

MINUTES OF THE VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL

December 28th, 2020

President Pro Tempore Jeff Agler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council President Jon Tomlinson was absent from this meeting.

Pastor Keith Stoller gave the invocation.

On call of the roll: Marshall, Kallas, Penton, Agler, Hellman, and Davis were present.

Davis made a motion to excuse Mergy. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Davis made a motion to approve the agenda for the December 28th meeting. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Davis made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 14th Council of the Whole meeting regarding Council salaries. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Davis made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 14th Public Hearing regarding Alliance Properties Group's Annexation and Conditional Zoning. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Davis made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 14th Council meeting. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS, & PETITIONS

Agler made note of a liquor license transfer application that was received for Party Mart, a transfer to the company of Jay Petroleum from Ottawa Oil Co. Agler reminded of the procedure - noting the license application is announced, and then held for 30 days to allow the public to send comments regarding the application to Council. Depending on the response, the application would be signed and sent back to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control on that 30th day.

The Clerk relayed an announcement from Tomlinson in his absence, stating that Council would have an informational meeting at 6:00 p.m. on January 11th, 2021, prior to the next Council meeting, to learn about the Chromebooks that were purchased for Council use. This would be an informational meeting only, not a public hearing, for Council members to learn how to log on and use the Chromebooks.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: Markward stated that they were recently notified by FEMA that the new flood maps would be sent out soon. This will affect insurance rates. FEMA will meet with members of city administration next month to review the maps, and then will conduct an open house in February for property owners, realtors, insurance agents, and representatives for lending institutions to receive information. As soon as the city has information from FEMA on how this will take place, it will be relayed to the public.

The Mayor also gave an update on the Home Guard Building demolition. He mentioned that the public may have noticed the four brick columns that are still standing from the front of the building. It was noted that these may or may not stay, as the Van Wert County Foundation is exploring the use of these columns as the entrance to a small park. Cost estimation and foundational reviews are still ongoing to see if that is indeed an option.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming thanked all the city departments for their efforts and cooperation during a trying year.

AUDITOR: Balyeat reviewed each of the supplemental appropriations for prepared **ORDINANCE Number: 20-12-075.** These appropriations were made to Funds 101, 201, 220, 229, 550, 601, 602, 701, 850, and 851.

Balyeat also noted that the final permanent appropriations for 2021 could be passed later in the meeting, and she sent out the final documents to Council last week.

LAW DIRECTOR: There was no report from the Law Director at this time, as he was absent from this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE, and SAFETY: Marshall shared that during 2018 and 2019, the city was averaging about 500 code violations. In 2020, that number dropped to 227. He noted that this could be due to more people staying at home due to COVID-19 and focusing more on their properties during the year, and therefore less violations handed out. He gave credit to the public for taking care of their properties and staying within city guidelines.

Marshall also mentioned that he was looking forward to rolling out new fencing guidelines. He noted that the Law Director has a mock sample ordinance for Council to review on this issue, and that would be brought before Council when the Law Director was next present for opinions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Economic Development had no report for this evening.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Parks and Recreation had no report for this evening.

The Mayor stated that he was told that the juveniles responsible for the Franklin Park vandalism incident would be forced to pay restitution for that action.

FINANCE: Agler made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE Number: 20-12-074.** Hellman seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE Number: 20-12-074.** Davis seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to pass **ORDINANCE Number: 20-12-074: AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FUND 550 TO FUND 201 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.,** on its first and final reading. Hellman seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE Number: 20-12-075.** Hellman seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE Number: 20-12-075.** Hellman seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to pass **ORDINANCE Number: 20-12-075: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO FUNDS 101, 201, 220, 229, 550, 601, 602, 701, 850, 851 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.,** on its first and final reading. Hellman seconded; all concurred.

Finance had no additional report for the evening.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: Judiciary and Annexation had no report for the evening.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Hellman made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE Number: 20-12-076.** Agler seconded; all concurred.

Streets and Alleys had no additional report for the evening.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT: Property and Equipment had no report for the evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marshall reviewed the code violation numbers for the past three years, and stated that a new fencing mock ordinance may be brought before Council at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business brought before Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Third and final reading advisory for **Amended ORDINANCE Number: 20-11-064: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20-04-025 PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AUDITOR'S OFFICE, INCOME TAX AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF VAN WERT, ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, SALARY RANGES AND LIMITATIONS, AUTHORIZING SPECIFIC NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, PROVIDING FOR SICK LEAVE, VACATION SCHEDULE, ALLOWANCES, IMMUNIZATION AGAINST COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AND OTHER BENEFITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** All concurred; ordinance passed on third and final reading.

Third and final reading advisory for **Amended ORDINANCE Number: 20-11-065: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 20-04-020 AMENDING THE SALARY ORDINANCE SAFETY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, NON-BARGAINING UNIT MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF VAN WERT, ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, SALARY RANGES AND LIMITATIONS, AUTHORIZING SPECIFIC NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, PROVIDING FOR SICK LEAVE, VACATION SCHEDULE, ALLOWANCES, IMMUNIZATION AGAINST COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AND OTHER BENEFITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** All concurred; ordinance passed on third and final reading.

Third and final reading advisory for **ORDINANCE Number: 20-11-066: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF VAN WERT, OHIO, FROM JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** All concurred; ordinance passed on third and final reading.

Third and final reading advisory for **ORDINANCE Number: 20-11-070: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT SYSTEM FOR THE VAN WERT MUNICIPAL COURT, ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, SALARY RANGES AND LIMITATIONS, AUTHORIZING SPECIFIC NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, PROVIDING FOR SICK LEAVE, VACATION SCHEDULE, ALLOWANCES, IMMUNIZATION AGAINST COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AND OTHER BENEFITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** All concurred; ordinance passed on third and final reading.

Third and final reading advisory for **Amended RESOLUTION Number: 20-11-072: A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO THE DISTRICT 13 PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION INTEGRATING COMMITTEE FOR THE YEARS 2021, 2022, and 2023, APPOINT THE MAYOR AS THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S ALTERNATE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** All concurred; resolution passed on third and final reading.

Second reading advisory for **ORDINANCE Number: 20-11-071: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES IN THE YEAR OF 2021 FOR THE CITY OF VAN WERT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** All concurred; second reading passed.


First reading advisory for **ORDINANCE Number: 20-12-076: AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE WEST SIDE OF MIDDLE STREET FROM MOBERLY STREET TO CABLE STREET TO A NO PARKING ZONE.** All concurred; first reading passed.

ADJOURN

Hellman made a motion to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Davis seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Drew Bittner



President Pro Tempore
Jeff Agler

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