

MINUTES OF THE VAN WERT CITY COUNCIL

January 22, 2024

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

Pastor Tom Emery 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 agenda. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Dettrow made a motion to amend the minutes. Moore seconded; all concurred.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

MAYOR: The Mayor indicated the owner of blighted property #1 may donate the property to the landbank. Blighted properties #3, #8 and #10 have petitions ready to file with the court.

The Mayor also indicated that speakers that play music along Main Street have been set to play 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day with exceptions for special events.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR: Fleming asked for an ordinance to be prepared so that he could advertise, bid and award contracts for street painting.

Fleming also asked for an ordinance so that the city could sell unused and unneeded property on an internet auction site.

Fleming also requested that an ordinance be passed to grant permission to apply for TAP funding from ODOT.

AUDITOR: There are four invoices that need approval on the Then and Now: 1) Henschen and Associates in the amount of \$8,190.00; 2) Holiday Inn Express in the amount of \$11,389.07; 3) Lima Radio Hospital in the amount of \$6,597.00 and 4) Haviland Energy, LLC in the amount of \$4,190.85.

Blackmore also indicated that she is getting ready for the audit.

LAW DIRECTOR: No reports.

Agler asked the Law Director what is being done with the cardboard all over the area in the northeast side of town and the Law Director indicated he is working on it.

COMMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS:

A liquor license has been received for Dollar General Store.

Mark Davis - 402 S. Tyler, indicated that he would like the 300 block of Race Street to be repaired.

Joe Jared - 113 W. Main, indicated that he wants the city speaker near his place to be removed and was told it will be taken under consideration.

Brent Stevens, Executive Director of Economic Development was present and mentioned that 60 companies have looked at Van Wert's Mega Site. The Governor has the All-Ohio Fund available and Stevens is in the process of talking with the state about potential infrastructure upgrades. He also said they are looking for additional land to develop. Stevens also mentioned that the two buildings that were recently demolished on Main Street will go into future development but there are currently no long term plans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

STREETS AND ALLEYS: Kallas made a motion authorizing and directing the Safety Service Director to apply for the TAP funding from ODOT. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion for an ordinance to be prepared so that the Safety Service Director could advertise, bid and award contracts for street painting. Bowers seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion that Ordinance 24-01-004 be amended to not be an emergency. Agler seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion to introduce Ordinance 24-01-005. Moore seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion for another council on the whole meeting to be scheduled for February 12, 2024 at 6:00 to discuss council committees. Agler seconded; all concurred.

JUDICIARY AND ANNEXATION: Bowers made a motion to introduce Ordinance 24-01-004. Kallas seconded. Ringwald, Kallas, Bowers, Dettrow, Moore and Marshall all concurred. Agler abstained.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION: No reports

HEALTH, SERVICE AND SAFETY: No reports

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Marshall asked for an ordinance to be prepared for an abatement for CRA to renovate property. Ringwald seconded. Ringwald, Kallas, Bowers, Dettrow, Moore and Marshall voted yes. Agler abstained.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL and PUBLIC: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
Council committees

NEW BUSINESS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: None

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Kallas made a motion to introduce **ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-01-003**. Moore seconded; All concurred

Kallas made a motion to suspend statutory rules for **ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-01-003**; Bowers seconded; all concurred.

Kallas made a motion to pass as an emergency **ORDINANCE NUMBER 24-01-003**; 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.

First 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**. Ringwald, Kallas, Bowers, Dettrow, Moore and Marshall voted yes. Agler abstained.

First 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.

Bowers made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Moore seconded; all concurred.

Lisa K. Hartsock

Clerk of Council
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Thad R. Eikenbary

Council President
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February 12, 2024

DATE