

12-5-2019

The regular scheduled meeting of the Vernon Town Council was called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Dan Wright

Present: Mayor Dan Wright, Council Danny Stark and John Post, Attorney Brad Kage, Marshal Britt Burgmeier, Clerk Jean Rockey and Maintenance Ron Hendershot.

Dan Wight asked if the council had time to look over the minutes of the November, John made a motion to pass the minutes as presented with a second by Danny Stark.

The APC has sent the papers for the rezoning of 28 Perry Street from commercial to residential. This building is being sold by Mary Lee Barber to Andrew Anker. Danny Stark made a motion to pass this request with a second by John Post.

Public comments: Steve Harding asked why the Indian Hill water and sewer customers were not included in the trash proposal. Dan Wright explained that while we do sell them water and sewer services they live in North Vernon and we have no jurisdiction over them.

Mr. Davers asked about the tractor bids. Ron sent the information to Brads office. Brad will check and get the notice in the paper so we can open them at the January meeting.

Dan Wright had received a request from the Jennings County Historical Society and the Civil War Days in the spring They are asking for the use of the Brown Street property from April 24 at 4:30 PM through Sunday April 26 at 5:00 PM. They would like to close Pike Street to Brown to Ripley. John made a motion to pass this request with a second by Danny Stark.

Britt reported to the council that he will no longer be the Fire Chief of Vernon Fire Department as of December 31, 2019. At this meeting he received his check from November and December 2019, so the clerk will switch it to Eric Kirkham the first of the year.

SIRP commission is asking for a representative for the Town for the new year. Dan Wright has held this spot in the pass and will continue if the council agrees. John Post made a motion to have Dan represent the Town with a second by Danny Stark.

Jean had copies of the ordinance #49 concerning dogs in Vernon. It states that not more than 2 dogs per household. Brad asked Jean to get him the address and a copy of the ordinance and he will send them a letter.

The council was also presented with ordinance # concerning skateboarding on the streets, alleyways. and sidewalks. It is not permitted.

Jean asked about Brian Lane and his position of certified water operator. Ron has been working on his certification process with Rat Euler. Dan said there is a couple options to get Ron certified, one is working with Rat and one would be an emergency certification. Dan has already gotten the books for Ron. Dan would like for a letter to be sent to Brian that his position with the Town of Vernon will be terminated as of the end of the year. Danny Stark made a motion to have this letter sent to Brian confirming his termination this was given a second by John. Next Dan suggested the council make a motion to hire Ron Hendershot to fill the job by working towards his certification, Danny made this into a motion with a second by John post.

Dan did meet with the DNR, they are looking to clean off the spot at Water and Jackson Street by the river to put in parking spaces and a ramp for the people with canoes and kayaks.

Dan did report that the trail grant process is looking pretty good.

John reported that our next meeting will be at the Government Center. All the meeting were approved except June 20,2019.

The light by the black smiths shop and the corner of Pike and Brown need to be replaced with LED. John suggested calling Gilpin and get it set up. Ron will take care of calling him.

Danny Stark had nothing to report.

Jean brought up the computer it is running slow and has some other issues. Discussion with Dan suggesting getting with Jeremiah again and have him order a new computer and new software for the office. Jean also said that Ron was going to have to have a laptop or a tablet for the meter system. John made a motion to allow up to \$5000 to purchase these out of this year's money and take it from the general, Danny Stark gave this a second.

Ron spoke of the remodel at the office in the firehouse. The wall, windows, door are all in and Ron is working on the trim. He asked for help on Saturday to clean the walls and ceiling so he could start painting next week.

Dan Wright did have one thing to add...Mary Barber owns the meeting table and 6 chairs we use in our meeting room, and even though we will not have a meeting room for a while she offered the table and chairs to the Town for \$300.00. If we do this we will not need my big desk. Discussion with John making a motion to buy this from Mary Lee and dispose of the desk, this was given a second by Danny Stark.

Ron and Jean had made a proposed sign for the new office Town of Vernon Clerk Treasurer Office.....Utilities Office.....260 E Brown StreetThe office is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons between 3 and 5 PM. In the middle of the sign Ron proposed we put the Town

emblem on the sign. Dan and John and Danny all agreed it would look nice with the emblem on it. John made a motion for Ron to have the sign made with a second Danny Stark.

Ron had information on different programs for the asset management plan. John would like for Shelly to be in on this decision so he made a motion to table until next month. Ron will ask the representative to come to the January meeting also. It is coming to the point to get any monies you need to have an asset plan in place. Dan Wright thinks this is a necessary project and we need to move on it sooner than later.

Dan reported that he is working on the money we need for the new water meter system.

Britt talked to Mike Madden about the car parking situation on Brown Street and Brad had also spoken to him. Brad feels we should wait until next month and see what he gets done.

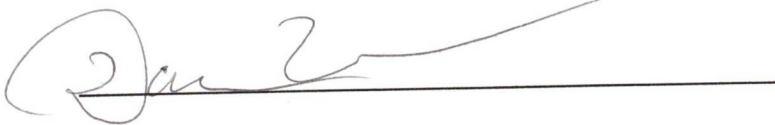
Eric Kirkham asked if the Town could refund them money they spent on a garage door repair. Jean asked him to get a copy of the bill and she will take care of it.

John asked about the variance process, Eric explained they are still working on it.

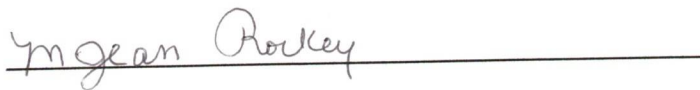
Eric also asked if they could have permission to plant shrubs....John made a motion to approve this with a second by Danny Stark.

Motion to adjourn by John Post with a second by Danny Stark.

Meeting adjourned.

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Dan Wright, Mayor

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Jean Rockey", written over a horizontal line.

M. Jean Rockey, Clerk Treasurer