

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

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

Judy Bowers gave the invocation.

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

Kallas made a motion to amend the Consent Agenda to add an executive session to the end of the meeting to discuss appointing a public official. Dettrow seconded; all concurred.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The mayor spoke about Van Wert County Solid Waste Management district is updating their 15 year plan as required. With guidance from the government of the State of Ohio, we are continued to be encouraged to divert as much as possible away from landfills. Since we are the largest municipality in the county, council must approve of the new 15 year plan by October 11, 2024.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Fleming briefed council on main water break. 17 years ago a plastic water main was used to replace a 16" cast iron main pipe on Washington Street. The old water main was not removed and the new main plastic pipe crossed over the top of the old cast iron pipe at an angle. Over time, pressure from the earth pinched those two pieces together and broke the plastic main. Fleming thanked respected parties for their times and effort including the police department, CERT team, ODOT and Shelling Company. The blacktop is 13" thick and had to be ripped up; in 2-3 weeks, a new top coat/pavement will finish off the 30 feet of disruption. Fleming indicates a supplemental will be requested in the amount of \$50,000.00 to be appropriated for the patch out of account 204. This is an account where the city receives funds from the state for highway improvements; since Washington St. is in the state's jurisdiction, the city is allowed to use these funds here. There was about \$300,000 total in the main break.

Bonnewitz updates were provided with a blueprint and the auditor will be asking for a supplemental around \$900,000.00 to begin infrastructure on this Bonnewitz extension. The hope is to get the infrastructure work done this fall and pave in the spring before the new First Federal Bank opens. First Federal has invested around \$90k to cover engineering costs to continue this street. Brooks Ave. may be turned into a culdesac and extend Market St. to go to a light in a later part of this whole project. Storm and water will need added under the street, some clay piping will need replaced, and some old water lines will need replaced, adding to the expense of the project.

Dickinson Landing needs approved and endorsed by council in order to complete the lots and road to surround the pond completely on the east side.

Leeson Avenue is progressing and blacktop will be down before winter.

AUDITOR: The auditor gave a July financials, revenue, expenses and bank report update.

There are two invoices that need approval on the Then and Now: ESO, Annual Renewal of Fire/EMS Software in the amount of \$6,476.50; Four-U, New Office Furniture in the amount of \$5,418.40.

Supplementals that need prepared include \$65.54 refund for postage to the tax office. \$5,000.00 for hospitalization for the tax office, ambulance impacted grant for \$50,809, \$72 for fireman retirement payout, \$5,000.00 for health reimbursement that was negative, \$15,000 for a BWC grant to get new cots for fire trucks, \$900,000 for Bonnewitz extension, & \$5,000.00 extra for the overtime on the water main break.

LAW DIRECTOR: Mr. Hatcher reported that his office move was successful and in operation.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

Mitch Price thanked the city for the successful Block Party to end the Summer Concert Series.

Price gave an update on the iconic downtown clock, Smith's are coming back this week to complete the base of the clock; the clock is about 80% done. The foundation now owns the clock. Bowers made mention of the complaints of the color and asked how to address those; Price said that the color was picked out and discussed over a year ago and the clock was in rough shape and needed an upgrade.

Harvest Moon Festival will be next month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Ringwald made a motion to approve as presented, the Then and Nows proposed by the auditor. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Ringwald made a motion to prepare as an emergency, all supplementals and appropriations mentioned in the auditor's report as is. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Kallas made a motion to approve and endorse the Dickinson Phase II Plat for Gatsby's. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion to introduce an ordinance that allows the safety service director to advertise for bids and award contracts to bidders on the Bonnewitz Extension. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion to suspend statutory rules for ordinance number 24-08-045. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion to pass, as an emergency on it's first and final reading, **ORDINANCE Number: 24-08-045; AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND AWARD CONTRACTS TO THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR A STREET EXTENSION PROJECT FROM NORTH WASHINGTON STREET HEADING EASTWARD APPROXIMATELY ONE THOUSAND FEET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Agler seconded; all concurred. Ordinance Passed.

Kallas made a motion to introduce Ordinance 24-08-046. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion to prepare a resolution to approve the Solid Waste Management's 15 year plan. Agler seconded; all concurred.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: No report.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: No report.

PARKS AND RECREATION: No report.

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: No report.

Agler would like to get a property on E. Main St. added to the blighted property list that is right beside the alley between Wayne and Vine that is not occupied.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Marshall reported a CRA meeting that was held for the First Federal building being constructed on N. Washington St. an agreement will need prepared to allow the construction. Marshall made a motion to prepare the CRA agreement for the First Federal project. Agler seconded; all concurred.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Third and final reading for ORDINANCE Number: 24-06-036; AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE CITY OF VAN WERT'S PROCESS FOR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION. All concurred. Ordinance passed.

Third and final reading for ORDINANCE Number: 24-07-041; AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND SIGN

CONTRACTS WITH AMERICAN TOWER CORPORATIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWING OUR CELL TOWER LEASES. All concurred. Ordinance passed.

First Advisory Reading for ORDINANCE Number 24-08-046; AN ORDINANCE MAKING A NO PARKING ZONE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE STREET FROM THE PROPERTY LINE OF 800 SOUTH TYLER AND 802 SOUTH TYLER CONTINUING SOUTH TO THE END OF THE STREET. All concurred.


Agler made a motion to go into executive session to discuss appointing a public official. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

After the conclusion of the executive session, the regular public meeting was recalled to order at 7:19 p.m.

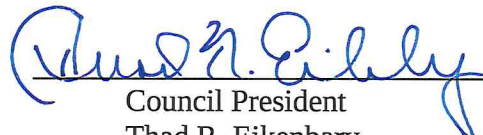
Bowers made a motion to appoint Randy Agler for the Van Wert Area Economic Development Board. Moore seconded; Ringwald, Kallas, Bowers, Dettrow, Moore, and Marshall voted yes. Agler abstained his vote due to conflict of interest.

Mayor Markward will send the letter of appointment.

Agler made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Bowers seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Stephanie R. Phillips



Council President
Thad R. Eikenbary

August 26, 2024
DATE

THE LANDING AT DICKINSON FARMS PHASE 2

LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST QUARTERS OF SECTION 23, TOWN 2 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, BEING PART OF THE EAST PART OF SD 518, CITY OF VAN WERT, PLEASANT TOWNSHIP, VAN WERT COUNTY, OHIO

EASEMENTS

There shall be a Utility Easement 20 feet in width along the street right of way unless otherwise noted. Also a Utility and Drainage Easement 5 feet in width on each side of all interior lot lines unless otherwise noted. All other easements are as noted and dimensioned.

LEGEND

- 5/8" x 30" REBAR
- IRON PIN FOUND
- ⊕ MAG NAIL SET
- ⊖ MAG NAIL FOUND
- EXISTING EASEMENT
- - - NEW EASEMENT
- - - EXISTING SUBDIVISION BOUNDARY
- ▬ WATERLINE EASEMENT TO BE VACATED PER THIS PLAT

THE BEARINGS SHOWN HEREON ARE BASED ON NAD 83, GEOID 2003 OHIO NORTH ZONE, ODOT VRS CORS NETWORK

SCALE: 1"=100'



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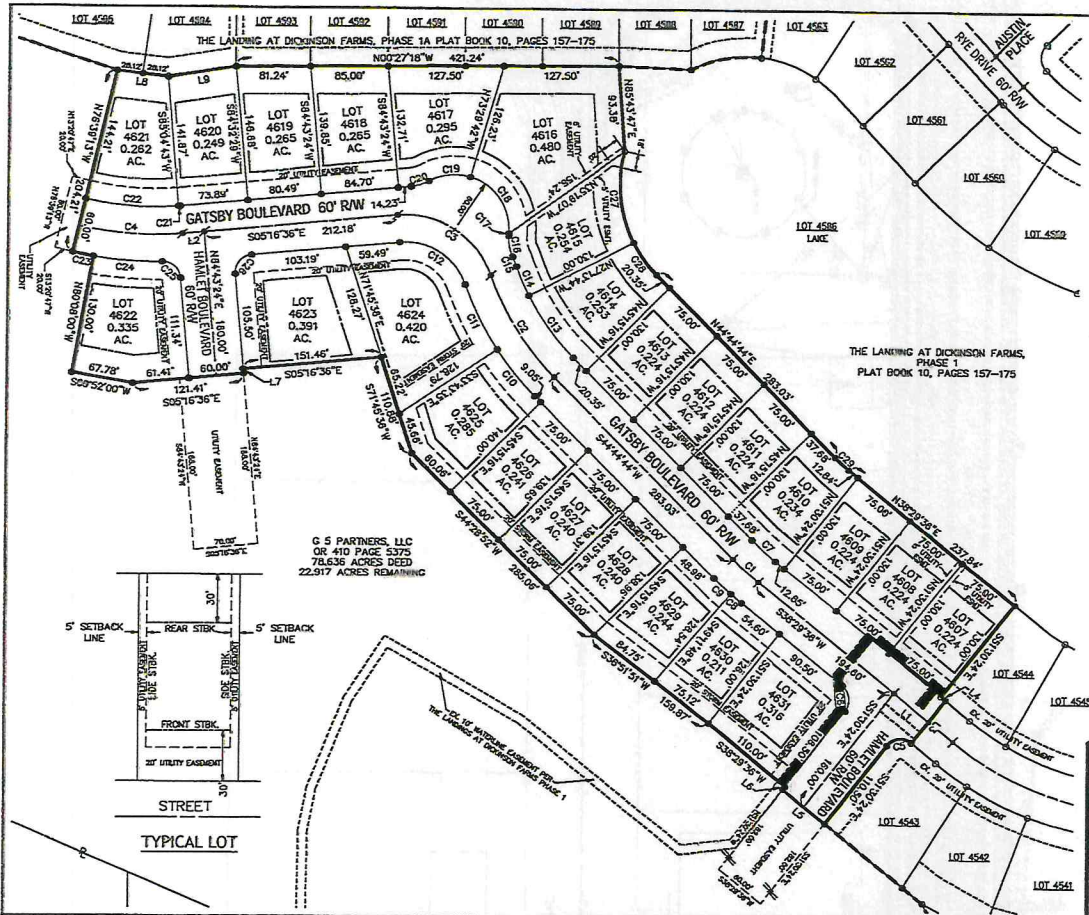
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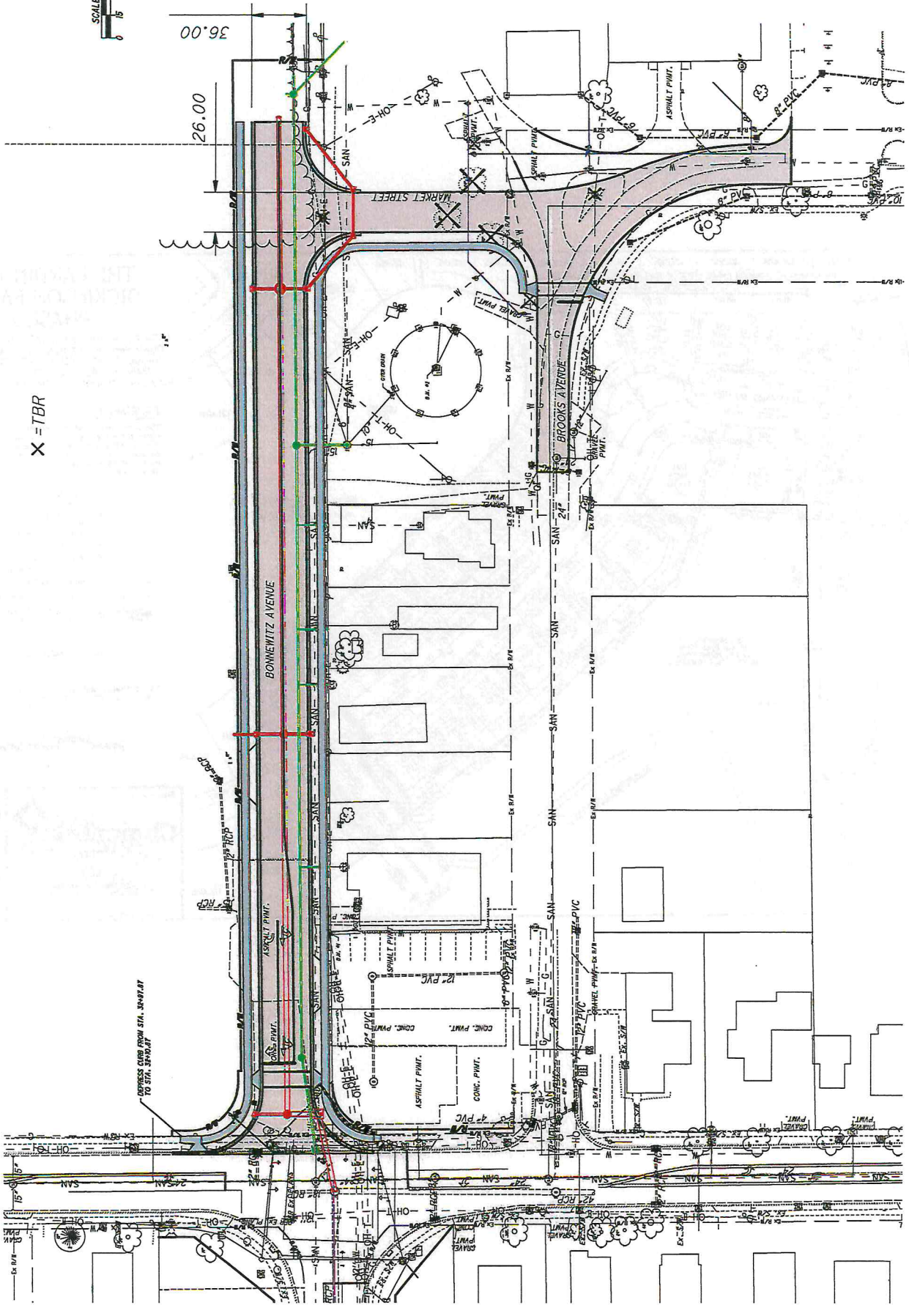
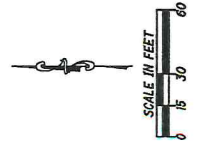
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