

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**
June 10th, 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, Penton, Agler, Trittschuh, Mergy and Straley were present with Trittschuh absent.

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

Mergy made a motion to approve the agenda for the June 10th meeting. Seconded by Agler. All concurred.

Mergy motioned to approve the 5/29/19 amended minutes. Seconded by Markward, with all concurring.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

President Tomlinson congratulated the Van Wert High School Baseball team for playing in the state championship. He also noted that the Van Wert Economic Development Group's annual meeting is being held at Vantage on June 20th at 6 p.m. Also, The Rotary Annual Dinner and Auction Event is scheduled for Saturday, September 14th. President Tomlinson also reminded everyone that the Miami County Petition meeting has been moved to June 24th at 6 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: Mazur congratulated the Van Wert High School Baseball Team for competing in the state competition. Mazur then asked council members nominate Mark Schumm for the Economic Development Committee. Agler motioned to nominate Mark Schumm for the Economic Development Committee. Seconded by Marshall. All concurred.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming reminded everyone that brush pickup was still going on throughout the city. Fleming then went on to congratulate the Van Wert Track team in their endeavors at the state competition.

AUDITOR: Balyeat reported that for May there was 12.5 million dollars in the bank. She also pointed out that since the state collects Net Profit Tax, navigating the system is much more difficult than we were originally led to believe. Cash Position Report shows all accounts with a positive balance, General Fund Revenues were only 14 thousand dollars ahead of last year and Income Tax Revenues are still trailing where we were at this time last year. This is partly due to the Net Profit Tax. Balyeat also noted that we will probably not make our projection for income tax this year. So far this year we have spent 166 thousand dollars more than what we have taken in, which is usually even by May. Hopefully by the end of June there will be better projections about how we will end the year. Council members then discussed House Bill 66. Markward then motioned that the tax budget be approved as submitted. Seconded by Straley. All concurred.

LAW DIRECTOR: Agler motioned to ask the Law Director to prepare a resolution asking the State of Ohio legislature to reestablish local government funding (HB166). Seconded by Straley. All concurred.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Marshall reported that since the last meeting, there had been 24 code violations and noted that all of the violations were regarding weeds.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Penton reported that everything is going well except for rescheduling the rained -out ballgames. The bleachers have been delivered and volunteers are needed to assemble them. Volunteers were asked to contact the Parks Department.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: There was no report given.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: There was no report given.

FINANCE: Markward reported that the tax budget was approved. Markward motioned to amend Job Creation Incentive Program ordinance and all the proceeding ordinances on an emergency basis. Seconded by Mergy. All concurred. Markward motioned to introduce **Ordinance Number: 19-06-033: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 10-12-075, 17-06-040, 17-07-047, 17-09-053 AND 17-09-057 REVISING THE CITY OF VAN WERT JOB CREATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM AS A DEVELOPMENT TOOL TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF VAN WERT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**. Seconded by Mergy. Markward asked that the statutory rules be suspended for **Ordinance Number: 19-06-033**. Seconded by Mergy. All concurred. Markward asked that **Ordinance Number: 19-06-033** be approved on its first and final reading. Seconded by Mergy. All concurred. Agler motioned that an ordinance be prepared to grandfather MEK and allowing them into participate in the new job incentive program, on an emergency basis. Seconded by Penton. All concurred.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Straley reported that he contacted Solid Waste District to check and see how the dumpsters were funded. He found out that there is an EPA grant and they would be happy to help with a sponsorship, if needed. Grant possibilities will be researched.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: No report was given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Straley made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.; seconded by Agler; with all concurring.

CLERK

PRESIDENT

DATE