

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**
June 12, 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.

Bowers made a motion to amend the Agenda. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: Postcards have gone out to city residents who are in new wards due to the redrawing of the city's ward boundaries. The change was made to balance out each of Van Wert's four wards. He also noted the city has gone from 15 to 10 precincts due to the changes, which means some city residents may have a new polling place.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming said that letters are going out to water customers explaining the upcoming water meter replacement project.

Fleming asked that an ordinance be prepared so that he could advertise, bid and award contracts for various streets to be repaved.

The Foundation's engineer will advise when they will be able to do the painting for the new angle parking.

AUDITOR: There is one invoice that needs approval on Then and Now: 1) Roofing Innovations LLC (CDBG) Project in the amount of \$25,565.00; 2) Solomon (water clear wells inspection, cleaning and repair) in the amount of \$42,450.00.

Balyeat indicated that the tax budget will be discussed at the meeting scheduled for June 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Balyeat asks for a new fund to be created for the CAMO (Courts Assisting Military Offenders) at Municipal Court.

Balyeat also asked that the city pass supplemental appropriations.

LAW DIRECTOR:

Dillon Staas, assistant prosecuting attorney, was present and discussed the need for forming a union cemetery district for Woodland Cemetery. By law, a cemetery district is required to be in

place and it has never been done. This would allow the cemetery to request a tax levy on the ballot to help with costs. Bowers requested to table the ordinance until the next council meeting.

The Law Director asked council to prepare an ordinance forming a Downtown Redevelopment District. A public meeting has been scheduled for July 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Council has received notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control for the renewal of the liquor license of Brookside Beverage.

An invitation was received from the Van Wert County Farm Bureau for a luncheon on June 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Kenn-Feld Group.

An invitation was received for a Domestic Violence Event presented by SL Cook LC being held at Trinity Friends Church on October 7, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Marshall indicated that the blighted properties are moving forward with one being ready to be torn down.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: The Van Wert Economical Development will be meeting on June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Vantage Career Center and encourages the public to attend.

PARKS AND RECREATION: The youth fishing tournament is scheduled for June 24, 2023 from 9:00 am. to 10:30 a.m. at Smiley Park. A parent or legal guardian will need to be present for each child during the tournament.

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

Agler made a motion for an ordinance to be prepared for the supplemental appropriations. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion for an ordinance to be prepared for the CAMO court at the Municipal Court for a new fund.

A discussion was made that salaries for elected officials need to be discussed and in place before the election. Council agreed that further discussion will be done at the next council meeting.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: No reports

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Moore requested an ordinance be prepared so that the Safety Service Director can advertise, bid and award contracts for various streets to be repaved. Stinnett seconded. Marshal, Kallas, Bowers and Agler concurred with Davis voting no.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: Discussion was held over a request made by a resident at the corner of Hospital Drive and Greenville Road to be de-annexated from the city limits. The resident told counsel that he does not receive city water or sewer services but is charged for it and wishes to be removed from the city limits. After discussion, council agreed to have the Law Director look into the matter.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC:

Joe Jared, 113 W. Main, asks if there was a fire hydrant near the property in question at the corner of Hospital Drive vs. Greenville Road and was told it was over 1000 feet away from the home.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

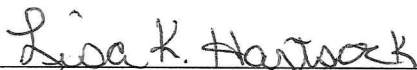
RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

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

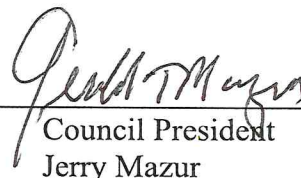
ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-033 was read as a First Reading Advisory; all concurred. Moore made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-033**. Agler seconded, all concurred.

Moore made a motion to pass **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-03** AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS TO THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE 2023 STREET PAINTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Agler seconded, all concurred. Ordinance Passed.

Agler made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Bowers seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President
Jerry Mazur

June 26, 2023
DATE