

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER  
MAY 29, 2019

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM 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 (absent)

Councilmembers:        Brian Hatfield  
                                  Jack Kelley (absent)  
                                  Connie Rayburn  
                                  Trent Wisner  
                                  Jerry Lamb

Guests present: Rick Marksberry, Chad Speer, James Webster, Robin Brown, Kevin Stark, George Prather, Barb King, Chris Lowe, and Zach Ruble.

Connie made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 city council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 4-0.

Shawn completed the second reading of amended Ordinance #878. The current ordinance prohibits the consumption or possess of any alcoholic beverages in or on park property. The amendment would allow the council, by majority vote, to waive the law and allow alcohol within certain areas of Tripton Park during special events. Connie made the motion to adopt the amended Ordinance #878 and the motion was seconded by Trent. Discussion ensued. Jerry noted that he refuses to support any ordinance that would promote the use of alcohol. Following discussion, motion carried 3-1 (Jerry).

Shawn completed the second reading of Ordinance #983, an ordinance that prohibits parking on the south side of High Street from State Street to Stockwell Streets. Connie made the motin to approve Ordinance #983 and the motion was seconded by Brian. Motion carried 4-0. Council then discussed if there were other streets to consider limiting parking on one or both sides of the streets if, by doing so, it inhibited other vehicles, including emergency vehicles.

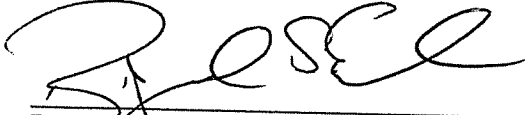
Shawn completed the second reading of Ordinance #984, an ordinance that changes the maximum speed limits on West Walnut Street to 30 MPH from State Street to Norris Avenue, 35 MPH from Norris Avenue to Hayden Pike, and 45 MPH from Hayden Pike to the western most corporate city limits. Trent made the motion to adopt Ordinance #984 and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Following discussion, the motion was carried 4-0.

Shawn completed the seconded reading of Ordinance #985, an ordinance that authorizes and regulates the use of certain recreational off-road vehicles within the city of North Vernon. Connie made the motion to adopt Ordinance #985 and the motion was seconded by Trent. Following discussion, the motion was carried 4-0.

Shawn informed council that the North Vernon Redevelopment Commission had voted in favor to pay for the costs associated with the construction of a slurry wall at the quarry in an effort to reduce the water hardness of the water in the quarry. Total project costs are \$550,000.00

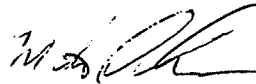
Jerry made the motion to pay the claims presented and the motion was seconded by Connie.  
Motion to pay the claims carried 4-0.

Connie made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Trent. Motion  
to adjourn carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.



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R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



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Mike Ochs, Mayor