

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**
April 10, 2023

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

Bowers 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 April 10, 2023 Council meeting. Moore seconded; all concurred.

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

Kallas made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 27, 2023 Public Council meeting. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Council received an invitation to the Van Wert Service Club 53rd Annual R.K. Thompson Self-Reliance Award Banquet on May 3, 2023 at Vantage Career Center

The liquor license for James Collins DBA Collins Fine Foods is up for renewal. Council will hold for 30 days and if no objection, approval will be forwarded to the Liquor Control Board.

Council received from Edward Glossett a proposal for a Recreation Center. Stinnett will get in contact with Mr. Glosset and review the proposal.

Joe Dray, Executive Director of the Historic Main Street Van Wert, thanked the council for their continued support and discussed upcoming events. Dray also orally requested the same funding from the city as last year in the amount of \$30,000.

Councilman Davis indicated that Jordan Dettrow, was awarded with the James Madison Fellowship Award and indicated that only one educator from each state is given this award.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The Mayor recommends that signs related to businesses be increased from 100 square feet to 200 square feet.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming indicated that the Vision Drive project is under way and progressing.

AUDITOR: Balyeat indicated that the first quarter books are complete and revenue and expenses are running more or less the same as the previous year.

LAW DIRECTOR: No reports

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL AND PUBLIC:

Mark Davis, 402 S. Tyler St., expressed his concerns with the change council is making in the agenda and the time the public has to express their concerns and questions. Councilman Davis indicated that there is nothing changed on the agenda as far as the time the public will receive.

Joe Jared, 113 W. Main, expressed his concerns of a vehicle illegally parked on Cherry Street. The Law Director indicated he will need the address and will look into it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: No reports.

The Law Director asked councilman Marshall to schedule a time to meet to be updated on blighted properties #3 and #4.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Stacy Adam introduced Brent Stevens, the new Executive Director of the Van Wert Area Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Stevens indicated he is looking forward to working with the council and giving back to the community.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Bowers indicated that the scoreboards are up and running.

FINANCE: No reports

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: No reports.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Moore asked for an ordinance to be introduced and passed as an emergency to allow the Safety Service Director to get a winter salt contract. Agler seconded. All concurred.

Moore asked for an ordinance to be introduced to amend the previous ordinance to allow angle parking on the west side of Jefferson Street between the railroad and Town Creek. Agler seconded. All concurred.

Moore asked for an ordinance to be introduced for two handicap parking spaces to be placed on the west side of Jefferson Street. Agler seconded, all concurred

Mark Davis, 402 S. Tyler St., questioned the reason for making angle parking. Fleming stated it creates 19 new parking spaces

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION:

Davis asked for an ordinance to be prepared and passed as an emergency to accept the application for an annexation of 59.44 acres east of Vision Park. Agler seconded, all concurred.

Davis asked for an ordinance to be prepared and passed as an emergency for the city to set the zoning upon annexation as I-2 industrial, Agler seconded all concurred.

Davis asked for an ordinance to be prepared and passed as an emergency for the city to declare what services it would provide to the property described in Ordinance 23-04-025. Agler seconded, all concurred.

Stacy Adam discussed the venture known as Project Hulk and indicated a new business coming in will involve some recycling, but more along the lines of chemicals and technologies. The project will create 100 jobs, \$4.8 million in annual revenue and will have an investment of just under \$70 million. Adam indicated more details will be released by the end of April.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council discussed the Zoning Board appeal brought to the council by Logan Lehmkuhle requesting to extend a stone grinding project on S. Washington Street from 12 months to 30 months. A public meeting was held prior to the council meeting with input coming from the owner and nearby business owners. A brief discussion continued during the regular portion of the meeting.

Davis made a motion to deny the appeal. Seconded by Agler with Marshall and Kallas concurring. Bowers, Stinnett and Moore voted against. Motion to deny the appeal passes.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Moore made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-022;** Agler seconded; all concurred.

Moore made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-022.** Agler seconded, all concurred.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)

ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. All concurred. Ordinance Passed.

Moore made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-023; Agler seconded; all concurred.

Moore made a motion to have an advisory vote on ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-023; Agler seconded; all concurred.

Moore made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-024; Agler seconded; all concurred.

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Davis made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-025; Agler seconded; all concurred.

Davis made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-025. Agler seconded, all concurred,

ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-025: AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE CONTAINING 59.44 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, FILED BY THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF VAN WERT COUNTY, OHIO, INC., LOCATED EAST OF VISION PARK, WEST OF DUTCH JOHN ROAD AND SOUTH OF US 30 IN PLEASANT TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF VAN WERT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. All concurred. Ordinance passed.

Davis made a motion to prepare ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-026; Agler seconded; all concurred.

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Davis made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-026. Agler seconded, all concurred.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-026: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY TO THE CONDITION ZONING UPON ANNEXATION AS I-2 INDUSTRIAL FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION OF ANNEXATION CONTAINED ORDINANCE 23-04-025 PURSUANT TO RC 709.024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. All concurred. Ordinance passed.

Davis made a motion to prepare ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-027; Agler seconded; all concurred.

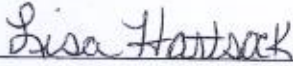
Davis made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-027; Agler seconded; all concurred.

Davis made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-027. Agler seconded; all concurred.

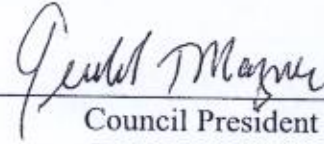
ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-04-027: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY TO DECLARE WHAT SERVICES IT WOULD PROVIDE TO THE PROPERTY INCLUDED IN THE

PETITION OF ANNEXATION AT ISSUE IN ORDINANCE 23-04-025 PURSUANT TO RC 709.024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. All concurred. Ordinance passed.

Agler made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Bowers seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President
Gerald T. Mazur

April 24, 2023
DATE