

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
JUNE 24, 2019

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
 Jack Kelley
 Connie Rayburn
 Trent Wisner
 Jerry Lamb

Guests present: James Webster, Chad Speer, Robin Brown, Brad Bender, Chris Lowe, Barbara King, Ethan Speer, Elise Allen, Jeff Shinolt, Mike Cole, Josh Hall, and Joanie Van Horn.

Connie made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 city council meeting as written and presented. The motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 5-0.

Fire Chief Mike Cole introduced the department's new mascot "Fire Pup". The dog outfit will be used by the department to help educate children on fire safety. The costume will be on display at the department's annual Fourth of July pancake breakfast and then be introduced at the elementary schools in October. The costume came at a cost of nearly \$3000.00, with the funds coming from donations.

Council discussed the Stellar Building at 50 Short Street. FPBH recently concluded an assessment on the building and determined there is a substantial amount of work to be done to the building before it could be used for the Smithsonian Exhibit in December. The main causes of concern include the need of a new rubber roof and a structurally unsound brick façade. Other less critical issues include door threshold's that are not ADA compliant, heavy condensation within the building, and lighting that needs replaced. Electrical and plumbing components appear in good condition. Building manager Elise Allen produced quotes for some of the work that needs completed. Brian made the motion to Brad Bender examine the quotes and delegate the award of work to the Board of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0. A Board of Works meeting was scheduled for July 1, 2019 at 9:30 AM.

Park Director Chad Speer updated council on both the Tripton Park and new city pool projects. Both projects have been delayed due to poor weather. The grand opening event for Tripton Park, originally scheduled for August 3rd, has been postponed indefinitely. The hope is that the splash pad portion of the pool will be opened in September.

Utility Superintendent Russell Vaught told council that the slurry wall project at the stone quarry will begin after the week of July 4th.


Police Chief James Webster asked that a building needs assessment team be formed to continue to look into the possibility of a new police station in the future.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor