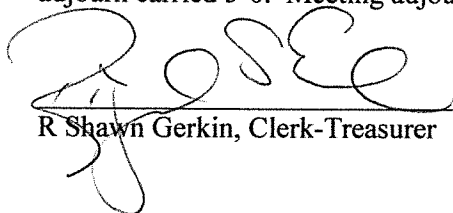
Shawn presented council with a draw request from grant funds for the city's comprehensive plan from OCRA. The city was awarded a \$50,000.00 earlier in 2021 from OCRA. The first draft of the document has been sent to OCRA. Brian made a motion to execute the first draw request of \$30,000.00 from OCRA and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0.


Anna Walker, North Vernon Main Street Coordinator, discussed the additional work the Stellar Building needs. Tim Hunt will coordinate contractors to get pricing on the work to be done.

City Attorney Larry Greathouse informed council that the city will be required to redistrict voting districts within the city limits in 2022.

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

Trent made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Brian. Motion to adjourn carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

  
R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Mike Ochs, Mayor