

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
APRIL 22, 2019

The meeting was opened by Mayor 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

Jerry Lamb

Connie Rayburn

Jack Kelley

Trent Wisner

Guests present: Russell Vaught, Dan Norris, Kelly Hatton, Tina Kydel, Casey Ernstes, Vicky Lacey, Andre Arrington, Chris Lowe, James Webster, Barbara King, Jeff Shinolt, and Trish Speer.

Connie made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2019 city council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0.

Council was presented with an addendum to Stormwater Ordinance #982 that was not included in the first reading of the ordinance at the April 5th meeting. Larry informed council that he felt the omission was significant enough that he recommended a first reading be completed again and adoption postponed until the next meeting. Brian made the motion that the first reading be completed during tonight's meeting and the seconded reading and potential adoption would take place at the council's May 13th meeting. The motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0.

Trish Speer, representing the JCEDC, presented council with abatement compliance forms (CF-1's) for approval. Trish stated that Layman Holding, Erler Industries, GT Industries, LP Investments, Hilex Poly LLC, Metaldyne, Metaldyne RA HWY, and NVIC had all exceeded or were on track for employee count and payroll expectations and that the JCEDC recommends approval of the forms. Trent made the motion to approve the CF-1's submitted for approval. The motion was seconded by Connie. Motion carried 5-0.

Police Chief James Webster requested approval of recommended changes to the department's general orders. Changes were made with orders #40, 42, 49, 50, and 107 while no changes were recommended to orders 45, 47, 48, 51, 52, 54, and 56-59. Jack made the order to approve the recommended changes and the motion was seconded by Trent. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Chief Webster also requested a special meeting with the city council prior to the regular session on May 13th to discuss the future of the department and its facilities.

As recommended by the Park Board, Larry presented council with an addition to Ordinance #878 that would allow alcohol at "special events occurring within a suitably delineated area within Tripton Park" but asked who would be designated to decide what are "special events". Jack made the motion that the city council would decide which events would allow alcohol at Tripton and

the motion was seconded by Brian. Motion carried 5-0. A revised ordinance will be presented to council for consideration at the May 13th council meeting.

Andre Arrington, director of organizational development with Boys & Girls Club of America, was present to discuss with council the organization and to answer any questions they had about getting it up and running in Jennings County. JC Youth President Kelly Hatton, who spoke to council at the April 5th meeting about organization a Boys & Girls Club in Jennings updated the council on the progress the group has made and discussions about location, grant applications, and future costs. No motions or actions took place.

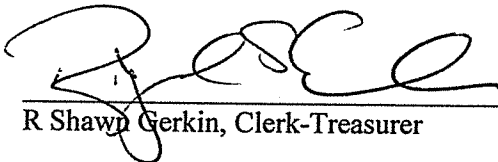
Jack thanked golf director Robin Brown and his staff for their work in preparing the course for the Jennings County Invitational. Trent recommended that a "policy & procedure policy for St. Annes golf course" be created. Robin said he and the golf board would begin working on a policy for council's consideration at a future date.

Dan Norris, who had previously attended a council meeting with a request for council to consider allowing UTV's on city streets, asked if any progress had been made. After discussions with Mr. Norris and Chief Webster, Brian made the motion to have Larry, with the help of Chief Webster, begin creating an ordinance that would allow UTV's on city streets for council to consider at a later date. The motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 5-0.

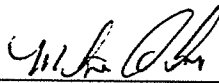
Shawn said that Joanie Van Horn, on behalf of the JC Community Foundation, had informed him that the committee wished to accept the council's offer to hold the foundation's 25th Anniversary event on Stellar Plaza rather than the previously planned Main Street. The change in location also came with a request to close Madison Avenue from Main Street to Buckeye Street on July 20th, the day of the event. Trent made the motion to close Madison Avenue on July 20th and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Connie motioned to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Brian. Motion to adjourn carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor