

**MINUTES OF THE  
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**  
June 24th, 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, Mergy and Straley were present with Penton absent.

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

Mr. Trittschuh made a motion to approve the agenda for the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Mr. Straley. All concurred.

Call of role for June 10<sup>th</sup> with Mr Trittschuh being present was corrected with him being absent.

Mrs. Mergy motioned to approve the 6/10/19 amended minutes. Seconded by Mr. Straley with all concurring.

**COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS**

President Tomlinson stated that the Mayor and Safety Services Director was not present and would be giving reports on their behalf. He also noted the new clerk of council, Veronica Cuevas with her contact information being sent out to each member through email. The Mayors Executive Assistant has requested City Council members to arrive at 6pm on July 8 for headshots to update the city website. Ordinances are available online and a link is available through the Van Wert City Website. For cost saving measures, the City will go from 22 ordinance books to 8. The ordinance book for city council meetings and measures will be available at The President's desk.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**MAYOR & SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR:** Due to ongoing issues with Century Link, the Jefferson Bridge Project Fleming start date is still undetermined. There have been discussions with the school, ODOT and the contractor about a late start or pushing the start day to next May. This will be cleared by the next Council Meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>. The next brush pick-up will begin July 8<sup>th</sup>. Advertisements for the WWTP Blower Project; water tower painting and street paving are going out over the next two weeks. The waste water treatment plant, CSO Project is nearly complete. They are working through a final list and startup training at this time. The hope is all will be operational by the end of July.

**AUDITOR:** Mrs. Balyeat stated she has completed her treasure's training which certifies her to continue to invest public funds. The tax budget has been filed with the County. She posted the May financials on Google drive until the June financials are available. Three invoices were presented on a Then & Now for Tippman Mechanical for the heating and cooling system. Invoice Numbers are #5413 - \$2450.00, #5418 - \$415.00 and #5420 - \$620.00, all amounting to \$3485.00. Markward then motioned that the tax budget be approved as submitted. Seconded by Straley. All concurred.

**LAW DIRECTOR:** No Report was given.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY:** Marshall reported that 6 new violations had been issued related to weeds. He also stated that most of the ones that were previously opened were now closed.

President Tomlinson noted that a special committee meeting for health service and safety had taken place prior to the City Council Meeting regarding Van Wert County and Van Wert City consideration of creation of a local building department with services being outsourced to Miami County. The President stated that we are in the introductory stages and fact finding stages regarding this matter.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Mr. Marshall read Mr. Penton's report that the bleacher project is almost complete. One set is yet to be completed as soon as the parts come in. Parks and Recreation wanted to thank all the volunteers for all their work.

**PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT:** Mr. Agler motioned for House Bill 166 to be introduced. **Ordinance Number: 19-06-036: A RESOLUTION FROM THE VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 166 TO THE CITY OF VAN WERT, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Seconded by Mr. Straley. All concurred. Mr. Agler motioned to suspend statutory rules for **Ordinance Number: 19-06-036**. Seconded by Mr. Straley. All concurred. Mr. Agler motioned to pass **Ordinance Number: 19-06-036** on its first and final reading. Seconded by Mr. Straley. All concurred.

**JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION:** Mrs. Mergy addressed the topic of a possible switch to a charter form of government. She inquired about next steps and consultants that we can work with to explain options. President Tomlinson stated that he would like to make contact with the Ohio Municipal League group and also stated that there are funds budgeted to help with legal fees. The President asked Mrs. Mergy to send contact information for the Ohio Municipal League so that a future meeting can be held so that he or that the Mayor can contact them as a representative for the City. Mr. Markward advised against a committee meeting that would be with limited time. The President stated that a special meeting could be held or with the option to have them at a regular Council meeting. Mrs. Balyeat stated benefits of having a charter government with hiring as opposed to voted in employees.

**FINANCE:** Markward motioned to approve invoices for Then and Now. Seconded by Mrs. Mergy. All concluded. Markward motioned to introduce **Ordinance Number: 19-06-035: A RESOLUTION ALLOWING MEK VAN WERT, INC. TO BE GRANDFATHERED INTO THE JOB INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF VAN WERT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Seconded by Mrs. Mergy. All concluded. Mr. Markward motioned to suspend statutory rules for **Ordinance Number: 19-06-035**. Seconded by Mrs. Mergy. All concurred. Mrs. Balyeat stated the **Ordinance Number: 19-06-035** date should be changed to state for the 2018 tax year. Mr. Markward motioned to amend **Ordinance Number: 19-06-035, Section 1** for 2018 tax year. Seconded by Mrs. Mergy. All concurred. Mr. Markward motioned to pass **Ordinance Number: 19-06-035** on its first and final reading. Seconded by Mrs. Mergy. All concluded.

Mr. Markward stated that the Municipal Court was requesting certain Supplemental Appropriation. Mr. Markward motioned to prepare **Ordinance Number: 19-06-037: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO FUNDS 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 230, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Seconded by Mrs. Mergy. All concluded.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** There was no report given by Mr. Straley.

President Tomlinson stated that an Annual Economic meeting was held that Mr. Straley was not able to attend at Vantage. Stacy Adam was present and gave an overview of the meeting with information about population, wages and membership positions that are available to anyone who is interested in Economic Development throughout the County.

President Tomlinson addressed ideas for City Cleanup in the Summer months to Mr. Straley.

**STREETS AND ALLEYS:** No report was given.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Agler made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Straley; with all concurring.

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PRESIDENT

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