

**NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
MARCH 30, 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 (absent)

Chief of Police- James Webster

Fire Chief- Rick McGill (absent)

Park Director- Chad Speer

Water Superintendent- Mike Hess (absent)

Wastewater Superintendent- Russell Vaught

Golf Course Manager- Robin Brown

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Kevin & Dara Dougherty, Karen Thayer, Shanda Thayer, Steve Thayer, Karen Snyder, Lucas Newsom, Brandy Blevins, Ivory Sandefur, Jeff Shinolt, Adam Simmons, Randall Marshall, Craig Kipper, Matt Staples, Andrew Richmond, Barbara King, and Jack Kelley.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2015 City Council meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Ochs. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Campbell presented each Councilmember a plaque from the November 20, 2014 fire in downtown.

Kevin & Dana Dougherty were present requesting \$500 from the Council for Pork-n-the Park which is a BBQ Cook Off that will be held May 1st and 2nd and will be at the City Park. The organization sponsoring this event is Jennings County Hope Foundation, a 501 C not for profit with the pass thru account with the Jennings County Community Foundation. Councilman Ochs made the motion to give the \$500 from the Council's Civic Interest; seconded by Councilman Shaw, motion carried 5-0.

Chief of Police Webster informed the Council the Safety Board met on March 9, 2015 and have recommended Wesley Thayer be hired as the City's newest police officer. He also requested that the department utilize the option of lateral pay and start Mr. Thayer at one year on the matrix. Councilman Shaw made the motion to confirm Wesley Thayer hire; seconded by Councilman Ochs, motion carried 5-0. Mayor Campbell then gave the oath of office to Officer Wesley Thayer.

Chief of Police Webster requested a transfer of funds within the Police Budget of the following:
From 101-000-06-118 Police Pension of \$5500.00 to 101-000-06-345 Bldg. Maintenance
From 101-000-06-100 Police Salaries of \$4000.00 to 101-000-06-345 Bldg. Maintenance
Councilman Ochs made the motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn, motion carried 5-0.

Chief of Police Webster told Council the department would like to have a portion of the old City Garage transformed into a workout facility for the FOP. The utilities will be discussed with the Water & Sewer Department. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to allow the department to take the first steps

necessary to look into moving the gym equipment in to the old garage, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 5-0.

Brad Bender requested guidance on the CEDIT project for W. O & M Avenue and Elm Street, Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to proceed with the project, seconded by Councilman Hatfield, motion carried 5-0.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to proceed with the CEDIT project for Henry Street and Veterans Drive, seconded by Councilman Hurley, motion carried 5-0.

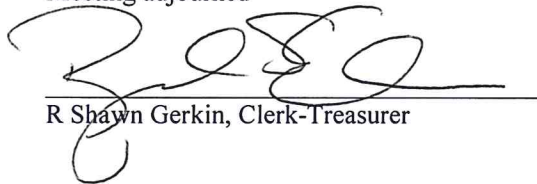
Park Director Speer reported the soccer season starts on Thursday; baseball is going on and the staff for the North Vernon City Pool are being hired.

Golf Director Brown reported currently have 92 memberships and the meetings for the men's and women's league are held; there has been 125 rounds of golf for March using cart paths only.

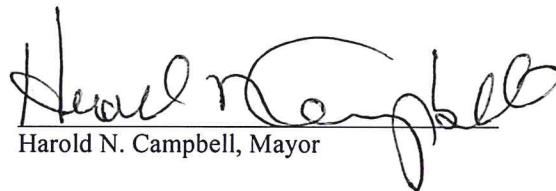
Councilman Ochs made the motion to approve payment for the claims submitted for payment, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn, motion carried 5-0.

At 7:00 p.m. Councilman Hatfield stated if there was no further business to conduct, he would make the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Shaw, motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Harold N. Campbell, Mayor