

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
APRIL 15, 2020

The meeting was opened at 5:30 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
 Jack Kelley
 Jerry Lamb
 Baron Wilder
 Trent Wisner

Guests present: Robin Brown, Chad Speer, Chuck Waggoner, Rick Marksberry, and Tanya Burnette.

Jack made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2020 city council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 5-0.

Bids were opened for the sale of a 1984 and 1985 military style Chevrolet Blazers. Bidding instructions called for one bid for both vehicles. The results were as follows:

1) Duncan Rowda	\$657.00
2) Ben Suhre	\$1654.00
3) Name Unrecognizable	\$1200.00
4) Andy Perry	\$1200.00
5) Chase Fitzex	\$1600.00

Trent made the motion to award the sale of the two vehicles to Ben Suhre for \$1654.00 and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 5-0.

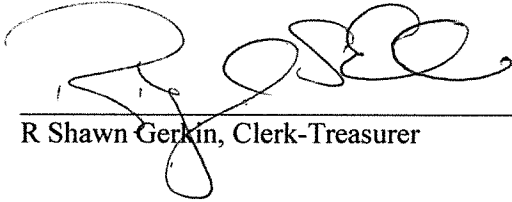
Council discussed items including the potential drop in the city's June property tax distribution due to the extension given to delay property tax payments, the Buckeye Street project, the upcoming Walnut Street project, the 2020 CCMG project, the opening of the city pool, the cancellation of the Tripton Park Grand Opening, the opening of the golf course and use of the cars and range, the bid process for purchases and public work contracts for all departments, and the policy for collecting money for each department. No motions or action took place.

Chief Webster explained to council that he had requested quotes for a new police car, but in light of the uncertainty of the finances at this time, recommended table the quotes at this time. Jerry made the motion to table the quote received until a later date and the motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed the importance of holding future meetings if at all possible through the COVID-19 pandemic, including perhaps holding meetings virtually to social distance as much as possible.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor

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APRIL 27, 2020

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	(present via Zoom)
	Jack Kelley	
	Jerry Lamb	
	Baron Wilder	(present via Zoom)
	Trent Wisner	(present via Zoom)

Guests present: Police Chief James Webster, Craig Kipper, and Barbara King in person; Fire Chief Mike Cole, Elise Allen, Chad Speer, Ryan Curry, and Tim Hunt via Google Zoom.

Jack made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2020 City Council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried with a role call vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays.

Council was presented with the second reading of Ordinance #991, an ordinance that repeals prior ordinances #833 and #579 to create a park board consisting of four members to be appointed by the mayor rather than a five-member board appointed by the city council. Jerry made the motion to adopt Ordinance #991 and the motion was seconded by Baron. A role call vote included 4 yeas and no vote of nay (Jack). Motion carried 4-1.

Tim Hunt, representing HWC via Zoom, spoke to council about the need to get moving on a CCMG application for 2020 if it was still the council's plans. Deadline for the application is August 1st and Tim indicated he needs to have an idea of which streets the council would like to see work done so his team can begin to design and plan for the application. He also reminded council that the CCMG contract between the city and HWC has yet to be executed.

Council reviewed the structural report that was completed on fire station 1 recently. Most work that needs to be done is aesthetic rather than structural. No motions or action took place.

Craig Kipper, sergeant with the NVPD, spoke to the council about the possibility of a new police station. The department presented council with a building needs assessment plan about a year ago showing the need for a new building. Location options were given to the council tonight. Having a preferred location would allow the department to get a better estimate of overall cost of the project. The department would like to begin budgeting for the project in 2021. No motions or action took place.

Kathy Ertel, Jennings County EDC Director via Zoom, requested from council the approval of the Compliance Forms for industries with abatements. Kathy presented information from Decatur Mold, Layman Holdings, Decatur Plastics, Erler Industries, GT Industries, Hilex Poly, Metaldyne, and NVIC. Jack made the motion to approve the CF-1's after review by Shawn and

the Mayor and the motion was seconded by Trent. Following discussion, the roll call vote was 5 yeas and 0 nays. Motion carried 5-0.

Ryan Curry, aviation manager, reported via Zoom that the airport had received \$30,000.00 in CARES money for the government to be used at the airport.

Jerry made the motion to pay the claims presented and the motion was seconded by Jack. A roll call vote to pay the claims carried 5-0.

Jack made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Jerry. A roll call vote to adjourn carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor