

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
SEPTEMBER 9, 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
 Jerry Lamb
 Connie Rayburn
 Trent Wisner

Guests present: Barbara King, Jeff Shinolt, Chuck Waggoner, Keith Messer, James Webster, Russell Vaught, Mike Cole, Marie Shepherd, Elise Allen, Steve Elsner, Rick Marksberry, Chad Speer, Chris Lowe, Will Spencer, Ray Hughes, Robin Brown, Wade Eaglin, and Brad Bender.

Connie made the motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2019 city council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0.

APC Director Marie Shepherd and NVFD Chief Mike Cole requested from council funding to help pay for a software upgrade that would allow the APC and other agencies, including the fire department, to communicate better in the future with plans, inspections, and violations. After getting demonstrations from a couple different companies which offer the service, the recommendation was to move forward with IWorQ Software. The annual cost of the service is \$8000.00. Marie informed the council that in the next five years, the cost would be split between the city, the county, and CSL at \$2,666.67 each. However, Marie requested that the city pay \$5,333.34 in 2019 as the APC had already exhausted the current budget. Jack made the motion to fund the purchase of the software for \$5,333.34 in 2019 and \$2,666.67 from 2020-2024 pending approval by the county council as well. The motion as seconded by Brian. Following discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Shawn completed the second reading of Ordinance #986, an ordinance creating a golf course recreation board. Jack made the motion to adopt Ordinance #986 and the motion was seconded by Connie. Motion carried 5-0.

As outlined in the ordinance, council made their appointments to the newly formed golf course board as follows: Jack appointed Mary Jo Bender; Jerry appointed Phillip Marsh; Trent appointed Jarrod Daeger; Connie appointed Tony Starkey; and Brian appointed Kathy Eaton-McKalip. Larry recommended that the mayor cause an introductory meeting of the board to discuss expectations and duties and allow the board to meet on their own from that point.

There was a short discussion on the 2020 budget. Shawn explained that the advertised budget needed to be completed by September 13, 2019 and that the public hearing for the 2020 budget was scheduled for September 23, 2019. From that point, Shawn explained that the council could adopt a budget equal to or lower than, but not greater than, the advertised amount October 15th.

Park Director Chad Speer informed the council on the vandalism that occurred in one of the men's restrooms at the park over the weekend.

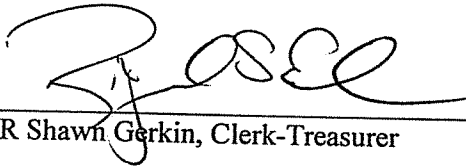
Utility Superintendent Russell Vaught let council know that construction of the sewer line to the most recently annexed area of the city was moving along nicely and that three different areas of the project were now ready to connect.

Water Superintendent Will Spencer said the dewatering well was about ½ complete and estimated full completion in the next week or two. It will take a significant rain after completion before it can be determined if the slurry wall and dewater well project, designed to reduce the hardness of water at the quarry, is successful.

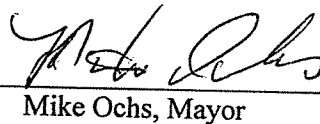
Connie made the motion to pay the claims presented and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion to pay the claims carried 5-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor