

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**
July 24, 2023

President Jerry Mazur called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Reverend Frank Howard gave the invocation.

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

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: Not present

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Not present

AUDITOR: Martha Balyeat indicated that the city tax budget must be passed at tonight's meeting.

LAW DIRECTOR: The Law Director discussed how city council has traditionally set salaries before the filing deadlines for petitions but after research, it is not required by the Ohio Revised Code.

The Law Director indicated that the code violation charges are down significantly compared to 2022.

Joe Jared, 113 W. Main St., indicated he believes the salary increase is inappropriate.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Mark Davis, 402 S. Tyler St., expressed his concerns with the angle parking causing a hazardous intersection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: No report

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Kallas indicated that the house located at 143 E. Raymond Street built by carpentry students of the Vantage Career Center in collaboration with the Van Wert County Reutilization Corporation will be auctioned on July 26, 2023.

Kallas also indicated that the house located at 610 S. Tyler Street and owned by Land Bank was sold for \$120,000,

PARKS AND RECREATION: No reports

FINANCE: Agler made a motion to approve the tax budget. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: No reports.

Agler indicated that he would like a Committee Meeting to be scheduled for August 14, 2023 at 6:15 p.m. to discuss hydroseeding.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: No reports

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: Davis handed out rules that he believes council needs to review and change, including the procedure sometimes used to introduce ordinances, rules establishing council committees, the three reading rule and setting salaries for elected officials. These will be discussed at a future meeting.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC:

Mark Davis, 402 S. Tyler St. indicated that the area on Dutch John Brown Road looks good after being mowed.

Councilman Davis indicated that the email received by city council from Jay Fleming indicated the cost of providing water for the property located at 10480 Greenville Road would be costly. Agler indicated that there was money available and that the property should be detached from the city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Intersection of Frothingham and Race Streets

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Agler made a motion to pass on a Third Advisory Reading **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-06-035**; AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND HEREAFTER KNOWN AS FUND 208 (MC CAMO COURT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING AND DISBURSING GRANT FUNDS FOR THE COURTS ASSISTING MILITARY OFFENDERS (CAMO COURT) PROGRAM.. Kallas seconded; all concurred. Ordinance Passed.

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

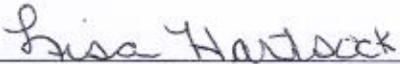
Amended ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-07-039 was read as a Second Advisory reading; all concurred.

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

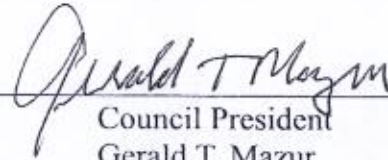
Kallas made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-07-041. Marshall second; all concurred.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-07-041 was read as a First Advisory reading; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Kallas seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President
Gerald T. Mazur

August 14, 2023
DATE