

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
MAY 11, 2020

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM by Council President Brian Hatfield with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin completed roll call:

Mayor- Mike Ochs (absent)

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, Tim Hunt, Tanya Burnette, Lee-Lee Ernstes, Matt Hurley, and Will Spencer.

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

Matt Hurley, representing Pike Electric, explained to council that Pike is set to start a project of upgrading the electrical service line and poles for Duke Energy from State Farm Insurance on North State Street north along Highway 7 to county road 275 West. Pike would like to use a designated area near the quarry property owned by the city to store trucks, poles, equipment, etc. Matt explained the contract for use of the property would include a waiver of all liability for the city. Jack made the motion to allow Pike use of the property for staging, pending attorney review of the agreement, up until December 31, 2020 if necessary, for no fee and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 5-0.

Lee-Lee Ernstes gave a presentation to council explaining her recommendation of sustaining and building on the city website that she has created and her belief of the importance of the city having a media relations position. Lee-Lee explained that she's moving into a different line of work and will no longer be able to help the city with the website. Options were discussed but no motions or action took place.

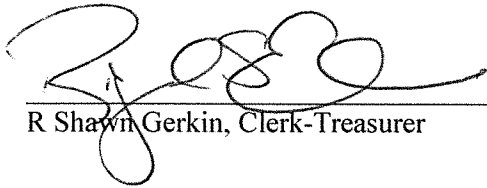
Tim Hunt, representing HWC Engineering, discussed the potential sites for a new city police station, the rough design plans for the Walnut Street project, and the 2020 Community Crossroad Matching Grant (CCMG) project, among other items. No motions or action took place.

Shawn informed council that the next scheduled meeting, the fourth Monday of May, falls on Memorial Day and asked about rescheduling the meeting. After discussion, it was noted that the next city council meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:00.

Council instructed Shawn to add council appointments to the Festival committee to the agenda for the next council meeting. It was also mentioned that representatives from the Park Theatre group would be interested in working with the Festival committee in helping to organize future events.

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

Jack made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion
carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor

**PUBLIC BOARD OF WORKS & SAFETY MEETING
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
MAY 20, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.**

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

Board Members: Mike Ochs (arrived late)
Jerry Lamb
Trent Wisner

Attorney: Larry Greathouse

Clerk-Treasurer: R. Shawn Gerkin

Asst. Clk. Treasurer: Rita L. Elmore

Guest present: James Webster; Keith Messer, Jr.; Mike Cole; Tim Hunt, Lewie Allen, Travis Walters w/HWC; Kathy McKalip w/INDOT and Tanya Burnett.

Board Member Lamb made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2020 as written and presented; seconded by Board Member Wisner, motion carried 2-0.

Fire Chief Cole announced to the Board his department will be postponing the hiring process until January 2021.

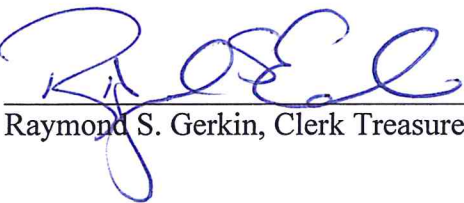
Chief of Police Webster presented a Policier Officer Applicant Review for Austin D. Grunden as an officer with the NVPD for the Board's review. After reviewing the applicant, Board Member Wisner made the motion to accept the Chief Webster recommendation to hire Austin D. Grunden; seconded by Board Member Lamb, motion carried 2-0.

Lewie Allen presented the Board with drawings for the upcoming 2 year, 80/20 match, INDOT-Walnut Street Project, DES # 1702963. Several design items and the maintenance of traffic plan were given for Board's review.

Board Member Lamb made the motion to approve the claim submitted for HWC for payment; seconded by Board Member Wisner, motion carried 3-0.

At 11:56 a.m., Board Member Lamb stated if there was not further business to discuss, he would make the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Board Member Wisner, motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned.



Raymond S. Gerkin, Clerk Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor

**NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
MAY 27, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM by Mayor Mike Ochs with prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Asst. Clk. Treasurer Rita Elmore completed roll call:

Mayor-Mike Ochs

Clerk-Treasurer-R. Shawn Gerkin (absent)

Attorney-Larry Greathouse

Councilmember-Brian Hatfield

Jack Kelley

Jerry Lamb

Baron Wilder

Trent Wisner

Street Commissioner-Rick Marksberry

Chief of Police-James Webster

Fire Chief-Mike Cole

Park Director-Chad Speer

Golf Director-Robin Brown

Water Superintendent-Will Spencer

Wastewater Superintendent-Russell Vaught

NV ETC Director-Elise Allen

Asst. Clk. Treasurer-Rita L. Elmore

Guest present: Kathy Ertel; Marie Shepherd; Ronda Brierty-Hall and Barbara King.

Councilman Wisner made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 meeting as written and presented; seconded by Councilman Kelley, motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Ochs presented each department head a certificate of appreciation.

Councilman Hatfield presented VISA gift cards to the winners of the Cities Biggest Loser Contest which had 13 employees for 2 months to the following: 1st place-Russell Vaught; 2nd place-Shane Marsh and 3rd place-Mike Piirto.

Chief of Police Webster was present to approve the ratification of the budget to hire Austin Grunden as a NVPD Officer. Councilman Wisner made the motion to ratify the budget to hire Austin Grunden to the NVPD; seconded by Councilman Wilder, motion carried 5-0.

Kathy Ertel presented an SB1 form for Layman Fabrication; Resolution #2020-677 for Council approval, this is a 5 year tax abatement. Councilman Kelley made the motion to approve Resolution #2020-677 for Layman Fabrication; seconded by Councilman Hatfield, motion carried 4-0-1(Lamb abstaining).

Rhonda Brierty-Hall a Licensed Health Care Navigator w/Community Action of Southern Indiana and asked the Council if they would consider funding a Health Care Navigator position in the city. The Council questioned the amount that is being requested and if she had spoken with the County, she stated approximately \$50,000 which would include equipment and she was planning to speak with the County on possible funding. No action was taken on this request.

Marie Shepherd w/APC presented a rezoning request for Nancy Amick and Tyler Amick to rezone 4.457 acres from Agriculture to Residential Multi-Family to bring into compliance; commonly known as 2210 N Totten Court, North Vernon. Councilman Kelly made the motion to approve the rezoning request for 2210 N. Totten Court, North Vernon; seconded by Councilman Wilder, motion carried 5-0.

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Festival Committee Appointments were made as follows:

- Baron Wilder appointed Mary Kilgore
- Jack Kelley appointed Stephanie Sentz
- Trent Wisner appointed Kathy Dove
- Jerry Lamb appointed Deb Martin
- Brian Hatfield appointed Melissa Hatfield.

Downtown Community Garden Maintenance was discussed as well as mowing at the Tripton Park, budgets will be given to the Council for their review before their next meeting.

Chief of Police Webster presented the following General Orders for approval: #14-Conduct; #16-Organisation and Essential Job Functions; #21-Conditional Offer of Employment; #27-Evaluation; #28-Fitness; #29-Separation of Employment. Councilman Kelley made the motion to approve the General Orders presented; seconded by Councilman Wilder, motion carried 5-0.


Bailey Wilder was introduced as the Cities website manager.

Councilman Hatfield informed the Council he was approached by Brandi Zamoria if the City would be interested in participating in adopt a road program; the Council asked for more information as well as a budget, no action taken.

Councilman Kelley made the motion to approve payment for the claims that were submitted for payment; seconded by Councilman Wisner, motion carried 5-0.

At 7:20 p.m., Councilman Wilder stated if there was no further business to discuss, he would make the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman Kelley, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.



Rita L. Elmore, Assistant Clerk Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor