

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
FEBRUARY 11, 2019

The meeting was opened by Councilman Jack with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin completed roll call:
Mayor- Mike Ochs (absent)
Clerk-Treasurer- R Shawn Gerkin
Attorney- Larry Greathouse (represented by Chris Doran)
Councilmembers: Brian Hatfield (absent)
Jerry Lamb
Connie Rayburn
Jack Kelley
Trent Wisner

Guests present: Chris Lowe, Barbara King, Chuck Waggoner, Lee Lee Ernestes, Wes Thayer, Alexis Hall, Elise Allen, Rhonda Deitsch, Troy Hall, Russell Vaught, Andrew Richmond, James Webster, Chad Spear, Terry Thompson, Kyle Hall, Shane Trepanier, and Marshall Bryant.

Connie made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2019 city council meeting with one correction. The motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 4-0.

Police Chief James Webster presented NVPD Sgt Kyle Hall with a plaque from Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in recognition of Sgt Hall's service and contribution to get impaired drivers off the streets.

Chief Webster presented council with a recommendation for changes to the police department's General Orders. Changes were presented to order numbers 12-14, 16, 20-25, and 27-29. Following a brief discussion regarding the changes, Connie made the motion to approve the changes presented. The motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 4-0.

K-9 Officer Trepanier and Chief Webster discussed with council the advantages on the K-9 dog's health by replacing the current K-9 SUV with a Dodge Charger. The difference in clearance height of the vehicles makes the car more suitable to the long-term health of the dog. No motions or action took place.

Discussion ensued on the Pickelseimer's building and the long-term preferred use of the building. Jack made the motion to allow Shawn and Connie to come up with terms for a lease agreement for the building and have the city attorney draft the terms for council review at a later date. The motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 4-0.

Trent asked about getting a sidewalk on Brownstown Road between Hayden Pike and West Walnut Street. Shawn said he would reach out to City Engineer Brad Bender to discuss.

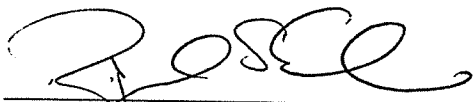
Council asked Shawn to put discussion of putting together a committee on housing to keep the recently completed housing study and subsequent plans to start a project moving forward on the next council agenda.

Utility Superintendent Russell Vaught informed Council that customers can now pay their utility bills online through the utility's webpage. Lee Lee updated council on the city's current web page redesign and discussed when it might be ready.


Trent asked about getting quotes for contracted mowing services on city property so officials could decide if it makes more sense to continue to have city employees mow city property or whether it would be more beneficial to contract that work out and have employees doing other jobs.

Connie made the motion to pay the claims presented and the motion was seconded by Trent. Motion to pay the claims carried 4-0.

Trent made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion to adjourn carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor