MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL
April 8th, 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, and Straley.

Trittschuh made a motion to approve the agenda, amended to add Ordinance Number 19-03-021 for the 4/8/19 meeting. Seconded by Mergy. All concurred.

Mergy motioned to approve the 3/25/19 minutes. Seconded by Straley, with all concurring.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

President Tomlinson mentioned the Spectrum information all council members received. He then went over the email he received from the State Auditors regarding the audit currently being conducted. President Tomlinson then scheduled a hearing that Murphy Trash for April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. He also reminded council members that Monday, May 27th was a holiday so we will be holding the council meeting on Wednesday, May 29th instead.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MAYOR: Mayor Mazur reported that in the last seven days, the City Council meeting was viewed thirty-five times. He also reported that there is a leaf and brush pick up scheduled for Monday, May 13th. Mayor Mazur then announced a residential 'Beautification Contest' held for those who have taken time to make structural and landscaping improvements to their properties. There will be more information given as it develops.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming reported that bypass pumping was going well and if there is no rain, it would get done as scheduled.

AUDITOR: Balyeat reported that at the end of March there was $12.5 million on the books and the same amount in the bank accounts. There was an unreconciled difference of $507.89 but the difference was located. Also, the unexpended balance in all the funds had a positive balance, as required by law. She went on to note that April is a big month for tax collections so once April is over, we will have a better picture of where we are. She also said that we spent $213,000 more than we took in which is not out of the ordinary for the end of March. She let council members know that the State Auditors were currently in the city building conducting an audit and that they should be done by this summer.

LAW DIRECTOR: Hatcher reported that traffic incidents were up since the last report. He also reported that there have been improvements in some of the nuisance properties in town. He let council members know that he will be on vacation for the first meeting in June and will not be at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Marshall reported that there have been fifteen code violations since he last reported. He will be given a detailed report in a couple of weeks about the law review directions and the law violations and percentages and how to better deal with some of the issues.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Penton reported that he spoke with Kyle the Park Director and he mentioned that he was currently hiring people to work the concession stand. Penton then said he had found some volunteers to put together the new bleachers. That should be done in May.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: Agler motioned that an ordinance be prepared to allow Fleming to get rid of unused and obsolete vehicles on an emergency basis. Seconded by Markward. All concurred. Agler then motioned to introduce **ORDINANCE NUMBER:19-04-025. AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTIZE AND SELL THE CITY'S UNUSED, UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE, OR UNFIT VEHICLES BY INTERNET AUCTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Seconded by Markward. All concurred. Agler then asked that the statutory rules be suspended for **Amended Ordinance Number: 19-04-025**. Seconded by Markward. All concurred. Agler motioned that **Amended Ordinance Number: 19-04-025** be passed on its first and final reading. Seconded by Markward. All concurred.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: Mergy discussed the Council of the Whole meeting that was held before the city council meeting regarding switching to a charter government. The straw poll was conducted, and the vote was 6 in favor and 1 against on placing the issue on the March 2020 ballot. There will be more information coming soon.

FINANCE: There was no report given.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report was given.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: There was no report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

Trittschuh motioned that the consent agenda be introduced. Seconded by Straley. All concurred.

Trittschuh motioned that the rules be suspended for the consent agenda. Seconded by Straley. All concurred.

Trittschuh motioned to suspend statutory rules for **RESOLUTION NUMBER: 19-04-024 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VAN WERT, TO ENTER INTO, AND PARTICIPATE IN A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR THE 2019-2020 WINTER SEASON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Seconded by Straley, with all concurring Trittschuh motioned to pass RESOLUTON NUMBER:19-04-024 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Straley. All concurred.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 19-03-020 Committee: JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 90.07 OF THE VAN WERT CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES. Third and final reading. Passed with all concurring. (animal cruelty)

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. Second reading advisory vote. All concurred. (procedure for changing zoning)

Mergy made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.; seconded by Straley; with all concurring.

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CLERK PRESIDENT

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DATE