

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**
July 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 and Moore were present.

Agler made a motion to excuse Davis from the meeting. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The Mayor indicated that the paperwork has been started on Blighted Property #3. Blighted property #7 is close to being demolished.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming stated that 624 new water meters have been installed so far. The process is going a little slower than anticipated but there have been no complaints.

Fleming also stated that brush pickup is underway this week.

Fleming also indicated that the new TekniPlex building of approximately 200,000 square feet is underway.

AUDITOR: There are three invoices that need approval on the Then and Now: 1) SiteOne; Parks - field mix in the amount of \$3,218.35; 2) Allmax; wastewater- software in the amount of \$4,363.34 and 3) Software Solutions - Audit, Tax, Utilities Cloud Backup and Storage in the amount of \$3,049.00

The projection for 2023 is on target.

Balyeat questioned why the mayor's proposed salary increase was only 1% compared to 3% for the Auditor and Law Director.

LAW DIRECTOR: The Law Director discussed the ordinance approving the formation of the union cemetery district for Woodland Cemetery would need to be passed to be possible to place a levy on the next ballot. Upon being formed the township trustees and the city must vote in favor of any levy placed on the ballot and an annual meeting would be required.

The Law Director has received emails of fireworks being set off that are not being set off with the legal times permitted. He will be discussing the matter with the police department on how violations will be handled.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Linda Hartman, fiscal officer of Pleasant Township was present and encouraged council to approve the adoption of the cemetery union district tonight.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Marshall indicated that there are other properties being looked at to add to the blighted property list which seem to be habitable.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Kallas asks the law director to prepare an ordinance for the formation of a taxing Downtown Redevelopment District. Agler seconded. Marshall, Kallas, Agler, Stinnett and Moore voted yes with Bowers voting no.

PARKS AND RECREATION: No reports

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

Agler made a motion to amend the previous proposal of the Mayor's salary to a 3% increase instead of a 1% increase. Stinnett seconded. All concurred.

Agler made a motion to amend the council salaries from the previous proposal of \$5,390 to \$6,100 for council members and from \$6,050 to \$6,700 for the council president, Currently council members receive \$4,900 annually with the president currently receiving \$5,500. Kallas seconded. Marshall and Moore voted yes with Bowers and Stinnett voting no.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: No reports

STREETS AND ALLEYS: No reports

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: Bowers made a motion to introduce an ordinance to detach from the City of Van Wert property located at 10480 Greenville Road. Kallas seconded. Bowers, Kallas, Marshall, Stinnett and Moore voted yes. Agler voted no.

Bowers made a motion to pass the ordinance approving the formation of the Union Cemetery District for the Woodland Cemetery. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC: Joe Jared, 113 W. Main St., indicated that he did not receive a letter regarding the public meeting scheduled for July 24th. The Law Director indicated he would make sure that he received one.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Council discussed the conflicting ordinances for the intersection of Frothingham and Race Streets. Jay Fleming has not had time to review and will discuss at the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Bowers made a motion to suspend the rules on ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-034. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Bowers made a motion to pass on a Second Advisory Reading ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-034 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FORMATION OF THE UNION CEMETERY DISTRICT FOR THE WOODLAND CEMETERY; AND DECLARING THE SAME AS AN EMERGENCY. Kallas seconded; all concurred. Ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE 23-06-035 was read as a Second Advisory Reading; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to introduce Amended ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-07-038. Stinnett second; all concurred.

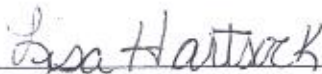
Amended ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-07-038 was read as a First Advisory reading; all concurred.

Amended ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-07-039 was read as a First Advisory reading. Marshall Kallas Agler and Moore voted yes. Bowers and Stinnett voted no.

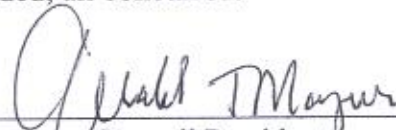
Bowers made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-07-040. Kallas seconded. Bowers, Kallas, Marshall, Stinnett and Moore voted yes. Agler voted no.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-07-040 was read as a First Advisory reading. Kallas seconded. Bowers, Kallas, Marshall, Stinnett and Moore voted yes. Agler voted no.

Bowers made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Agler seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President
Gerald T. Mazur

July 24, 2023
DATE