

NORTH VERNON CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CARNEGIE GOVERNMENT CENTER
143 EAST WALNUT, N VERNON, IN 47265
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:15 PM
APRIL 10, 2017 AT 6:00 PM

The meeting was opened by Mayor Mike Ochs with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk-Treasurer Gerkin completed roll call:

Mayor- Mike Ochs

Clerk-Treasurer- R Shawn Gerkin

Attorney- Larry Greathouse

Councilmembers-Brian Hatfield

Jack Kelley

Jerry Lamb

Connie Rayburn

Trent Wisner

Assistant Clerk-Treasurer- Rita Elmore (absent)

Guests present: Richard Morin, Marie Shepherd, Elaina Freeman, Barbara King, Chuck Waggoner, and Chris Lowe.

Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to accept the minutes of the March 27, 2017 City Council meeting as written and presented, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 5-0.

North Vernon Redevelopment Commission attorney Chuck Waggoner presented Mayor Ochs with the 2016 NVRC annual report.

Area Plan Director Marie Shepherd presented rezone requests for three individual properties.

Kevin and Andy Morin would like to rezone 2.79 acres of their property at 1955 W CR 350 N from agricultural to commercial planned business to build a storage building for their lawn care business. Councilman Hatfield made the motion to waive the two-week waiting period for the request, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 4-1. Councilman Hatfield made the motion to accept the rezone request, seconded by Councilman Lamb. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Larry Greathouse said giving a two notice was not required.

Richard and Katherine Morin would like to rezone a 1.13-acre tract to residential two family and a 1.13-acre tract to residential multi-family at 1785 W CR 300 N and 2990 N Private Rd 175 W. The request has been previously approved by the Area Plan Commission. After discussion, Councilman Wisner made the motion to accept the rezone request, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Motion carries 5-0.

Melanie Harrell was present representing Ohio Valley Opportunities. They would like to rezone 2 acres from residential multi-family to commercial single site to bring the property at 3040 N State Hwy 3 into compliance. The APC previously approved the request. After a brief discussion, Councilman Hatfield made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 5-0.

Park Director Chad Speer and Park Board Member Joe Wahlman, on behalf of the entire park board, recommended to Council that the property previously known as Ford's Crossing be renamed Tripton Park. Councilman Kelley made the motion to have the property renamed Tripton Park, seconded by Councilman Wisner. Motion carried 5-0.

Council determined it would be appropriate to have a joint meeting with the park board and council to discuss recreational opportunities within the City on Monday, May 15, 2016 at 5:00 PM. This will be a meeting open to the public.

Park Director Chad Speer reminded those in attendance that the City's annual Easter egg hunt was scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the City Park.

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin informed Council that he had received formal notification from WorkOne that they will be terminating their lease for space at the ETC building, located at 1200 W O&M Avenue. Clerk Treasurer Gerkin informed Council that WorkOne would like to stay in the building and/or maintain a presence in the community in one form or another. Council asked if Kurt Kegerreis, director of the Southeast Indiana Workforce Board, could attend the next Council meeting to discuss options. Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to table any decisions regarding the termination of the lease until next meeting, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Larry Greathouse spoke to Council about the solar project. He explained how the committee (made up of Clerk Treasurer Gerkin, City Engineer Brad Bender, and himself) recommend going forward with the project and accepting the proposal of Johnson Melloh providing that 1) the City is able to obtain financing that is satisfactory to the project as discussed, 2) the project contracts and guarantees are reviewed and approved by the bank and attorneys involved, and 3) it is assured by bond/legal counsel that the financing does NOT affect the City's ability to borrow money in the future as the loan will be part of a guaranteed energy savings project and repaid by previously appropriated funds. Councilman Kelley moved to accept the Johnson Melloh proposal upon those terms, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 4-1 (Lamb).

After discussion of LOIT funds and the need for an additional appropriation to those funds between Clerk Treasurer Gerkin and Council, Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to purchase the tornado siren (presented to Council the previous meeting) from LOIT funds for installation in Industrial Park, seconded by Councilman Hatfield. Motion carried 5-0.

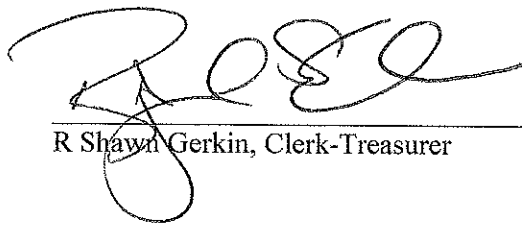
Chief Webster presented Council with quotes obtained for two new Dodge Chargers for the police department. Councilman Lamb made the motion to purchase the two cars from Garlitch FCDJ for \$41,440, noting their contributions to the community. The motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Hatfield made the motion to purchase the two cars from John Jones for \$38,790.00 from the LOIT fund, seconded by Councilwoman Rayburn. Motion carried 4-1 (Lamb).

Clerk Treasurer Gerkin informed Council that the maintenance position had been advertised and applications/resumes were due to his office by April 21, 2017.

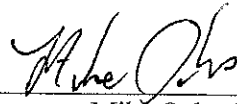
Councilwoman Rayburn made the motion to pay the claims, seconded by Councilman Wisner.
Motion carried 5-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.



R Shawn Gerkin, Clerk-Treasurer



Mike Ochs, Mayor