

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**
March 13, 2023

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

Judy Bowers gave the invocation.

On call of the roll: Marshall, Kallas, Bowers, Agler, Stinnett and Moore were present. Motion was made by Agler to excuse Davis from the March 13, 2023 meeting. Stinnett seconded. All concurred.

Moore made a motion to approve the agenda for the March 13, 2023 Council meeting. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 27, 2023 Council meeting. Moore seconded; all concurred.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Council has been contacted by the public who have business adjacent to the concrete crushing business on S. Washington Street that they were unaware of the public meeting as their landlord did not let them know.

Joe Jared, 113 W. Main Street expressed concerns that the public meeting regarding the concrete business should be held after a regular council meeting and not before.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: Mayor indicated that another major class action Opioid lawsuit has been settled. The Law Director indicated that five more companies in Cleveland are ready to settle and paperwork will be coming to the city to approve settlement in addition to the funds previously received.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming indicated that the Eggerss Stadium is going well and all sewer line pipes should be installed by the end of the week.

The Vision Drive extension sewer line project started on Monday.

Fleming asked Council to approve the ordinance of the annexation of 59 acres of land northeast at Vision Industrial Park.

AUDITOR: There is one invoice that needs approval on the Then and Now: MS Consultants for the right of way on Leeson in the amount of \$41,001.

The check for the city's new fire truck has also been paid.

LAW DIRECTOR: The Municipal Court traffic flow cases are slowing down due to law enforcement manpower.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL AND PUBLIC: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: No reports

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Stacy Adams indicated that the demolition at the old Days Inn and Anthony Wayne School is complete and the price is being finalized and anticipates the properties will be listed for sale within a week on the Van Wert Economic Development website.

The demolition of the grain silos in Ohio City should be completed in three weeks.

The former Eagles on Central Avenue will undergo an asbestos abatement within a week and the Economic Development is coordinating with contractors on multiple downtown areas and will be moving quickly on all properties.

The Project Hulk is moving along and is hopeful for a mid-April target date. Adams also noted AEP has drafted a purchase agreement to buy land from the Business Development Corporation and will add a substation adjacent to Vision Park.

Custom Assembly has started building in Vision Park and GLM Transport is nearing completion and should move in the spring.

Renovation on 610 South Tyler Street is nearing completion and should be available for sale within a month and be move-in ready.

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:

Moore asked that Ordinance 23-03-20 vacating North Vine Street from the railroad tracks to the intersection with East Jackson Street be voted on and passed as an emergency. Agler asked if parking would still be available and Fleming indicated parking would be permitted.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION:

Bowers asked that Ordinance 23-03-019 authorizing the Mayor to accept annexation of a 59 acre parcel of land northeast of Vision Drive be voted and passed as an emergency.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL AND PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Applicants are still being sought for the Tax Review Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kallas made a motion to reschedule the public meeting regarding the concrete crushing business to April 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Bowers seconded; all concurred. Council President indicated he would hand-deliver notices to the tenants who did not receive notices from their landlord of the first public meeting and the clerk would mail notices to all adjacent owners. Susan Burchfield who has a counseling business next door discussed her concerns of the noise of the crushing business..

Joe Jared, 113 W. Main asked if there is a State ordinance on the noise level of the stone crushing business as there is no city ordinance. The Law Director will review the State noise levels prior to the scheduled public meeting.

Mark Davis, 402 South Tyler Street indicated that he believes the concrete crushing business needs more than a year to see if it will be viable.

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Bowers made a motion for the second advisory reading for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-02-016: ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 OF THE VAN WERT CODE OF ORDINANCES.** Moore seconded; all concurred, second reading passed.

Bowers made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-03-019;** Agler seconded; all concurred.

Bowers made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-03-019.** Agler seconded, all concurred

First advisory reading for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-03-019: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT ANNEXATION OF A 59 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND NORTHEAST OF VISION DRIVE PURSUANT TO A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT DATED APRIL 25, 2016; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** All concurred, first reading passed.

Moore made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-03-020; Agler seconded; all concurred.

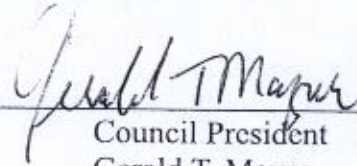
Moore made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-03-020. Agler seconded, all concurred

First advisory reading for RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-03-020: A RESOLUTION VACATING NORTH VINE STREET FROM THE RAILROAD TRACKS TO THE INTERSECTION WITH EAST JACKSON STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. All concurred, first reading passed.

Agler made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Bowers seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President
Gerald T. Mazur

March 27, 2023
DATE



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February 27, 2023

Mr. Gerald T. Mazur
President of City Council
City of Van Wert
515 East Main Street
Van Wert, OH 45891

Dear Mr. Mazur:

The Van Wert Planning Commission held a public hearing on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. to consider petitions for change in zoning from the following:

- The Mohr Organization, LLC., by Cory Mohr for 919 E. Main St., parcel #12-019448.0000 and 213 N. Vine St., parcel #12-019472.0000 from R-2 present zoning to I-1 zoning.
- John E. and Kathy White for 111 N. Vine St., parcel #12-019448.0100, N. Vine St., parcel #12-019468.0000 and N. Franklin St., parcel #12-019176.0000 from R-2 present zoning to I-1 zoning.

The above parcels are basically associated with Youngs Trash Service location and requesting zoning changes to reflect the current use of each property. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the petitions for the change in zoning from R-2 to I-1.

Sincerely,

PLANNING COMMISSION

Kenneth J. Markward, Mayor
Chairman

Jay C. Fleming, Safety-Service Director
Secretary

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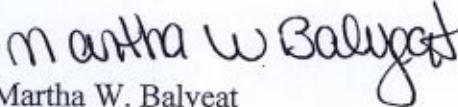
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March 13, 2023

It is hereby certified that the funds have been lawfully appropriated for the following purposes and were in the treasury or in the process of collection and are free from encumbrances or restrictions at the time of these expenditures and presently.

Vendor	Invoice #	Amount
MS Consultants Right of Way - Leeson	60-36195-00-2	\$41,001.00


Martha W. Balyeat
City Auditor

Approved by City Council 