

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

Council President Jerry Mazur 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.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The Mayor asked council to approve Dennis Cummins for Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term expiring on 12/31/2028.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Christmas tree pickup will be from January 8 through January 12. All trees should be at the curb with no bags and free of all decorations and lights.

Fleming asked that the ordinance for the water rate increase be passed.

AUDITOR: There is one invoice that needs approval on the Then and Now: 1) Smart Start of Ohio in the amount of \$3,087.00.

LAW DIRECTOR: The Law Director gave updates on each of the blighted properties with all properties moving forward.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Marshall indicated that he was pleased with all of the blighted properties moving forward and it is the council's job to maintain the look of the city. All of the properties are vacant and are not code violation issues.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No reports.

Kallas did thank all outgoing council members for their work on city council.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Bowers indicated that continued positive input is being received from citizens regarding the Christmas decorations.

FINANCE: Davis made a motion to approve the invoice from the Then and Now. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to approve Dennis Cummins for Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term expiring on 12/31/2028. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: No reports.

Kallas made a motion to remove the wording "City Properties" under Properties and Equipment on the agenda. Agler seconded; all concurred.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: No reports

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: No reports

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Law Director is still reviewing Council Committee meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Agler made a to pass on its Third and Final Reading **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-11-069;** AN ORDINANCE SETTING NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Kallas seconded; all concurred. Ordinance passed.

Agler made a motion to prepare **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-12-074.** Moore seconded; All concurred.

Agler made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-12-074.** Moore seconded; All concurred

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-12-074;** Moore seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to pass as an emergency ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-12-074; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 23-12-072 TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO FUNDS 101, 208, 210, 212, 216, 225, 250, 302, 550, 601, 602, 701, 850, 851, AND 875, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. All concurred. Ordinance Passed.

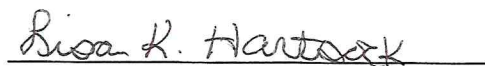
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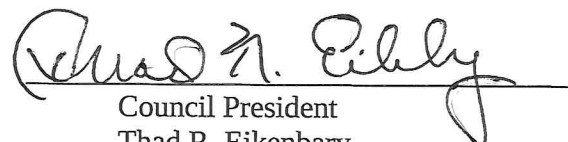
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Agler made a motion to pass as an emergency ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-12-075; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 23-12-071 TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM FUND 101 TO FUND 216 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. All concurred. Ordinance Passed.

Davis made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Bowers seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President
Thad R. Eikenbary

January 8, 2024
DATE

