

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL
November 27, 2023**

Council President - Pro Tem Andrew Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Judy Bowers gave the invocation.

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

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

Moore made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Bowers seconded; all concurred. **Moore made a motion to suspend statutory rules for the Consent Agenda, Bowers seconded; all concurred. Moore made a motion to pass the Consent Agenda on First and Final reading, Kallas seconded; all concurred.**

CONSENT AGENDA: Nov. 14 Meeting Minutes, Nov. 27 Meeting agenda, **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-056, ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-057, ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-058, ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-059, ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-060, ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-061, ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-063**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The Mayor indicated November 28, 2023 was Giving Tuesday though the Van Wert County Foundation,. They have 18 different funds and they will match anything given on November 28th.

The Council appointed positions of Board of Tax Review, Community Reinvestment Board and Design Review Board all have expired terms effective 12/31/2023. Council will ask the three current members if they are interested.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming asked that the legislature be prepared to increase the water rate by 10% due to inflation.

AUDITOR: Not present

LAW DIRECTOR: Not present.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Fred Fisher of the Airport Authority requested \$40,000 for continued improvement at the airport. He indicated that the plan to extend the runway is going forward as planned. Fisher also stated that there is currently one instructor who has enough students to hire a second instructor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: No reports

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No reports

PARKS AND RECREATION: Bowers indicated that the Christmas decorations are all up and the public seems to be enjoying them.

FINANCE: Agler made a motion that an ordinance be prepared as an emergency to raise the water rates by 10%. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: Not present

STREETS AND ALLEYS: No reports

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: Davis made a motion to introduce ordinance 23-11-066. Agler seconded; all concurred.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Kallas requested that a discussion regarding the council committees be placed on the next Agenda under New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Third and Final reading for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-10-053; AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND HEREAFTER KNOWN AS FUND 216 (OPIOID SETTLEMENT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING AND DISBURSING FUNDS FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENTS.** All concurred. Motion passed.

Agler made a motion to pass as an emergency **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-062; A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RATES FOR EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION AND EMPLOYER'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY OF VAN WERT'S HEALTHCARE PROGRAM AND HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HSA) PROGRAM EFFECTIVE ON JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024, AMENDING RESOLUTION** Agler made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-064;** Davis seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-064;** Davis seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to pass as an emergency **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-064; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-12-061 BY AMENDING THE SALARY**

ORDINANCE SAFETY DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, NON-BARGAINING UNIT MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF VAN WERT, ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, SALARY RANGES AND LIMITATIONS, AUTHORIZING SPECIFIC NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, PROVIDING IMMUNIZATION AGAINST COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AND OTHER BENEFITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Davis seconded; all concurred. Ordinance Passed.

Agler made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-065; Moore seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-065; Moore seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to pass as an emergency ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-065; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 22-12-062 PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AUDITOR'S OFFICE, INCOME TAX AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF VAN WERT, ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, SALARY RANGES AND LIMITATIONS, AUTHORIZING SPECIFIC NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, ALLOWANCES, IMMUNIZATION AGAINST COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AND OTHER BENEFITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Moore seconded; all concurred. Ordinance Passed.

Davis made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-066. Agler seconded; all concurred.

First Advisory Reading for ordinance 23-11-066; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VAN WERT CITY ORDINANCES SECTION 150.36 FENCES AND PLANTING SCREENS. All concurred.

Agler made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-067. Moore seconded; All concurred.

First Advisory Reading for Ordinance 23-11-067; AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF VAN WERT, OHIO, FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. All concurred.

Agler made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-068; Moore seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-068; Moore seconded; all concurred.

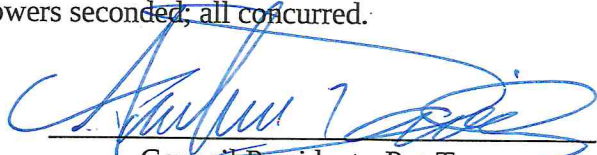
Agler made a motion to pass as an emergency ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-068; AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALARIES AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT SYSTEM FOR THE VAN WERT MUNICIPAL COURT, ESTABLISHING JOB CLASSIFICATIONS, SALARY RANGES AND LIMITATIONS, AUTHORIZING SPECIFIC NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES,

**PROVIDING FOR SICK LEAVE, VACATION SCHEDULE, ALLOWANCES,
IMMUNIZATION AGAINST COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AND OTHER BENEFITS
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Moore seconded; all concurred. Ordinance
Passed.**

Agler made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Bowers seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President - Pro Tem
Andrew Davis

December 11, 2023
DATE