NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
AUGUST 10, 2015

The meeting was opened by Mayor Harold Campbell with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin completed roll call:
Mayor- Harold N. Campbell
Clerk-Treasurer- R Shawn Gerkin
Attorney- John Roche
Councilmembers-Brian Hatfield
Matthew Hurley
Michael Ochs
Connie Rayburn
David Shaw
Street Commissioner- Rick Marksberry
Chief of Police- James Webster
Fire Chief- Rick McGill
Park Director- Chad Speer
Water Superintendent- Mike Hess
Wastewater Superintendent- Russell Vaught (absent)
Golf Course Manager- Robin Brown
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Jeff Shinolt, Randall Marshall, Chris Ertel, Barbara King, Eric Frey, Chuck Heintzelman, Shana Richmond, and Ardell Mitchell.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2015 City Council meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 4-0-1. (Hatfield abstained)

Shana Richmond, representing St. Mary's Parish, requested the closing of Clay Street along the side of the Parish Center and Washington Street from Clay Street to Madison Avenue from September 9, 2015 to September 14, 2015 to accommodate the upcoming St. Mary's Parish Festival. Councilman Shaw made the motion to accept the request for street closings, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Ardell Mitchell with Harmon Construction, project manager for the City on the 5th Street Fire Restoration Project, informed Council that cleanup is progressing well. The only hold up on moving forward is the property at 24 5th Street. The City has a signed agreement with the property owner, but there is a lien on the property that has yet to be released by Mainsource Bank. Mr. Mitchell asked Council for the authority to pursue eminent domain condemnation if unable to execute the accepted offer. Councilman Hatfield moved to allow moving forward on condemnation on 24 5th Street, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.

Eric Frey, Executive Director with Administrative Resources, (ARa) and Chuck Heintzelman with Milestone Ventures, Inc. presented Council their proposed plan for Triton Place, a senior rental community to potentially be built on the block of 5th Street. The proposed plan includes an estimated 26 apartments. The City of North Vernon would need to submit an application for the State's next round of tax credits, due November 2, 2015. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Hatfield made the motion to move forward with the plan proposed by Mr. Frey and Mr. Heintzelman, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Also discussed was the need to have the property, currently owned by the North Vernon Redevelopment Commission (NVRC), donated to a nonprofit organization. The proposed plan would have Southern

Indiana Housing and Community Development Corporation (SIHCDC) as the developer of the property. Mr. Frey explained to Council that if the City were not awarded the tax credits during this round of funding and/or should the project not become a reality, the contract would call for the property to be returned to the City of North Vernon. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to direct the NVRC to deed the property to the non-profit organization as needed, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 5-0.

Police Chief James Webster requested that $3000.00 by transferred from the police general budget from 101-000-06-206 (gasoline) to 101-000-06-345 (building maintenance) so work could be completed at the police shooting range, which took on damage during the recent storms. Councilman Ochs made the motion to allow the transfer, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin presented Council with a previously approved LPA-Consulting Contract between the City and HWC Engineering for construction inspection of the Muscatatuck Trail project. The contract, approved at a Board of Works meeting, had the contract sum incorrectly entered as $99,886.35. The amount should have read $96,503.26. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to approve the contract at the correct amount, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin also presented two claims related to the Muscatatuck Trail Project. The claims were for parcel #9 on the project, located at 410 South Sum Street. One claim was to the Jennings County Treasurer in the amount of $219.47, which pays the spring property taxes on the property, the other was to Adam K. Russelburg, owner of the property, in the amount of $1580.53 for property acquisition. Councilman Shaw made the motion to approve the two claims, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 5-0.

Street Commissioner Rick Marksberry informed Council that the work being done for the dedication to Pat O'Connor, which is to be unveiled Saturday, August 15, 2015, is near completion. Claims for the project were presented to Council for approval. Councilman Ochs made the motion to pay the claims for the project from the Council's Landscaping appropriation within the general budget, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 5-0.

Water Superintendent Mike Hess informed Council that the utility department was able to find a leak at the business of Barbara McCoy on East Walnut Street (discussed at the previous City Council meeting) and that the problem had been fixed.

Fire Chief Rick McGill told Council that the reserve engine may be seen out on runs as the new engine is in Indianapolis getting some warranty work completed. Also, the tornado siren malfunctioned during testing last month. A proposal to replace the siren from Owens Communications was presented in the amount of $20,076.00. No motion or action was taken at this time.

City Engineer Brad Bender told Council that quotes for work at the two locations discussed as upcoming CEDIT projects would be opened during the Council meeting of September 14, 2015.

Councilman Shaw made a motion to pay all the claims presented, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion to pay the claims approved 5-0.

Councilman Hatfield made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer

Harold N. Campbell, Mayor