

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**
May 22, 2023

Council President Pro-Tem Andrew Davis called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Bowers gave the invocation.

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

In the absence of President Jerry Mazur, Council President Pro-Tem Andrew Davis led the meeting.

Bowers made a motion to accept the Consent agenda. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Nate Green of the Downtown Development District discussed how funds would be used for public improvements from new property taxes coming from investment properties. He indicated that 70% of the tax dollars would go back into the downtown to make infrastructure improvements. First the Downtown Development District would need to get the support of the school before a public hearing would be held with council. Stacy Adam was present and indicated when looking at the project as a whole, the community improvements would benefit all Van Wert residents.

Mark Davis, 402 S. Tyler St., discussed how he felt the intersection on Frothingham Street and Race Street as a dangerous intersection and asked that it be looked into as a four way stop. Mr. Davis also suggested that the parking on Central Street at the intersection of Race Street be moved from 35 feet back to 75 feet from the intersection. Jay Fleming and Julie Moore will review both intersections.

Joe Jared, 113 W. Main, asks that his property not be included in the Downtown Redevelopment District.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The Mayor indicated that after the retirement of Stacy Adam she was no longer to be on the Community Reinvestment Board and Brent Stevens was appointed to complete her term ending 12/1/2025.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming asked that an ordinance be prepared so that he could advertise, bid and award contracts for 2023 street painting and asked that it be prepared as an emergency.

Fleming also indicated that Vision Drive is nearly complete.

Fleming asked that the ODOT Feasibility Study given to all council members be reviewed.

AUDITOR: There is one invoice that needs approval on Then and Now: 1) Johnson Mechanical Inc., Municipal Court boiler maintenance in the amount of \$3,438.26.

Balyeat needs approval for the tax budget by July 10, 2023. The Finance Committee scheduled a meeting for June 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

LAW DIRECTOR: No reports.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL AND PUBLIC:

Councilman Davis reported that the airport had a successful fly-in and car show this past weekend with several cars in attendance. The Airport Board is in need of a member and anyone interested should contact Fred Fisher, President of the Airport Board.

Council received a request from the property owner of 10480 Greenville Road that the property be transferred from the City of Van Wert to the Township of Ridge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Marshall indicated that since the last council meeting he has met with the Mayor and the Law Director to discuss the properties on the Blighted Property list and all properties are moving forward and he will continue to monitor.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No reports

PARKS AND RECREATION: No reports.

Bowers turned it over to the Law Director who indicated he has had contact from Pleasant Township Trustees asking for legislature to be prepared to approve forming a Union Cemetery District which would allow the Woodland Cemetery to put a tax levy for the funding of the cemetery. Bowers requested preparation for an ordinance to approve the Pleasant Township Trustees to form a Union Cemetery District. Marshall seconded; all concurred.

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

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: Stinnett made a motion to pass the ordinance authorizing the Mayor to give the "Van Wert National Bank Clock" to the Van Wert County Foundation as an emergency.

Stinnett made a motion to pass an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Van Wert County Foundation for the purpose of allowing the Foundation

to maintain pieces of its property that are located on city real property; and declaring the same as an emergency.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Moore requested preparation for an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise, bid and award contracts for 2023 street painting and that it be prepared as an emergency. Agler seconded; all concurred.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: No reports

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council discussed the changes to parking spaces on Jefferson Street as forward angle or reverse angle parking. A public meeting was held prior to the council meeting with input coming from the public. After a lengthy discussion during the regular portion of the meeting, council agreed to test reverse angle parking on a temporary basis.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Stinnett made a motion to prepare ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-05-031; Marshall seconded; all concurred.

Stinnett made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-05-031; Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Stinnett made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-05-031. Agler seconded, all concurred.

Stinnett made a motion to pass ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-05-031; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE VAN WERT COUNTY FOUNDATION FOR THE PURPOSES ALLOWING THE FOUNDATION TO MAINTAIN PIECES OF ITS PROPERTY LOCATED ON CITY REAL PROPERTY; AND DECLARING THE SAME AS AN EMERGENCY. Agler seconded, all concurred. Ordinance Passed.

Stinnett made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-05-032; Marshall seconded; all concurred.

Stinnett made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-05-032. Agler seconded, all concurred,


Stinnett made a motion to pass ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-05-032; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GIVE THE "VAN WERT NATIONAL BANK CLOCK"

TO THE VAN WERT COUNTY FOUNDATION; AND DECLARING THE SAME AS AN EMERGENCY". Bowers seconded; all concurred. Ordinance passed.

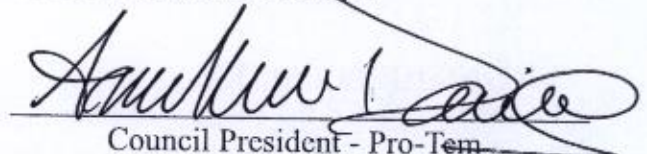
ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-05-030 was read as a First Reading Advisory; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion to go into Executive session regarding pending legislation at 7:52 p.m. Bowers seconded; all concurred. Kallas made a motion to end Executive session at 8:07 p.m. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Bowers made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Kallas seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President - Pro-Tem
Andrew Davis

June 12, 2023
DATE