

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER  
JANUARY 14, 2019

The meeting was opened by Mayor Mike Ochs with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM.

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, Ray Hughes, Barbara King, Chris Lowe, Russell Vaught, James Webster, Chad Speer, Brad Bender, and Lee Lee Ernestes.

Connie made the motion to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2018 city council meeting as written and presented. The motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 5-0.

Jerry made the motion to nominate Brian the council's president for 2019. The motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Brian abstained).

Jerry made the motion to nominate Jack the council's vice president for 2019. The motion was seconded by Brian. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Jack abstained).

Connie made the motion to reappoint Harold "Soup" Campbell to the USB board. The motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 4-1 (Jack).

Jack made the motion to reappoint Pat York and Keith Stearns as council appointments to the North Vernon Redevelopment Commission. The motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 5-0.

Council members affirmed their appointments to the North Vernon City Park Board as follows: Connie- Bob Ertel; Trent- Dave Fox; Jerry- Tracy Eder; Brian- Denny Hatton; and Jack- Joe Wahlman. Jack made the motion to approve all appointments to the park board. The motion was seconded by Connie. Motion carried 5-0.

Council members named their inaugural appointments to the Event/Festival committee as follows: Connie- Elise Allen; Jack- Judy Ross; Brian- Diane Baurle; Trent- Kathy Dove; and Jerry- Deb Martin. Jack made the motion to approve all appointments to the board. The motion was seconded by Brian. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor assistant Lee Lee Ernestes was chosen to chair the new committee.

Trent made the motion to appoint Brian as the council's appointment to the Area Plan Commission Board. The motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Brian abstained).

Shawn presented Council with amended Ordinance #976, an ordinance fixing the salaries for employees of the city for 2019. The amended ordinance included changes to the police overtime

rate, the longevity rate of two employees, and an increase in pay for the sewage operator who will be also be taking on the role of additional maintenance work. All changes were outlined in bold. After discussion, Connie made the motion to approve the amended Ordinance #976. Jack seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Shawn presented Council with Ordinance #981, an ordinance which updated the city's policy on Fair Housing in accordance to the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The city's previous ordinance needed to be updated to apply for future OCRA grants, among others. Following a brief discussion, Jack made the motion to adopt Ordinance #981. The motion was seconded by Connie. Motion carried 5-0.

Utility Superintendent Russell Vaught presented copies of an updated Storm Water Ordinance for their review. Russell explained that a representative from Lochmuller Group will be present at the first meeting in February to answer any questions about the ordinance. The first reading of the ordinance will take place at that meeting with the second reading and potential adoption of the ordinance at the February 25, 2019 council meeting.

Council was given a list of planned events for 2019 at the Pickelseimer Building prepared by Karen Chilman. Terms for use of the building will be added to the agenda for the January 28, 2019 city council meeting.

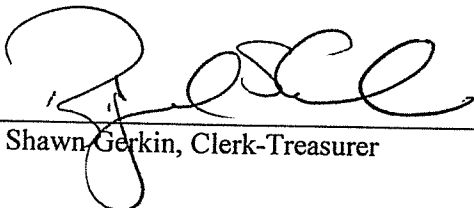
Brian made the motion that Robin Brown, Director of Golf for the city's municipal golf course, be suspended until further notice for possible violation of the city's employee handbook. The motion was seconded by Connie. Motion carried 4-1 (Jack).


Brad Bender requested a Board of Works meeting for February 14, 2019 at 9:00 AM to open bids for work on Buckeye Street.

Park Director Chad Speer informed Council that Gosman Construction was awarded the contract to demo the old pool in the amount of \$37,900.00 at the December 27, 2018 Board of Works meeting.

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

Connie made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Brian. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

  
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R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Mike Ochs, Mayor