

**MINUTES OF THE
VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL**
August 26, 2024

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

Chris Wannemacher from The Church on E. Central Ave. gave the invocation.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The mayor spoke about changes in zoning. Council is required to have a public hearing for zoning changes. If there are differences or objections at the planning commission meeting, a recommendation to change zoning is made, and the council must approve of those; this is in reference to 150.76, section H. The current requirement is that council must approve these differences/objections within 40 days of seeing the recommendation. The mayor is recommending to change this to 70 days to allow time for the city to notify the public in the required 30 day window and then additionally allow time for council to schedule the meeting within their regular meetings. The meetings could happen before the 70 days, but no sooner than 30 days after notifying the public

The mayor addressed a crash that happened this past week that involved a city officer. The officer was responding to a call that was not in city limits. The mayor reminded city that from time to time, when needed a city officer may be requested to respond to those accidents by the sheriff's department or state highway patrol.

In absence of the safety service director, the mayor reported that all houses on Leeson have been connected to the new water main. The day after labor day, street excavation will begin where new curbs and gutters will go in. When it gets closer to the time where an individual will not have access to their driveway, the owner will be given a 3 day notice. They are technically still on schedule pending weather.

Mark Davis, 402 S. Tyler St., addressed the mayor to ask what property the Bonnewitz extension will be on. He stated he did not see where the city owned the property to place the extension. The mayor stated this is a right-of-way for the city and was a recent transaction.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Not present.

AUDITOR: The auditor provided council with an updated investment policy with revisions. This needs approved by council and also needs to be signed by each bank that the city does banking with to acknowledge they have a copy of the policy on file.

The auditor has requested supplementals and appropriations for multiple invoices/fees that were prepared last meeting. She provided details on those funds.

LAW DIRECTOR: No report.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE: Ringwald made a motion to approve the Investment Policy presented by the city auditor. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

STREETS AND ALLEYS: No report.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: No report.

PROPERTIES AND EQUIPMENT: No report.

PARKS AND RECREATION: No report.

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: No report.

Agler mentioned a property on Central and Chestnut in poor condition. The law director stated he has addressed the issues with the property owner and it is currently being rented; he states there is likely going to be a report and resolution to give by the next council meeting. Agler mentioned fining the property owner; Hatcher stated that has happened but has not solved the issue.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: No report.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Attorney Keri McClure submitted in writing, information regarding tax incentive district and proposed ordinance for IDH Echo Ventures, LLC. The city needs to prepare an Ordinance for IDH to propose to the school district. IDH Echo Ventures, by Josh Ebbing, is proposing the development of a residential subdivision known as Englewood place in a 4 acre lot. In 12 lots, there will be duplexes built proposing 24 new living spaces in Van Wert County. The proposal of tax incentive needs approved by the school and city.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Second 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.

Marshall made a motion to introduce Ordinance No: 24-08-047. Moore seconded; all concurred.

Marshall made a motion to suspend statutory rules. Moore seconded; all concurred.

Marshall made a motion to pass, on an emergency basis, Ordinance No.: 24-08-047; AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VAN WERT AND FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Agler seconded; all concurred. Ordinance passed.

Bowers made a motion to prepare an ordinance that would amend a zoning district code ordinance to change the period in which to schedule a public meeting from 40 days to 70 days as an emergency. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Bowers made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE Number: 24-08-048. Ringwald seconded; all concurred.

Bowers made a motion to suspend statutory rules. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Bowers made a motion to pass, on an emergency basis, ORDINANCE Number: 24-08-048; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 150.76(H) – ZONING DISTRICTS, OF THE VAN WERT CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY CHANGING THE PERIOD IN WHICH TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC MEETING FROM 40 DAYS TO 70 DAYS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Agler seconded; all concurred. Ordinance passed.

Ringwald made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE Number: 24-08-049. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Ringwald made a motion to suspend statutory rules. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

Ringwald made a motion to pass, as an emergency, ORDINANCE Number: 24-08-049; AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO FUNDS 101, 204, 225, 301, 305, 601, 602, 850 AND 851, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Bowers seconded; all concurred. Ordinance passed.

Agler made a motion to introduce ORDINANCE Number: 24-08-050. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to suspend statutory rules. Kallas seconded; all concurred.

Agler made a motion to pass, as an emergency, ORDINANCE Number: 24-08-050; AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE VAN WERT COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Kallas seconded; all concurred. Ordinance passed.

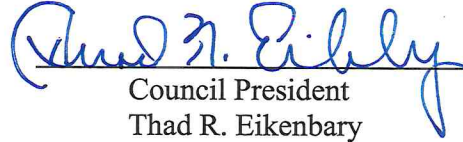
Kallas made a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation with Mr. Hatcher. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

After the conclusion of the executive session, the regular public meeting was recalled to order at 7:25 p.m.

Bowers made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Agler seconded; all concurred.



Clerk of Council
Stephanie R. Phillips



Council President
Thad R. Eikenbary

September 9, 2024
DATE