

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE BUILDING
MAY 23, 2022

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM by Mayor Mike Ochs with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Treasurer Shawn Gerkin completed roll call.

Mayor- Mike Ochs

Clerk-Treasurer- R Shawn Gerkin

Attorney- Larry Greathouse

Councilmembers: Jerry Lamb
 Jack Kelley

Baron Wilder
Trent Wisner

Guests Present: Jeff Shinolt, Lee Baker, Kathy Ertel, Morgan Webster, Chad Speer, Robin Brown, Keith Messer, Garrie Ritchie, and Marie Shepherd.

Jack made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 City Council meeting as written and presented and the motion was seconded by Jerry. Motion carried 4-0.

Jennings County Economic Development Director Kathy Ertel was present to give final totals on the businesses helped during the Jennings County Disaster Relief & Assistance Phase II and Phase III Grant program. Sixty-Four different businesses within the county were helped with financial assistance from the CBDG grant. Twenty-Six businesses within the city limits were granted \$239,954.00. As required by the grant, the meeting was opened to the public for comment but no public comments were made. Trent made the motion to close the public hearing portion of the meeting and the motion was seconded by Jack. Motion carried 4-0.

Area Plan Director Marie Shepherd informed council that she had been approached with a request from a gentleman wishes to open a guitar store in a small 12X20 storage building in the Furniture & Things parking lot at 1357 North State Street. Council discussed their desire to eliminate such requests from being granted, as well as discussed food trucks and storage containers. No motion or action took place at this time.

Shawn ran an update provided by Tim Hunt from HWC Engineering on the erosion control project at Tripton Park, the dead end on Brookwater Drive, and the requests from Lee Baker, property owner at 46 South Gum Street, from the previous council meeting.

Park Director Chad Speer informed council that the park suffered some wind damage due to the storms that passed through last Thursday and Saturday, as well as letting those in attendance know that the city pool would be opened for the summer beginning May 28th.

Street Commissioner Garrie Ritchie discussed a nearly fallen tree bordered city property at 212 Long Street and recommended the city pay to have it removed before it fell on a neighboring tree. He'd get a quote to take it down. He also said the department was very busy trying to catch up on tree debris due to the recent storms. Discussion also ensued on getting part time summer help from students to help the street department during summer months.

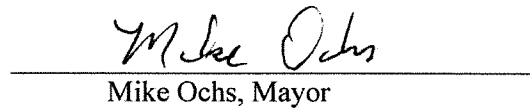
Jerry made the motion to pay the claims presented and the motion was seconded by Trent. Motion to pay the claims carried 4-0.

Trent made the motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Baron. Motion to adjourn carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor