

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**

January 9, 2022

President Jerry Mazur called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mazur gave the invocation.

On call of the roll: Marshall, Kallas, Bowers, Agler, Stinnett, Moore, and Davis were present.

Davis made a motion to approve the amended agenda for the January 9, 2023 Council meeting. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Davis made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 26, 2022 Council meeting. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

The Community Reinvestment Board met on January 4, 2023 and it was approved by the Board that an ordinance be prepared for the Midwest Way Properties, LLC (Beer Barrel Pizza and Grill).

Council received a letter from a citizen with concerns that the new owner of the trailer park on Kear Road is overcharging residents on their water bill. The Law Director will investigate the situation in order to determine if the owner is profiting off the sale of a City utility.

Marshall made a motion to prepare an ordinance granting the CRA (tax incentive) to Midwest Way Properties, LLC (Beer Barrel Pizza and Grill). Motion seconded by J. Bowers.

City council members received an email from a pastor in New Philadelphia, Ohio requesting a copy of the city's ordinances on homeless shelters. Law Director will follow through with the request.

Tom Wilkin of the Airport Authority Board shared information about the future 1000 foot expansion of the runway. The Authority's engineering firm is currently doing an environmental study as required by the FAA.

The Authority is requesting funding support from the City in the amount of 37,800 dollars.

Agler made a motion to grant the request of \$37,800 with funds coming from the Hotel/Motel tax account; Stinnett seconded; all concurred with Davis abstained.

Warren Straley and Attorney Justin Dickman are requesting a TIF of 100% for Jennings Crossing LLC which is approximately 11 acres near Jennings Road. Agler made a motion to prepare an

ordinance for the Jennings Crossing TIF; seconded by Kallas; concurred by all.. Agler made a motion to amend the motion to consider the ordinance as an emergency; Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Motion was made by Davis to approve a final plat plan for the Jennings Crossing project, seconded by Stinnett, concurred by all.

Joe Jared, 113 W. Main St. indicated that he didn't feel the city could be involved with the mobile home park issues. Was advised that it will be researched by the Law Director.

Logan Lehmkuhle of Lincoln Highway discussed his purchase of two properties on Washington Street, previously known as the old Shell Station. He requested approval to allow him to establish a concrete/asphalt grinding business on the property for 30 months. The Law Director suggested this be referred to the zoning board,

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The Mayor indicated he and Councilmen Marshall are working on the blighted properties with a new owner having a building permit and starting renovations on #2. The Mayor is also working with Mr. Marshall to see which property will be #3.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming issued a reminder that Washington Street will be closed for two days beginning 1/10/23. He also discussed the Egress Stadium had open bids last week. Old bid was \$677,000 and the new bid was \$567,000 so \$110,000 less than what was reported three weeks ago. Contracts went out to get started with a deadline of March 21, 2023 to be done. Fleming also stated he is working with the water testing with no report yet. Fleming handed out a sample of an ordinance of ODOT alternative program grant application and reviewing legislation to authorize to proceed with grant application.

AUDITOR: Balyeat talked about closing the 2022 books by ending the 2022 in a good spot. There were three invoices that needed approved on Then and Now: 1) Henschen & Associates for software for the Municipal Court in the amount of \$8,190.00; Maumee Watershed Conservancy District annual watershed assessments of \$7,811.92 and SAL Chemicals of \$9,201.60.

LAW DIRECTOR: The Law Director indicated in April of 2023 there will be an addition to the distracted driving law regarding cell phones.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL AND PUBLIC:

Joe Jared, 113 W. Main St., asked if the water was being tested for the chlorine taste/smell. Fleming indicated it was not.

Councilman Davis asked the Law Director to look into Supreme Court open meetings act in Executive Sessions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Marshall requested a meeting with the Law Director to discuss blighted properties.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Kallas handed to Stacy Adams who gave the 2022 Overview of the Van Wert Area Economic Development thanking the City Council for supporting the Economic Developments.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Had no reports. Bowers made a motion to prepare an ordinance of ODOT alternative program grant application; Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

FINANCE: Agler made a motion to approve the three invoices from the Then and Now. Davis seconded; all concurred.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: No reports for the evening.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Moore indicated that the alley behind the Shortstop has been repaired with stone being put down.

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

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC:

Joe Jared, 113 W. Main St., states that the Council needs to be patient with what is expected with blight #2 due to winter weather.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Agler made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-001**. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-001**. Stinnett seconded, all concurred

First advisory reading for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-001: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH VAN WERT COUNTY VICTIMS SERVICES, INC. FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE VICTIMS OF THE VAN WERT MUNICIPAL COURT CASES; AND DECLARING THE SAME AS AN**

EMERGENCY. All concurred, first reading passed.

Agler made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-002. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-002. Stinnett seconded, all concurred

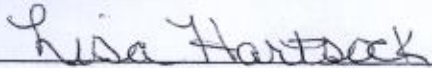
First advisory reading for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-002: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN CONTRACTS WITH ATTORNEY GEORGE E. MOORE AND SHAUN A. PUTMAN FOR SERVICES AS ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR BY SPECIAL APPOINTMENT; AND DECLARING THE SAME AS AN EMERGENCY. All concurred, first reading passed.

Agler made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-003. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-003. Stinnett seconded, all concurred

First advisory reading for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-003: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ATTORNEY BEN J. BILIMEK FOR SERVICES AS ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR; AND DECLARING THE SAME AS AN EMERGENCY. All concurred, first reading passed.

Kallas made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Bowers seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President
Gerald T. Mazur

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