

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**

December 26th, 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 agenda for the December 26th Council meeting. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Moore made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 12th Council meeting. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS, & PETITIONS

Mazur thanked outgoing Clerk of Council Drew Bittner for his service to the Van Wert City Council, and noted it would be his last meeting, with Lisa Hartsock taking over the role as of January 1, 2023.

Mazur reviewed a new liquor license request for Beer Barrel, 205 Northtown Center Blvd. He noted this would be returned to the state of Ohio within 30 days, if no complaints were received.

Kallas noted he received comments from several constituents, thanking the city workers for taking care of the city during the recent snowfall and cold spell.

Joe Jared, 113 W. Main St., stated that the sidewalk on the bridge on Main St., between the Brumback Library and the YMCA, had not been treated during the recent stretch of winter weather. He asked who maintained this area. The Mayor made note of this to ask Fleming.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: Mayor Markward reviewed his reappointment of James Stripe to the Civil Service Commission, on a 6-year term, which would end on December 31, 2028.

Markward also reviewed a drinking water notice that would be included in the next water bill (January). This noted that the "total trihalomethanes", or TTHM, which is tested quarterly, was slightly over maximum contaminant level for the last four quarters. Markward explained that the towers will be allowed to deplete further than normal before refilling, in order to get more of the "older water" out, and will work with a company who specializes in this to take care of the issue. Markward noted there is no health danger, and residents do not need to use any bottled water supplies, as the notice indicates, but they are required to send the notice out. Markward also stated that Fleming will be at the next meeting in order to further explain or answer any questions.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming was absent for the evening's meeting. (Markward provided a report (drinking water notice) during his administrative report above.)

AUDITOR: Balyeat reviewed the November 2022 Financial Report. The Bank Reconciliation report showed \$18.9 million on the books, and the same amount in the various bank accounts and investments. On the Cash Position Report, all funds had a positive balance, as required. On the General Fund Year-to-Date comparison, the numbers are up approximately \$442,000.00 compared to last year. The city has collected \$6.921 million in the General Fund, and has spent \$6.941 million (spent approximately \$20,500 more than revenues, year to date).

Balyeat then reviewed several supplemental appropriations for Fund 101 (General Fund), Fund 105 (Unclaimed Funds), Fund 210 (Indigent Drivers Fund), Fund 220 (Amended Police Fund), Fund 230 (Municipal Court Special Project Fund), Fund 232 (State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund), Fund 501 (TIF Fund), Fund 601 (Water Fund), Fund 801 (ESID Fund), Fund 850 (Police Pension Fund), Fund 851 (Fire Pension Fund), Fund 875 (Woodland Cemetery Fund), and Fund 876 (State Patrol Rotary Fund).

Lastly, Balyeat reviewed invoices that would need approved on a Then and Now, to Lexipol (in the amount of \$12,294.45), Van Wert City Law Director Secretarial Reimbursement (in the amounts of \$1,987.07 and \$1,547.81), Belna Petroleum (in the amounts of \$1,745.43 and \$1,786.14), and Holiday Inn Express CAMO Court (in the amount of \$9,369.75).

Bowers asked Balyeat for a meeting regarding the Woodland Cemetery funds.

Davis (4th Ward) asked if the secretarial reimbursements on the Then and Now invoices were budgeted. It was confirmed they were.

LAW DIRECTOR: Hatcher reviewed items that he would ask Agler to motion for preparation of legislation: a contract for Ben Bilimek as Assistant Law Director, contracts for George Moore and Shaun Putman as Assistant Law Directors by special appointment, and a contract with Crime Victim Services, Inc.

Agler asked initiates rezoning questions. Hatcher stated that zoning violations would be a code enforcement issue. If someone wanted a property rezoned, then that would be initiated by the property owner, and would go before the Zoning Board.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC

No questions were asked, or comments made, by the public during this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE, and SAFETY: Health, Service, and Safety had no report for the evening.

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

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

FINANCE: Agler made a motion to approve the invoices to Lexipol (in the amount of \$12,294.45), Van Wert City Law Director Secretarial Reimbursement (in the amounts of \$1,987.07 and \$1,547.81), Belna Petroleum (in the amounts of \$1,745.43 and \$1,786.14), and Holiday Inn Express CAMO Court (in the amount of \$9,369.75) on a Then and Now. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to ask the Law Director to prepare legislation to make supplemental appropriations to various funds, on an emergency. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-12-068. Davis seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-12-068. Davis seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to pass ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-12-068: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO FUNDS 101, 105, 210, 220, 230, 232, 502, 601, 801, 850, 851, 875, and 876, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Davis seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to ask the Law Director to prepare legislation to authorize the Mayor to sign contracts with George E. Moore and Shaun A. Putman for services as Assistant Law Director by special appointment, on an emergency. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to ask the Law Director to prepare legislation to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Ben J. Bilimek for services as Assistant Law Director, on an emergency. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to ask the Law Director to prepare legislation to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Van Wert County Victim Services, Inc., for services provided to victims of Van Wert Municipal Court cases, on an emergency. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

Finance had no additional report for the evening.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: Properties and Equipment had no report for the evening.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Streets and Alleys had no report for the evening.

Agler stated he received a complaint regarding the alley behind Tyler's Shortstop, and asked Moore to look into the issue.

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

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC

There were no questions or comments from the public during this portion of the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to address.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought before Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-12-061.** Bowers seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to pass **ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-12-061: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-02-016 BY 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 IMMUNIZATION AGAINST COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AND OTHER BENEFITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.,** on its second and final reading. Bowers seconded; all concurred. Ordinance passed on second and final reading.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-12-062. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

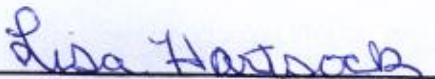
Agler made a motion to pass ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-12-062: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-12-017 PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AUDITOR'S OFFICE, INCOME TAX AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF VAN WERT, ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, SALARY RANGES AND LIMITATIONS, AUTHORIZING SPECIFIC NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, ALLOWANCES, IMMUNIZATION AGAINST COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AND OTHER BENEFITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY., on its second and final reading. Bowers seconded; all concurred. Ordinance passed on second and final reading.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-12-063. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

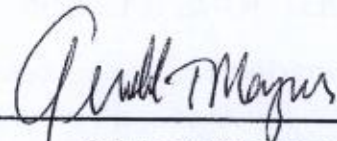
Agler made a motion to pass RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-12-063: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RATES FOR EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION AND EMPLOYER'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY OF VAN WERT'S HEALTHCARE PROGRAM AND HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HSA) PROGRAM EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, AMENDING RESOLUTION 19-12-074 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY., on its second and final reading. Bowers seconded; all concurred. Resolution passed on second and final reading.

ADJOURN

Bowers made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Moore seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa Hartsock



Council President
Gerald T. Mazur

01/09/2023

Date