

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**
January 23, 2023

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

Pastor Solomon 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 January 23, 2023 Council meeting. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 9, 2023 Council meeting. Moore seconded; all concurred.

Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 12, 2023 Special Council meeting. Moore seconded; all concurred.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The Mayor indicated the Board of Zoning Appeals has nominated Dewaine Johnson to fill the seat previously held by Richard Waters, who passed away. The term will expire on December 31, 2026. Agler made a motion to approve of the nomination. Seconded by Stinnett; concurred by all.

The interview process has begun for the replacement of Stacy Adams who is retiring from the Van Wert Area Economic Development Corporation. Six applicants have gone through the first round of interviews but no decision has been made.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming requested an ordinance be prepared to bid and award contracts to Vision Industrial Park to extend Vision Drive to the north with the cost to be covered by ODOT Job and Commerce for \$119,500, Jobs Ohio for \$240,000 and Jerry Robinson for \$120,000. The road extension is tied to "Project Hulk", a potential new development at the site.

Fleming also indicated that all plows are operational and ready to go for the expected snow storm.

AUDITOR: There is one invoice that needs approved on Then and Now: 1) Van Wert County Regional Planning Annual Assessment in the amount of \$3,882.20

LAW DIRECTOR: Research of the concerns of the trailer park overcharging the city water shows in his opinion there is no violation of any City ordinances.

The owner of the abandoned property #1 is working with the law director and there is ongoing communication.

The Municipal Court cases are approximately at the same number as in the past years.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL AND PUBLIC:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: No reports.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No reports.

PARKS AND RECREATION: No reports.

FINANCE: Agler made a motion to approve the invoice from the Then and Now. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: No reports.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Requested preparation for an ordinance for the Vision Drive extension.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: Davis handed out proposed changes to existing rules concerning the agenda with the most notable change moving the public comment to after administrative reports to lump together public comments and questions. Davis asked that this be approved at the next scheduled meeting.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC:

Joe Jared, 113 W. Main St., asked for a copy of the handout for the proposed changes on the agenda and was given a copy.

Davis had questions for the Mayor regarding positions for the Tax Review Board, Cemetery Board and Community Reinvestment Board needing to be appointed as terms have expired.

Paul Hoverman wishes not to continue his involvement with the Board of Tax Review. Councilman Davis indicated he has a possible candidate for the position and requested until the next council meeting to confirm.

Judy Bowers is reappointed to the Cemetery Board.

Mark Schumm has indicated he will continue his membership with the Community Reinvestment Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Bowers made a motion to prepare an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to go to the Department of Transportation for the grant program and declare an emergency; seconded by Kallas; concurred by all.

Bowers made a motion to introduce RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-01-005; Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Bowers made a motion to suspend statutory rules for RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-01-005; Kallas seconded, all concurred

First advisory reading for RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-01-005: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FOX ROAD WALK AND CONNECTIONS PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. All concurred, first reading passed.

Davis made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-006 to introduce; seconded by Kallas; concurred by all.

Davis made a motion that Ordinance Number 23-01-006 be read as a First Advisory at the next meeting; Moore seconded; all concurred.

Moore made a motion to prepare as an emergency RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-01-007; Davis seconded; all concurred.

Moore made a motion to introduce RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-01-007; Davis seconded; all concurred.

Moore made a motion to suspend statutory rules for RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-01-007; Davis seconded, all concurred

First advisory reading for RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-01-007: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PLAT OF .094ACRES FROM THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BDC) AND DECLARING THE SAME AS AN EMERGENCY. All concurred, first reading passed.

Agler made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-008; Bowers seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-008 Stinnett seconded, all concurred

First advisory reading for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-01-008: AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE IMPROVEMENT OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; CREATING AN INCENTIVE DISTRICT TIF; DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; DESIGNATING SPECIFIC PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS MADE, TO BE MADE, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MADE, THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT, OR THAT ONCE MADE WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT, THE PARCEL FOR WHICH IMPROVEMENT IS DECLARED TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; REQUIRING ANNUAL SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; PROVIDING RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40(G), 5709.42, 5709.43, 5709.832 AND 5709.85; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; all concurred, first reading passed.

Kallas made a motion to remove Ordinance Number 23-01-009 from the agenda; Bowers seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to go into executive session at 7:11 p.m.; Davis seconded; all concurred.

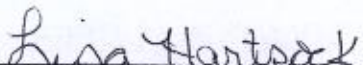
Executive session started at 7:16 p.m.

At 8:17 p.m. Kallas made a motion to end the Executive session. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

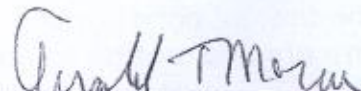
Back in regular session at 8:17 p.m..

Kallas made a motion to amend salary ordinance for safety personnel at the next scheduled council meeting; Marshall seconded; all adjourned.

Agler made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Bowers seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President
Gerald T. Mazur

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