

MINUTES OF THE VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL

June 26, 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, Stinnett, Moore and Davis were present. Bowers made a motion to excuse Agler from the meeting. Marshall seconded; all concurred.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: Mayor indicated that temporary parking lines will be put down on Wednesday for the reverse angle parking on Jefferson Street.

The Van Wert National Bank clock is scheduled to come down this week for repairs and restoration.

The water meter replacement system has begun with approximately 100 meters installed to date.

The joint project between the Land Bank and Vantage Career Center to construct a home at 143 E. Raymond Street is completed. There will be an open house on July 9th and July 13th with the auction to be held on July 27th.

The next brush pick up will be on July 10th.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming was absent.

AUDITOR: There are three invoices that need approval on the Then and Now: 1) Havel (Heat/Air repair) in the amount of \$3,027.30; 2) Four County Career Center in the amount of \$3,786.67 and 3) Four County Career Center (Firefighter training) in the amount of \$3,786.67.

Balyeat also asked the supplemental appropriations ordinance be passed.

LAW DIRECTOR: The Law Director has reviewed the request of a resident at the corner of Greenville Road and Hospital Drive to be detached from the City and there is nothing prohibiting the action.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Mark Davis, 402 S. Tyler St., expressed his concerns with the reverse angle parking on Jefferson Street and questioned the overhang from larger vehicles blocking the sidewalk. Davis asked the

council to put a hold on reverse angle parking. Council indicated it is only a trial period and this will be reviewed at the end of the trial.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Marshall indicated that he has met with the owner of Blighted property #5 to discuss their plan.

The Law Director indicated that Blighted property #1 is currently in litigation at the Van Wert Common Pleas Court with the next pretrial scheduled for mid-October where that case will either go forward or be dismissed depending on if the owners meet timelines.

Marshall also reminded residents to not mow their grass with grass trimmings going onto the road and asked if someone commercially is mowing your property to inform them of the same.

The July 4th parade will be held on Saturday, July 1st beginning at 11:00 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No reports

PARKS AND RECREATION: No reports

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

Davis made a motion to pass an ordinance for the supplemental appropriations. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Davis made a motion to introduce an ordinance for the CAMO court at the Municipal Court for a new fund. Moore seconded; all concurred.

Council reviewed and compared salary survey results from the Ohio Municipal League. Discussions were held of potential raises for council members, the Mayor, Law Director and City Auditor. Davis indicated that it is important to keep salaries competitive especially for the Mayor, Law Director and City Auditor.

Davis made a motion for an ordinance to be prepared to increase the city council members' income from \$4,900 to \$6,100 and council president from \$5,500 to \$6,600, Kallas seconded. Marshall and Davis voted yes. Bowers, Stinnett, Moore and Kallas voted no.

Kallas then made a motion for an ordinance to be prepared to increase council members' income to \$5,390 and council president's income to \$6,050. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

Davis made a motion for an ordinance to be prepared to increase the salaries for the Law Director and City Auditor by three percent each of four years and one percent each of four years

for the Mayor. Bowers seconded. Marshall, Kallas, Moore and Davis voted yes with Bowers and Stinnett voting against. Motion passed.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: No reports

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Moore indicated that previous ordinances from 1954 indicated that the intersection of Frothingham and Race Street should be a four way stop. As the Safety Service Director was not present the discussion will be brought up at the next meeting.

Moore made a motion to pass an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids, award and sign contracts for resurfacing several streets. Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: No reports

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kallas made a motion for an ordinance to be prepared to allow the property on the corner of Greenville Road and Hospital Drive to be detached from the city. Stinnett seconded with Marshall, Bowers and Moore voting yes and Davis voting no.

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-05-030 was read as a Third and Reading Advisory; all concurred. Ordinance Passed.

Bowers made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-034**. Kallas seconded; all concurred

Davis made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-035**; Moore seconded; all concurred.

Davis made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-036**; Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Davis made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-036**; Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Davis made a motion to pass as an emergency **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-036**; AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO FUNDS 101, 230, 253, 301, 305, 601, 602, and 701, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Kallas seconded; all concurred. Ordinance Passed.

Moore made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-037; Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

Moore made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-037; Stinnett seconded; all concurred.

Moore made a motion to pass as an emergency ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-037: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AWARD CONTRACTS, AND SIGN CONTRACTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF VAN WERT FOR RESURFACING SEVERAL STREETS IN THE CITY OF VAN WERT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Stinnett seconded. Marshall, Kallas, Bowers voted yes. Davis voted no.

Stinnett made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Kallas seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President
Gerald T. Mazur

July 10, 2023
DATE