

Vermilion City Council Meeting

Monday, October 27, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

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 October 6, 2025** **John Gabriel**
5. **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.
6. **President of Council** **John Gabriel**
7. **Committee Reports**
Finance; Historic Design & Review; Planning Commission; Stormwater Advisory *Jeff Lucas, Ward 4*
Health & Safety *Brian Holmes, Ward 5*
Streets, Bldgs. & Grounds; Vermilion Tree Commission *Drew Werley, Ward 3*
Legislative; Parks & Recreation *Gary Howell, At Large*
Port Authority *John Gabriel, President*
Main Street Vermilion *Patricia West, Ward 1*
Utilities; Zoning Board of Appeals *Greg Drew, Ward 2*
8. **Mayor/Safety Director's Report** **Jim Forthofer**
9. **Service Director's Report** **Tony Valerius**
10. **Finance Director's Report** **Amy Hendricks**
11. **City Engineer's Report** **Chris Howard**
12. **Law Director's Report** **Susan Anderson**
13. **Old Business** **Council/Adm.**
14. **New Business** **Council/Adm.**

15. 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.

16. Response to the Audience

Council/Adm.

17. Reading of Ordinances/Resolutions

Susan Anderson

Third Reading – Ordinance 2025-58: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-34 ADOPTED JUNE 18, 2018, AND CHAPTER 860 OF THE VERMILION CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO, ENTITLED “PEDDLERS, CANVASSERS, AND SOLICITORS” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-59: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF VERMILION, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2026.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-61: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FLOCK GROUP, INC. (FLOCK SAFETY) OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$36,000).

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-62: 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.

First Reading – Ordinance 2025-63: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO RECEIVE A SUBSIDY FROM BROWNHelm TOWNSHIP, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES THROUGH THE CITY OF VERMILION'S CONTRACT WITH LIFECARE AMBULANCE, INC. OF ELYRIA, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.

First Reading – Ordinance 2025-64: AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ESTABLISH AND AMEND THE FULL TIME SALARY OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE POLICE CHIEF TO MATCH THE RATE SCHEDULE OF A FULL-TIME POLICE DISPATCHER OUTLINED IN THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION CONTRACT EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

First Reading – Ordinance 2025-65: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SUTPHEN CORPORATION OF DUBLIN, OHIO FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2027 SUTPHEN SL100 AERIAL LADDER TRUCK TO BE USED IN THE VERMILION FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT REPLACES THE 1999 SUTPHEN TOWER TRUCK, AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SIX CENTS (\$1,797,358.86).

First Reading – Ordinance 2025-66: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NGW CIVIL/MARINE CONSTRUCTION OF SHEFFIELD, OHIO TO PROVIDE ICE BREAKING SERVICES ON THE VERMILION RIVER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2025-67: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONSENT AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO PERFORM MOWING SERVICES ALONG THE STATE ROUTE 2 CORRIDOR INCLUDING RAMPS AND REST AREAS FROM MAY 1, 2026 TO OCTOBER 31, 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

-November 10, 2025 – Vermilion City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

-November 17, 2025 – Vermilion City Council Committee Meetings & Regular Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT

John Gabriel