

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**
February 12, 2024

Council President Thad Eikenbary called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Bobby Hile gave the invocation.

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

Bowers made a motion to excuse Ringwald. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dettrow seconded; all concurred.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The Mayor would like to keep swimming pool talk ongoing and indicated that Ohio adopts a capital budget with a deadline approaching. He has informed the State that Van Wert is interested. He informed that the process is just getting started and it would be a couple of months before we find out anything. The Mayor also indicated that the Parks Department Superintendent is gathering information on a possible location for a swimming pool.

A special council meeting has been scheduled for March 4th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the swimming pool.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming informed that the limestone crushing business on N. Washington Street is complete and all limestone will be hauled away.

Reconstruction work is underway along Leeson. The project includes new water, sanitary and sewer lines along with new pavement, sidewalks, gutters and curbs. Work is expected to take about eight months.

Fleming also informed that the Dominion Gas Company is working on replacing the gas lines out by the airport. Shannon Street work is centering around sanitary line replacement beginning at the railroad tracks.

AUDITOR: There are three invoices that need approval on the Then and Now: 1) Lima Radio Hospital in the amount of \$26,222.52; 2) Van Wert Regional Planning in the amount of \$4,419.00; and 3) Rea & Associates in the amount of \$6,500.00.

LAW DIRECTOR: The Law Director asked for an ordinance to be passed for a contract with Attorney Rachel Maurey for services as Assistant Law Director.

The Mayor discussed that complaints have been filed on Blighted properties #3, #8 and #10. Blighted property #4 has had the repairs finished and the case is closed. Blighted property #6 has had progress stalled.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

An invitation was received for the annual meeting of the Van Wert County District Advisory Council for March 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Kallas made a motion to introduce an ordinance authorizing the Safety Service Director to advertise for bids and award contracts for the 2024 street painting. Agler seconded; all concurred.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: No reports.

Dettrow stated that he felt Section 30.04 is outdated and council needs to think about reviewing it, including raises for the City Council.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: Agler made a motion to introduce an ordinance to allow the Safety Service Director to sell unused and unneeded property on an internet auction site. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

PARKS AND RECREATION: No reports

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: Moore indicated that she has met with administration and is up to date on the blighted properties and that progress is moving forward.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Marshall made a motion to introduce Ordinance 24-02-010. Kallas seconded; all concurred. Marshall asked to suspend the rules for Ordinance 24-02-010. Moore seconded. Marshall, Moore, Kallas, Bowers and Dettrow voted yes. Agler abstained. Due to the absence of Ringwald and with Agler abstaining, there were not enough votes to pass Ordinance 24-02-010 as an emergency.

Marshall asked for an ordinance to be prepared for Community Reinvestment Agreements (CRA) between the city and the Van Wert County Foundation for 15 units of new residential housing and 12,000 of new commercial space. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Marshall also asked for an ordinance to be prepared for CRA between the city and the Van Wert County Foundation for 8,600 square feet at 223 E. Main Street. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Council committees

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Second Reading Advisory for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-01-004; AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING FOR PARCELS NO. 12-019472.000 AND 12-019468.0000 LOCATED ON NORTH VINE STREET AT THE CORNER OF E. JACKSON STREET FROM R-2 TO I-1 TO THE CITY OF VAN WERT, OHIO.** Kallas, Bowers, Dettrow, Moore and Marshall voted yes. Agler abstained.

Second Reading Advisory for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-01-005 AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW PARKING SCHEDULE TO CHAPTER 78: PARKING SCHEDULES OF THE VAN WERT CITY ORDINANCES SECTION.** All concurred.

Kallas made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02-006.** Moore seconded; All concurred.

Kallas made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02-006;** Moore seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion to pass as an emergency **ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02-006; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF VAN WERT, OHIO TO APPLY TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) FUNDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Moore seconded; all concurred. Ordinance Passed.

Kallas made a motion to prepare **ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02-007.** Agler seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02-007.** Agler seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02-007;** Agler seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion to pass as an emergency **ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02-007; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH ATTORNEY RACHAEL MAUREY FOR SERVICES AS ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR;**

AND DECLARING THE SAME AS AN EMERGENCY. Moore seconded; all concurred.
Ordinance Passed.

Agler made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02-008. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

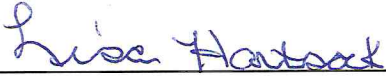
Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02-008; Moore seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to pass as an emergency ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02-008; A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2024 OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, OR WHICH IS OBSOLETE OR UNFIT FOR THE USE FOR WHICH IT WAS ACQUIRED, BY INTERNET AUCTION, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 721.15(D), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Moore seconded; all concurred. Ordinance Passed.


First Reading Advisory for ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02-009; AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS TO THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR THE 2024 STREET PAINTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. All concurred.

First Reading Advisory for ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-02-010; AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VAN WERT AND THE MOHR ORGANIZATION (DBA YOUNGS WASTE) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Kallas, Bowers, Dettrow, Moore and Marshall voted yes. Agler abstained.

Agler made a motion to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Kallas seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President
Thad R. Eikenbary

February 26, 2024
DATE