

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL
March 25, 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, present. Straley, absent.

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

Trittschuh made a motion to approve the agenda for the 3/25/19 meeting. Seconded by Markward.

Mergy motioned to approve the 3/11/19 minutes. Seconded by Agler. Trittschuh abstained, with everyone else concurring.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Vickie Schulte, the President of the Peony Festival committee had an application to have a beer tent at the festival again this year.

President Tomlinson let council members know that on June 1st any establishment that has a liquor permit will be required to renew them. He also let council members know that elected officials must take the Sunshine Training before the end of this year. They can do it online or in Celina on August 29th. Also, everyone should have received the Fire Department's annual report. If anyone had any questions, they should see the Safety Service Director.

President Tomlinson asked council members to vote on the three Agricultural District applications. Agler motioned that all three applications be approved. Seconded by Mergy. All concurred.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MAYOR: Mayor reported on House Bill 27 and House Bill 62. He also mentioned that there will be a Community Town Forum on Addiction and Prevention and Treatment Services held in Archibold, Ohio on Saturday April 13th at the NSCC Community College. Community residents, lawmakers, healthcare professionals, and law enforcement are encouraged to attend. He also said that tax collection recovery is currently underway.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming reported that salt contract resolutions need to be brought up. Also, Dutch John Road will be closed for a day on April 2nd for repairs.

AUDITOR: Balyeat reminded council members to file financial disclosure forms and to complete Sunshine Training.

LAW DIRECTOR: Traffic is down at the Municipal Court. He felt it is because the Weigh Station is closed on US 30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Marshall reported that there were a dozen code violations in the last two weeks. He will meet with the Law Director after the meeting with a couple of questions.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Penton reported that the training of the new full-time Parks Department employee is going well. He also mentioned that baseball season was under way, with softball season starting next week. The youth league is currently signing kids up, so all the fields will be ready within the next few weeks. The Smiley Park Project will be phased in during the Spring and Summer. There may be a need for volunteers at that time.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: There was no report given.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: Mergy scheduled a Council of the Whole for Monday, April 8th at 6 p.m. She also reported about the committee meeting regarding the appeal process. She asked that legislation be prepared to enact a new subsection to section 150.76 of the 111 Van Wert City Code of Ordinances. Seconded by Trittschuh. All concurred. Mergy then motioned to introduce **Ordinance Number: 19-03-021: AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A NEW SUBSECTION TO SECTION 150.76 OF THE VAN WERT CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES.** Seconded by Trittschuh. All concurred. Mergy then asked that a resolution be prepared opposing House Bill 27 on an emergency basis. Seconded by Agler, with all concurring. Mergy made a motion to introduce **Resolution Number: 19-03-022: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 27 AND ITS EFFORT TO ELIMINATE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.** Seconded by Agler. All concurred. Mergy made a motion to suspend the statutory rules for **Resolution Number: 19-03-022.** Seconded by Agler. All concurred. Mergy motioned to pass **Resolution Number: 19-03-022** on its first and final reading. Seconded by Agler. All concurred. Mergy then motioned that a resolution be prepared on an emergency basis allowing the mayor and auditor to sign a partnership agreement with the Van Wert County Commissioners for the CDB. Seconded by Trittschuh. Mergy made a motion to introduce **Resolution Number: 19-03-023: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE AUDITOR, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VAN WERT, TO SIGN THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH THE VAN WERT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR A STATE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DATED MARCH 21, 2019 AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.** Seconded by Trittschuh. All concurred. Mergy motioned to suspend the rules for **Resolution Number 19-03-023.** Seconded by Trittschuh. All concurred. Mergy motioned to pass **Resolution Number 19-03-023** on its first and final reading. Seconded by Trittschuh. All concurred.

FINANCE: Markward scheduled a meeting regarding Income Tax Incentives for April 22nd at 6 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report was given.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Trittschuh asked the Law Director to prepare a resolution to purchase five hundred tons of salt on an emergency basis and be put on the Consent Agenda for the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Agler questioned the Law Director regarding code enforcement be funded through law enforcement. The Law Director said he would investigate it for the next meeting.

Fleming discussed the possibility of being able to convert sick leave hours into personal leave hours. The hours would come off their payout when they retire. The discussion will be continued at the next council meeting.

President Tomlinson and council members discussed G5 partners regarding the TIF legislation.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Trittschuh made a motion to pass Ordinance No:19-02-018: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF VAN WERT, OHIO, FROM JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY on its third and final reading. Seconded by Mergy. All concurred.

Ordinance Number: 19-03-021: AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A NEW SUBSECTION TO SECTION 150.76 OF THE VAN WERT CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES. First reading advisory vote. All concurred.

Agler made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.; seconded by Mergy; with all concurring.

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PRESIDENT

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