

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
APRIL 13, 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 (absent)

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, Carl Conklin, Wilma Morris, Jean Marling, Better Young, Linda Wright, Virginia Vincent, Catherine Smith, Linda Morrissey, Starlene Ross, Betty Bryant, Jack Kelley, Barbara King, Anita Reed, Ardell Mitchell, Laura Gilbert, Bonnie Sampson, Wanda Dewar, Christine Anderson, Fern Haysler, Mary Evelyn Smith, Ellen Moore, Betty Boardman, Kathy Whitaker, JoAnn Glasson, Barbara Frische, Virginia Richardson, Velma Marling, Jackie Rockey, Marie Shepherd, Sue Beesley, Lisa Jones-Plessinger, Magon Works, Brandy Taulbee, Adam Simmons, and Tim Beineke.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 30, 2015 City Council meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Hurley. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Campbell recognized and honored the group of "Foster Grandparents" who attended.

Marie Shepherd, representing both the Chamber of Commerce as well as "Team Up for Clean Up", along with Jack Kelley, Lisa Jines-Plessinger, and Anita Reed, spoke with Council about an idea to get the community back on track. The group had a concern about downtown businesses or lack thereof, long-term use of the new Stellar Plaza, landscaping efforts, etc. and hopes the new group can work with City officials to come up with a solution to the problem.

Ardell Mitchell, representing Harmon Construction, gave Council a brief update on the "5th Street Restoration Project". Mr. Mitchell informed Council that offers to purchase the buildings from the owners by the City of North Vernon have been agreed to in principal and that closings on the property will most likely take place in early May. The next step of the project is the design stage and creating bid documents for bids to take the buildings down, among other plans to make the space "developer ready". Councilman Hurley made the motion to direct Harmon Construction to move forward with the design phase of the project, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 4-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin told Council that he continues to work with PERF and Fire Chief Rick McGill in getting the City's first firefighter hired. He informed Council that before PERF will issue a unit identification number for the 1977 fund, the Council had to pass a resolution electing to join, similar to what was done for the police department years earlier. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept

Resolution #628, a "Resolution Electing to Join the 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension and Disability Fund", seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion carried 4-0.

Sue Beesley presented Council with Resolution 627-2015, a resolution approving an amended economic development plan of the Redevelopment Commission. The resolution is needed in preparation the current bond the NVRC is working on obtaining. Acquisition and demolition of the 5th Street buildings destroyed by the fire, water improvements at the former quarry, and a new hangar at the airport have been named as future projects. Councilman Shaw made the motion to accept Resolution 627-2015, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 4-0. A resolution to do the bond itself will be presented at the April 27, 2015 City Council meeting.

Chad Speer told Council that the Farmer's Market has requested asphalt around Shelter House #2. Mr. Speer and Street Commissioner Rick Marksberry will look into getting estimated prices on the project before a decision will be made.

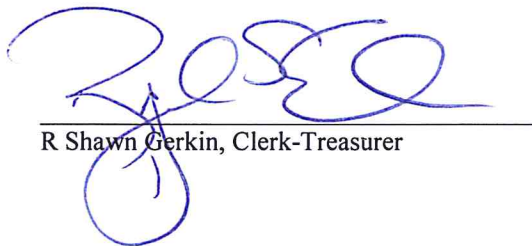
Tim Beineke informed Council that there has been some confusion as to where the boundaries are on and around Edgewood Drive. Council instructed City Engineer Brad Bender to survey the area.

Brad Bender also told the Council that State Highway 3 North of town, now within the City limits, would fall under the same speed limit statute as the rest of the city, currently 30 mph. A motion to change the speed limit was tabled. Also, Mr. Bender presented a change order from Harmon Construction on working being completed at Fire Station #61 in the amount of \$2875.00. Councilman Shaw made the motion to accept the change order, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 4-0.

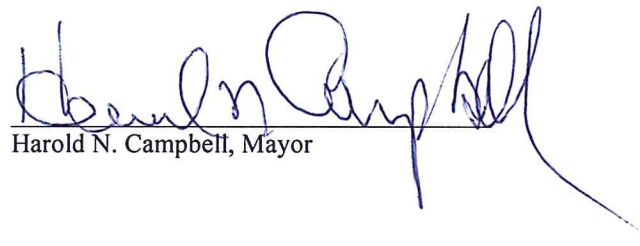
Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to pay the claims presented, seconded by Councilman Shaw. Motion to pay the claims approved 4-0.

Councilman Hatfield made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion to adjourn carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Harold N. Campbell, Mayor