

Vermilion City Council Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Location: Vermilion Municipal Court Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio

A G E N D A

1. **Call to Order** **John Gabriel**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance (Moment of Reflection/Silent Prayer)** **All**
3. **Roll Call** **Melanie Wood**
4. **Approval of Vermilion City Council Minutes of August 18, 2025** **John Gabriel**
5. **Open to the Audience** **Public Participants**

Rule 3 - Public Participation - The public shall be provided with an opportunity to discuss issues of public and community concern during each Council meeting. During each regular Vermilion City Council meeting, the Public Participation (Open to the Audience) section of the Council agenda, each individual wishing to address the Council shall be required to sign in prior to the beginning of the Council meeting. The participants shall sign their name, address, and the subject matter for discussion. Each participant shall be allowed a total of five (5) minutes or less in which to address the Council, as determined by the President of Council. The public shall also be provided with an opportunity to discuss issues of public and community concern during each Special Council meeting, provided that the topic is on the agenda. The same sign-in requirements and time limits shall apply. Public participation during committee meetings shall not require any individual sign-up. Each participant shall be allowed a total of five (5) minutes or less in which to address the Council, as determined by the President of Council or the Chairperson of the Council Committee. When a member of the audience desires to address the Council, he/she/they shall request permission from the Presiding Officer. Upon receipt of permission, he/she/they shall confine their remarks to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and refrain from impugning or attacking upon the motive of any other member's argument or vote. Audience profanity will not be tolerated. If any member of the audience should infringe upon these rules, the act may result in expulsion for the remainder of the meeting at the discretion of the Presiding Officer.
6. **Response to the Audience** **Council/Adm.**
7. **Correspondence** **Melanie Wood**

(2024-2025 Rules & Regulations) All letters to be entered into the record by the public must be submitted to Melanie Wood, Clerk of Council by noon on Friday prior to the City Council meeting via email to mwood@cityofvermilionohio.gov or mailed or dropped off to City Hall at 5511 Liberty Avenue, Vermilion, Ohio 44089. All correspondence (including emails) must include the person's name and address, otherwise it will not be made part of the official record of proceedings. Only one (1) letter is permitted by a resident or person for each Council meeting. The President of Council reserves the right to edit or not read correspondence that is derogatory in nature.
8. **President of Council** **John Gabriel**
9. **Committee Reports**

Finance; Historic Design & Review; Planning Commission; Stormwater Advisory
Health & Safety
Streets, Bldgs. & Grounds; Vermilion Tree Commission
Legislative; Parks & Recreation
Port Authority
Main Street Vermilion
Utilities; Zoning Board of Appeals

Jeff Lucas, Ward 4
Brian Holmes, Ward 5
Drew Werley, Ward 3
Gary Howell, At Large
John Gabriel, President
Patricia West, Ward 1
Greg Drew, Ward 2
10. **Mayor/Safety Director's Report** **Jim Forthofer**

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| 11. | Service Director's Report | Tony Valerius |
| 12. | Finance Director's Report | Amy Hendricks |
| 13. | City Engineer's Report | Chris Howard |
| 14. | Law Director's Report | Susan Anderson |
| 15. | Old Business | Council/Adm. |
| 16. | New Business | Council/Adm. |

- Motion to appoint Edward Leonard to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Jim Chapple with a term ending date of December 31, 2027.

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| 17. | Reading of Ordinances/Resolutions | Susan Anderson |
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Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-50: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1266 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF VERMILION, REZONING LAND IN VERMILION, OHIO, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 6.55 ACRES FROM B-3 “HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT” TO R-5 “APARTMENT RESIDENCE DISTRICT” WITH A CLUSTER OVERLAY LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED BY THE VERMILION MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF VERMILION TO CONFORM HERewith AS SAID MAP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 1268.02 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF VERMILION UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-51: AN ORDINANCE ENACTED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1266 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF VERMILION, REZONING LAND IN VERMILION, OHIO, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY .5636 ACRES FROM R-5 “APARTMENT RESIDENCE DISTRICT” TO B-3 “HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT” LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED BY THE VERMILION MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF VERMILION TO CONFORM HERewith AS SAID MAP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 1268.02 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF VERMILION UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-53: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-63 ADOPTED JANUARY 14, 2019, AND CHAPTER 872.08 (a) OF THE VERMILION CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO, ENTITLED “MOBILE FOOD SERVICES” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-55: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LORAIN COUNTY DATA, LLC (DBA LORCO DATA), OF ELYRIA OHIO, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2025, THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2030, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$12,750 PER MONTH INCLUDING UNLIMITED REMOTE, ONSITE, AND AFTER HOUR “IT” SUPPORT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2025-57: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-6 ADOPTED MARCH 3, 2025, TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES, AND TO AMEND THE 2025 CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES FOR THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO.

Second Reading – Resolution 2025R-9: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. (*Highbridge Road Reconstruction – Phase 4*)

Second Reading – Resolution 2025R-10: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. (*Edgewater Boulevard Waterline Replacement, Phase 2*)

First Reading – Resolution 2025R-11: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

18. Meeting Dates – *All meetings are held at the Vermilion Municipal Court Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, OH*

-September 15, 2025 – Vermilion City Council Committee Meetings – 6:00 p.m.

-September 22, 2025 – Vermilion City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT

John Gabriel