

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
APRIL 8, 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: Jeff Shinolt, Kelly Hatton, Brian Wilkerson, Barbara Galliher, Terry Thompson, Russell Vaught, Bryan Wallace, Mike Gangsted, James Webster, Mike Cole, Chad Speer, Chris Lowe, Barbara King, Ray Hughes, Terry Thompson, and Tim Hunt.

Jack made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 25, 2019 city council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 5-0.

Council opened the public hearing portion of the meeting to those interested in commenting on or asking questions about the recently authored storm water ordinance. Utility Superintendent Russell Vaught, USB President Terry Thompson, and Lochmuller representative Bryan Wallace answered questions regarding the ordinance proposal. Resident Brian Wilkerson, who resides at 1228 West O&M Avenue, asked about stormwater issues at his home and was directed to attend a USB meeting. Following questions, Jack made the motion to close the public hearing portion of the meeting and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 5-0.

Shawn completed the first reading of proposed storm water Ordinance #982. The second reading and potential adoption of Ordinance #982 will be on the agenda for the April 22, 2019 city council meeting.

Council discussed amended salary ordinance #976. The Board of Public Works, as instructed at the March 25th council meeting, was tasked with making a recommendation to council as to the increase in pay for the facilities coordinator at the NV ETC building due to the added job duties of also taking over scheduling and functions at the Pickelseimer Building. The recommendation called for an increase in pay to the position from \$12.36/hour to \$14.50/hour. Jack made the motion to approve the amended ordinance subject to the creation of a job description for the position. The motion was seconded by Brian. Motion to amend carried 5-0. Council asked that department heads make sure a job description is on file for all city positions at the clerk treasurer's office.

Council was presented with Resolution # 2019-673, an additional appropriation request for the Hangar Fund in the amount of \$25,500.00. Shawn explained the additional amount was needed due to an agreement made between the airport board and the NVRC after budget season last year. The NVRC had agreed to pay for capital expenses related to getting high speed internet to the airport up front and the airport board agreed to pay back \$25,500.00 when funds allowed.

Following discussion, Trent made the motion to approve the additional appropriation request and the motion was seconded by Connie. Motion to approve Resolution #2019-673 carried 5-0.

Park Director Chad Speer told council that the park board had recently voted 3-2 in favor of amending the city ordinance which currently bans alcohol in all park locations. With the construction of Tripton Park and the outdoor concert amphitheater underway, the park board thought council should consider allowing alcohol, such as a beer garden, at some events, perhaps on preapproved basis based on time, location, and event. Council asked Chad to work with City Attorney Larry Greathouse to work on language that amends the ordinance that council can consider at a later date.

Police Chief James Webster explained to council that the department's K-9 vehicle has been moved to a car, as previously discussed, and that the former Tahoe used for the K-9 was ready to be turned back over to the city. The department has historically turned over responsibility and maintenance of vehicles they are no longer using back into city council's hands. Jack made the motion to accept back the Tahoe and the council would decide what to use it for at a later date. The motion was seconded by Connie. Motion carried 5-0.

Fire Chief Mike Cole told the council that a retirement party for Larry Malcomb was planned for April 20, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the St. Annes golf course and all of council and city employees were welcome to attend.

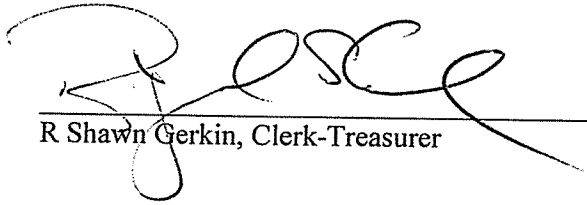
Jack read a letter from the North Vernon Swim Club showing interest in continuing to water the downtown flowers as a fund raiser for the swim team and thanked the city for their continued support.

Jack made the motion to have all department heads attend at least one city council meeting per month in an effort to keep the council informed of city business. The motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 5-0.

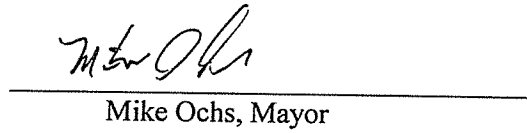
Kelly Hatton, President of the Jennings County Youth Foundation, was present to ask council for help in bringing a Boys & Girls Club to the community. The JCYF has spend four years planning and raising money for a future site. The next step in the process is organizing an advisory council and securing a location for the building, as well as applying for the 2019 Community Block Grant. A city or county governmental agency, however, is required to be the lead applicant on the grant but can then contract with a non-profit to carry out the activities of the project. Shawn informed the council that the city has already applied for one CBG grant for a stormwater and that he had a meeting with grant writers with Administrative Resources Association planned next week and would ask about how the city could help move this application forward. The council was told that a rough draft of the grant was due May 3 so council's April 22, 2019 meeting would need to be used to hold a public hearing on the proposed grant. Jack made a motion that the council would resolve to support and do what's needed to support the project, short of making a financial commitment at this time, as well as get the application completed in a timely. The motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 5-0.

Trent made the motion to pay the claims presented. 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 Connie. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor