

MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL
December 9th, 2019

The President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Keith Stoller gave the invocation.

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

Mergy made a motion to approve the agenda for the December 9th meeting. Seconded by Agler. All concurred.

Mergy made a motion to approve the 11/25/19 minutes. Seconded by Trittschuh. All concurred.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

The President announced that he had received an email from the Secretary of State regarding a notification to all 2019 election candidates to file post-election reports. Deadline to do so is Friday, December 13, 2019. Filing is free but if you fail to file, there will be a penalty fee. It is available on the Secretary of State website under Form 30A or the form is available at the Board of Elections office. A request was made to hold a public hearing from the Van Wert City Planning Commission at 6:25pm on December 23, 2019 to address the final plat for phase 1A and to amend the final plat of phase 1 for the landing at Dickinson Farm, the subdivision. The President also announced several letters that he was cc'd on and that were also addressed to the new Mayor elect, Mayor Kenneth Markward from Van Wert Area Economic Development and The Van Wert Area Energy Special Improvement District regarding boards and decision making bodies that the Mayor, or designee, at the Mayors discretion is supposed to serve on. The President passed them on to Markward for his review.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The Mayor wanted to thank the Service Club, Main Street Van Wert and the parks director, Kyle Klinker for their efforts on a successful lighting event at Fountain Park. He also noted that the Van Wert Fairgrounds has done a great job on their lighting event as well.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming reported that he was going to be meeting with the city law director in regards to legislation to amend phase 1 and approve the final plat for phase 1A at the landing at Dickinson Farm, the subdivision. Fleming also

reported that Van Wert had lost their wastewater superintendent to another job but that his position had been filled and would begin on January 2nd.

AUDITOR: No report was given.

LAW DIRECTOR: Hatcher gave his report regarding his research on homeless shelters verbiage and has yet to find an adequate definition used by another city to bring to Council that defines a homeless shelter. Hatcher also stated that he plans to continue his search and implored City Council to do as much research and become as informed on the topic of homeless shelters as possible.

There was also a lengthy discussion regarding Haven of Hope, definitions of homeless shelters and the lack of thorough descriptions in variances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Marshall reported all code violations were all brand new.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report was given.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Penton noted the successful lighting event at Fountain park.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: Agler made a motion to approve the final plat of phase 1A and to approve to amend the final plat of phase 1 at Dickinson Farm on an emergency basis. Seconded by Markward. All concurred.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: No report was given.

FINANCE: Markward made a motion to approve Then and Now invoice: 420901-0 for the amount of \$3,216.00 to Four U Office Supply Office Equipment. Seconded by Mergy. All concurred.

Markward made a motion for an ordinance to be prepared, adjusting returned check fees for the water department to reflect the additional fees being charged by the bank on an emergency basis. Seconded by Agler. All concurred.

Markward made a motion for the law director to prepare rates for health insurance for the year, 2020 on an emergency basis. Mergy seconded. All concurred.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: No report was given

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Code Enforcement

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance Number 19-11-073 **Committee: Health, Service and Safety**
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VAN WERT CITY CODE OF
ORDINANCES 96.01 OF THE VAN WERT CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

1st advisory vote:

Markward, Penton, Mergy, Straley, Marshall, Agler and Trittschuh voted yes.

Ordinance Number: 19-11-071 **Committee: Finance**
**AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE
ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF VAN
WERT, OHIO FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 TO MARCH 31, 2020 AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

2nd advisory vote:

Markward, Penton, Mergy, Straley, Marshall, Agler and Trittschuh voted yes.

Trittschuh made a motion for pass 19-11-060 to pass on its 3rd and final reading.
Straley seconded.

Ordinance Number 19-11-060: **Committee: Streets and Alleys**
**AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE SPEED LIMIT ON NORTH FRANKLIN
STREET SCHOOL ZONE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Markward, Penton, Mergy, Straley, Marshall, Agler and Trittschuh voted yes.

Straley made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.; seconded by Agler; with all concurring.

CLERK

PRESIDENT

DATE