

**PUBLIC BOARD OF WORKS & SAFETY MEETING
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
JUNE 1, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.**

The meeting was opened with roll call by Clerk-Treasurer Shawn Gerkin.

Board Members: Mike Ochs

Jerry Lamb

Trent Wisner

Attorney: Larry Greathouse (absent)

Clerk-Treasurer: R. Shawn Gerkin

Asst. Clk. Treasurer: Rita L. Elmore

Guest present: Mike Cole; Chad Speer and Tanya Burnette.

Board Member Lamb made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 as written and presented; seconded by Board Member Ochs, motion carried 3-0.

Several items were discussed about the mowing and the upkeep at the Tripton Park with Chad Speer, Park Director including mowing and maintenance. After discussion Board Member Ochs made the motion to have the Park & Recreation Department be in charge of the maintenance including mowing at Tripton Park; seconded by Board Member Wisner, motion carried 3-0.

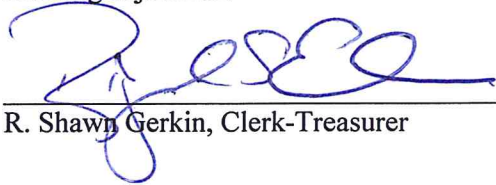
Board Member Ochs informed the Board the annual Fireworks will not be held on July 4th but moved to Labor Day weekend at the City Park.

Park Director Speer informed the Board no adult/youth tournaments can be held until after July 4th per Governor Holcomb guidelines.

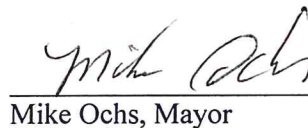
Fire Chief Cole presented the Board a proposal from Lexipol which would incorporate a policy manual for the NV Fire Department. Board Member Wisner made the motion to allow Fire Chief Cole to investigate with no commitment with Lexipol for the policy manual for the NV Fire Department; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 3-0.

At 10:48 a.m., Board Member Lamb stated if there was no further business to discuss, he would make the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Board Member Ochs, motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned.



R. Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
JUNE 8, 2020

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
 Baron Wilder
 Trent Wisner

Guests present: Police Chief James Webster, Austin Grunden, Shannon Grunden, Stephanie Grunden, Tim Hunt, Tanya Burnette, Jon Adams, Marie Shepherd, Wes Thayer, Adam Driver, Mike Holliday, Allison Biehle, Tyler Stock, Rick Marksberry, Chris Manning, Christina Manning, Eric Pettit, Chad Speer, and Barbara King.

Baron made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2020 city council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Ochs formally swore in Austin Grunden as the city's newest police officer in front of family and friends.

Allison Biehle was present to request from Council the rezone of properties located at 115, 117, 121, and 127 North State Street from Commercial to Commercial Planned Business. Mrs. Biehle has recently purchased the properties from Tom & Diana Taylor and plans to tear down the four houses and build a new dental office. Jack made the motion to approve the rezone request and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Lamb abstained).

Marie Shepherd, Area Plan Director, requested a rezone of the property at 112 East Main Street from Commercial Office to Residential Single Family on behalf of Phillip & Donita Layman. Jerry made the motion to approve the rezone and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0.

Jerry Ford, being represented by Eric Pettit, would like to rezone the property at 855 South St Street from Commercial Single Site to Commercial Planned Business. Mr. Pettit is in the process of buying the property from Mr. Ford and plans to build an 80'X40' pole building with doors and a showroom to operate a retail business. Jack made the motion to approve the rezone request and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 5-0.

Pamela Israel, being represented by Christina Manning, would like to rezone the property at 54 North Gum Street from Residential Duplex to Commercial Planned Business so she can operate a home day care at the sight. The request comes with the stipulation that if the property is sold or the daycare business is ceased, the zoning will revert back to residential single family. Discussion turned to the lack of parking on the street and concern about extra vehicular traffic in

the area. Jack made the motion to approve the rezone request and the motion was seconded by Trent. Motion carried 3-2 (Lamb & Hatfield opposed).

Tim Hunt, representing HWC Engineering, made the recommendation review the city's street cut ordinance as he believed it was lacking in the distinction between residential and commercial properties and driveways. Street Superintendent Rick Marksberry, APC Director Marie Shepherd, and Tim Hunt will make recommendations with City Attorney Larry Greathouse to amend the ordinance and present to council with recommended changes in the near future.

Police Chief James Webster informed council that a request was made by city police officer Todd Fleetwood to privately purchase his agency issued rifle. The chief explained that officers are eligible to purchase all or part of their issued equipment within General Order 29. The Sig Sauer M400 .223 Rifle (SN 20L024846) was appraised by trade-in with a value of \$671.50 and the department is agreeable to sell the rifle to officer Fleetwood for the appraised value as allowable by IC 5-22-22-6. Baron made the motion to approve the sale of the rifle and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0.

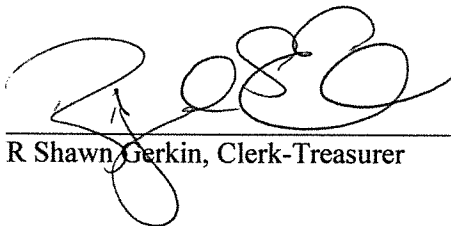
Trent requested use of the city stage for July 4th on behalf of the Jennings County Small Business Coalition, as they are planning a firework celebration and other entertainment at the Jennings County Fairgrounds on July 4th. At this time, the group wishes to reserve the stage but have not yet requested the waiver of fees.

Those in attendance were reminded by Park Director Chad Speer that the grand opening of the city's new aquatic center was scheduled for 11:45 AM on Sunday, June 14, 2020.

Brian made a motion that a new housing study group be formed of six members, three of which will be appointed by the mayor and three of which would be appointed by council. The motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 5-0. Appointments to the group will be named at the council's June 22nd meeting.

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

Trent made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor

**PUBLIC BOARD OF WORKS & SAFETY MEETING
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
JUNE 18, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.**

The meeting was opened with roll call by Asst. Clerk Treasurer Rita Elmore.

Board Members: Mike Ochs
Jerry Lamb
Trent Wisner

Attorney: Larry Greathouse
Clerk-Treasurer: R. Shawn Gerkin
Asst. Clk. Treasurer: Rita L. Elmore

Guest present: Fire Chief Mike Cole; Police Chief James Webster and Park Director Chad Speer.

Board Member Lamb made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting as written and presented; seconded by Board Member Ochs, motion carried 3-0.

Chief of Police Webster recommended to appoint Isaac Barkes to the position of Sergeant effective July 5, 2020. Board Member Lamb made the motion to approve Isaac Barkes as Sergeant; seconded by Board Member Wisner, motion carried 3-0. Chief of Police Webster reported to the Board of a Crown Vic to sell and would like to take bids for it.

Park Director Speer presented Change Order # 5 for the City Pool for Dave O'Mara in the amount of \$2,455.00 for the contract price adjustments due to installation of masonry partition in men's restroom and 5 concrete parking bumpers in the parking lot. Board Member Wisner made the motion to approve Change Order #5; seconded by Board Member Ochs, motion carried 3-0.

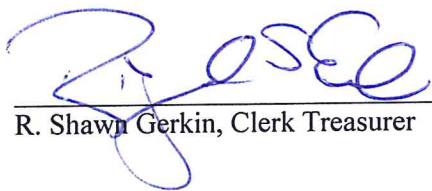
Fire Chief Cole reported back to the Board the annual Fire Policy Manual & Daily Training Bulletins starting 7/1/2020 to 12/31/2020 with Lexipol with the 2021 annual fee of 5,167.00. Board Member Wisner made the motion to approve the agreement with Lexipol; seconded by Board Member Ochs, motion carried 3-0. Fire Chief Cole also reported he has a Crown Vic that could be added to the Police vehicle for bids.

Attorney Greathouse reported to the Board a meeting with Milestone, HWC and FPBH is needed concerning the Buckeye Street Project; and requested that the Mayor's Assistance arrange the meeting.

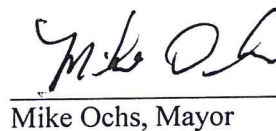
Board Member Wisner requested to have a fire truck present during the fireworks that will be sponsored by local business on July 4th at the fairgrounds. Board Member Ochs made the motion to allow the fire trucks be present; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 2-0-1(Wisner abstaining).

At 9:31 a.m., Board Member Wisner stated if there was no further business to discuss, he would make the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Board Member Ochs, motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned.



R. Shawn Gerkin, Clerk Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
JUNE 22, 2020

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	
	Baron Wilder	(absent)
	Trent Wisner	(absent)

Guests present: Edward Galliher, Isaac Barks, Emily Barks, Adam Driver, Seth Beville, Chad Speer, Keith Messer, Jeff Shinolt, Andrew Richmond, Austin Grunden, Mike Holliday, Ray Hughes, and Barbara King.

Jerry made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2020 City Council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 3-0.

Edward Galliher was present to ask council for permission for him to keep chickens and rabbits inside the city limits. His neighbor had recently called animal control with a complaint and he was told that according to the city/county joint ordinance, he needed the city's permission to have livestock inside the city limits. City Attorney Larry Greathouse, after reviewing the ordinance, told Mr. Galliher he was allowed animals at his home so long as he followed the restrictions set forth in the ordinance. Council discussed having Larry create a city ordinance that was more strict than the joint county ordinance for their consideration in the future.

Lieutenant Keith Messer requested from council an amendment to the 2020 salary ordinance to reflect the promotion of Officer Isaac Barks to sergeant. The promotion was approved unanimously at the June 18, 2020 Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. Jack made the motion to amend Ordinance #988 from officer with 4 years of service at \$21.70/hour to sergeant with 4 years of service at \$23.37/hour. The motion was seconded by Brian. Motion carried 3-0.

Shawn spoke briefly with the council about his concerns for the 2021 budget, specifically noting the effect COVID-19 could have on revenue. The June property tax distribution is likely to be less than that of previous years due to the extension of the deadline for payments, and other sources of revenue like the state MVH distribution and LIT tax are likely to be less than previous years due to the Coronavirus. In light of so many variables, Shawn recommended no increase to the budget in 2021 from 2020, and a reduction may have to be considered as we get more answers.

Appointments to the housing committee were postponed until the next meeting in July.

Brian made the motion to waive the fee for the city stage for the Jennings County Small Business Coalition's 2020 Freedom Festival on July 4, 2020 at the Jennings County Fairgrounds and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion to waive the fee carried 3-0.

Jack made the motion to cancel the city's firework display show on Labor Day Weekend. He suggested that in light of the fireworks show taking place on July 4th weekend at the Jennings County Fairgrounds, as well as the potential shortcomings in next years budget, perhaps it was best to save the money spent on the fireworks show. The motion was seconded by Jerry. After discussion, the motion carried 2-1 (Hatfield against).

Jerry made the motion to approve the claims for payment and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion to pay the claims carried 3-0.

Brian made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor