MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL
April 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: Mergy, Markward, Marshall, Penton, Agler and Trittschuh were present. Straley was absent.

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

Trittschuh motioned to approve the 4/8/19 minutes. Seconded by Mergy with all concurring.

Mergy made a motion to add an approval of the Council of the Whole Meeting minutes to the agenda. Seconded by Trittschuh. All concurred.

Markward made a motion to approve the Council of the Whole Meeting minutes. Seconded by Agler. All concurred.

Mergy made a motion to approve the agenda for the 4/22/19 meeting. Seconded by Trittschuh. All concurred.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

President Tomlinson noted the information given to council by Spectrum and the information about the Beautification Contest being held for residential property owners. He let council members know that the Van Wert County Regional Airport will be having a Walter Hinton Fly-In or Drive-In on Saturday May 18th, 2019 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Next council meeting will include a presentation from Mitch Price from Main Street Van Wert. There will also be an appeal from Murphy Trash regarding the planning commission. He encouraged council members to drive by the property in question prior to next council meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MAYOR: Mazur said that he would be asking the law director to review the possibility of adopting the International Property Maintenance Code 2015. He also asked council members to pass Resolution recognizing the National Association Letter Carriers 27th Annual Stamp out Hunger May 11, 2019. Agler made a motion to prepare a resolution recognizing National Association of Letter Carriers 27th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on an emergency basis. Seconded by Marshall. All concurred. Agler motioned to introduce **Resolution Number: 19-04-026: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LETTER CARRIERS 27TH ANNUAL STAM OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE, MAY 11TH, 2019 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.** Agler then asked that statutory rules be suspended for **Resolution Number 19-04-026.** Seconded by Trittschuh. All concurred. Agler asked that **Resolution Number: 19-04-026** be passed on its first and final reading. Seconded by Trittschuh. All concurred.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming noted Issue 1 Project that is painting of the North water tower 330,000 Waste and Water Treatment Plant blower replacement project will cost approximately $165,000. He asked that an ordinance be prepared to allow him to bid on the two projects. Markward made a motion to prepare an ordinance to advertise for bids for the water tower and blower replacement project on an emergency basis. Seconded by Mergy. All concurred. He then asked that ordinance be put on the consent agenda for the next meeting. Fleming and council members discussed the sick leave policy. It

was decided that Fleming and Balyeat need to discuss some things regarding the matter. The issue will be revisited in May.

AUDITOR: Balyeat requested that $25,000 be transferred from the General Fund to Fund 302-Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Fund to complete projects at Jubilee Park. She also asked that an advance of $75,000 to be advanced from the General Fund to the Grant 302 fund. She also asked that a Then and Now be approved for the Fire and Safety Services in the amount of $4,517.73 to cover the cost of breathing apparatus annual inspection. The requested ordinances will be on the Consent Agenda for the May 13th meeting.

LAW DIRECTOR: Hatcher requested that Marshall set up a meeting with himself and Lawson regarding Code Enforcement. Hatcher reported that things are a little slower at the Municipal Court as far as traffic violations are concerned. He expects to see an increase in code violations as the warmer weather approaches.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Marshall reported that two years ago there were 431 violations and that last year the number of violations had increased to 540 violations. As of now there are only 106 code violations, but the number will likely increase once the warmer weather gets hers. He also noted that grass/weeds violations make up most of the violations along with junk vehicles, old furniture, and other items littering properties in the city. Marshall also went on to say that the city needs to hire a code enforcement person. Balyeat went on to remind council members that since the city is using the .22 Safety Capital Tax revenues to help pay for police and fire employee's salaries, no additional employees can be hired. Marshall went on to say that 3-4 weeks is the soonest code violations are seen in court, and that is too long. Marshall also expressed concern about the increase in repeat offenders and would like to see a change in the process.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Penton reported that he spoke with Kyle and hiring is moving along for the Summer part-time jobs and mowing. They are looking forward to putting the bleachers up when they come in.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: No report was given.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: There was no report given.

FINANCE: Markward made a motion to approve the Then and Now Invoice Number: 108726 in the amount of $4,517.73. Seconded by Mergy. All concurred. Markward asked that an ordinance be prepared to transfer $25,000 from the General Fund to Fund 302-Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Fund to complete projects at Jubilee Park. Seconded by Mergy. All concurred. Markward motioned that an ordinance be prepared allowing an advance of $75,000 from the General Fund to PARK Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Mergy. All concurred. He then asked all the ordinances be on the consent agenda at the next meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report was given.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: There was no report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance Number: 19-03-021: Committee: Judiciary and Annexation

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A NEW SUBSECTION TO SECTION 150.76 OF THE VAN WERT CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES. Passed on Third and final reading. (procedure for changing zoning)

Agler made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.; seconded by Mergy; with all concurring.

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CLERK PRESIDENT

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DATE