

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**

July 22, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Tomlinson.

The invocation was given by Pastor Keith Stoller.

On call of the roll: Markward, Marshall, Agler, Trittschuh, Penton and Mergy were present with Straley absent.

Agler motioned to approve Straley's absence. Seconded by Mergy. All concurred.

Mergy made a motion to approve the agenda as amended for the July 22nd meeting. Seconded by Trittschuh. All concurred.

Trittschuh motioned to approve the 7/08/19 amended minutes. Seconded by Agler with Markward, Marshall, and Penton concurring. Mergy abstained.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

President Tomlinson mentioned House Bill 166 and that there is no mention of local government funds or that it makes any significant contribution to our budgeting and financing. Markward stated that Page 5 had verbiage about funds. The mayor indicated he would contact our representative for clarification. An F permit was requested for the 2019 Harvest Moon festival and there is a request for the city to grant a liquor permit for this event. A liquor permit renewal request was announced for the Partee Shop at the last meeting with no public feedback so the approval will be faxed to the state on Monday morning.

Lima Allen County Building Department made a presentation about what services they have to offer our county for building permits.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The Mayor reported that Lori Metzger had been reappointed to the Van Wert County Health Board effective July 12, 2019 – April 1, 2024, she opted out of the Tax Review board to take on more responsibilities at the Health Department. An F2 permit has been filed for the Harvest Moon Festival on September 28, all the paperwork is in. The Chief and Mayor have signed off. East Main Street will be closed off from Washington Street to Walnut Street.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: The combined sewer overflow project is complete, all except for seeding and that will take place in the fall. The firefighter entry-level examinations will be August 24, 2019 at 9am at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center, in the lecture hall. Information packets will be available July 29, 2019 in the fire department watch room. Information will be posted on the website and on Van Wert Works.com. The city is in the process of setting up bid dates for the street maintenance of resurfacing several streets in town, boiler repair and replacement, and a water tower painting project.

AUDITOR: Balyeat reminded city council that the Sunshine Law training is being held on August 29, 2019 at Wright State Lake Campus and that it was a requirement for all elected officials to

take once per term. She presently has certificates from the President, Trittschuh and Straley. She also stated that the training was also available live or online.

LAW DIRECTOR: No report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Marshall reported that a garbage vehicle picking up trash that had not been certified was cited. He noted that if you intend to haul trash for business, you need to be certified or you will be subject to a \$175 fine unless you are authorized to do so. He also stated that a new trash hauler that was taking trash back to his residence and storing trash in the alley had been corrected and removed from the alley.

Mazur brought up a complaint of a resident burying trash, the law director said he would look through city ordinances and intends to make contact with the Health Department about concerns regarding garbage being buried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The President read Straley's report:

Straley reported his research options for citywide cleanup for non-bagged trash. One option is renting large dumpsters and facilitating it through our recycling center. The other option is facilitating Young's trash service. Young's has agreed to open their facility for an allotted amount of time for the public to take their items to, for a set fee of use. More information to follow at the next meeting.

Stacy Adam was present to share about BEC's kickoff meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Penton reported that the summer leagues are wrapping up and fall league is about to begin.

Trittschuh noted corrections that needed made for the ordinance of park hours.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: Agler turned the floor over to Stacey Adam to speak about the potential selling of the city's portion of the railroad spur to the CIC. Following the discussion Agler asked for an ordinance to be prepared to transfer the property owned by the city on an emergency basis. Markward seconded. All concurred. Agler motioned to prepare the transfer of the city's easement to the CIC on an emergency basis. Markward seconded. All concurred.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: Mergy spoke about the issue of putting the charter government on the ballot. She and Gary Hunter of Ohio Municipal League have been in communication about working on setting up a meeting with his group to discuss the process.

FINANCE: No report was given.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Trittschuh reported that a request has been made from the Van Wert County Veteran's Services regarding a Purple Heart parking space in the vicinity of the county courthouse. Marshall reported he was working on the space with the county services department. It was also noted that all the expenses will be made by the Veterans office and no cost to the city. An update was given about the requested need for a crosswalk on North Franklin Street to get to Vantage Career Center. It was found that there would be potential safety issues without a light or some type of safety device. Trittschuh contacted the Van Wert City Schools

Transportation Coordinator and are looking for ideas to resolve this issue. A report was given about the issue of speeding on Monte Carlo Drive and inquired about a speed sign being present and setting up a speed trailer to read speed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Code Enforcement

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Penton motioned to introduce the consent agenda. Agler seconded. All concurred. Penton motioned to suspend statutory rules for the consent agenda. Agler seconded. All concurred. Penton motioned to pass

Ordinance Number: 19-07-038

Committee: Parks and Recreation

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 94.01 (A)(1) OF THE VAN WERT CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

on its first and final reading. Agler seconded. All concurred.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Agler made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.; seconded by Penton; with all concurring.

CLERK

PRESIDENT

DATE

