

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of the Vermilion City Council Meeting

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____

Monday, October 27, 2025

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CALL TO ORDER:

John Gabriel, President of Council called the Monday, October 27, 2025, Vermilion City Council Meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The members of the City Council, the administrative staff, and audience members recited the Pledge of Allegiance; a moment of silence followed.

ROLL CALL:

Vermilion City Council: John Gabriel, President of Council; Gary Howell, Council at Large; Greg Drew, Ward Two; Drew Werley, Ward Three; Jeff Lucas, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five; Melanie Wood, Clerk of Council. Absent: Patricia West, Ward One.

Administrative Staff: Mayor Forthofer; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Amy Hendricks Finance Director; Susan Anderson, Law Director; Chris Howard, City Engineer (arrived at 6:04 p.m.).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

J. Lucas MOVED: J. Gabriel seconded to approve the October 6, 2025, Vermilion City Council meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE: No Correspondence.

President of Council Report: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance:

J. Lucas reported on the meeting held October 20, 2025. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Historic Design & Review Board:

J. Lucas reported the next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission:

J. Lucas reported the next meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Stormwater Advisory Commission:

No meeting scheduled to date.

Health & Safety:

B. Holmes reported on the meeting held October 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Streets, Buildings & Grounds:

D. Werley reported that the next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

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Vermilion Tree Commission:

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the Parks Department.

Legislative:

G. Howell reported on the meeting held October 20, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recreation:

G. Howell reported on the meeting held October 21, 2025. The next meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Port Authority:

J. Gabriel reported on the meeting held October 9, 2025. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Main Street Vermilion:

No Report.

Utilities:

G. Drew reported on the meeting held October 20, 2025. The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

G. Drew reported the next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Forthofer said the very next morning after the Utilities meeting held October 20th he spoke with Ed St. John of CDM Smith and inquired to the US EPA the possibility of extending the city's deadline in a couple months. As of this time, they have not yet received an answer.

B. Holmes said obviously the federal shutdown is an issue with their response back. Mayor Forthofer said it is probably going to delay the whole thing, correct. B. Holmes said, depending on how long the shutdown is going to happen, his thought is they move forward with the letter and whether they agree to it or not agree to it but he would hate to wait for their answer depending on how long the shutdown is. They don't have a crystal ball in front of them so he wishes he could say what is going to happen, but he thinks they should at least have something ready just in case they come back and say no they should have a document ready. Mayor Forthofer said he understands what the councilman is saying, and he agrees. CDM Smith is continuing per contract with the work they are doing to meet the obligation the city has to report by December 31 to the US EPA, which is pretty much to our request because we did ask for a revision of the original mandate so they can submit something that is less expensive and over a longer period of time. They are going ahead at least with the master plan it is what the obligation is for 2025. In 2026, the new administration and new council can do whatever they want and take it their way. He doesn't want to see the city start off 2026 in a disadvantage situation with the US EPA for not having met a deadline. B. Holmes said they can't decide when the shutdown will stop so he wanted council members to remember they are currently in a shutdown so they may or may not get an answer back right away.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Tony Valerius said tonight he wanted to mention some improvements in town that are being made. Recently crews have begun rebuilding collapsed catch basins throughout town and are repairing several concrete patches mostly due to watermain breaks. Asphalt repairs are also being made for the same

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reason. He also had a 735-foot section of Cooper Foster Park Road repaved which continued to be the source of some of the worst potholes in town. The street department was constantly in this area with the DuraPatcher trying to keep it drivable. The street department used the last of the emulsion today to fill in potholes so the DuraPatcher will be put away for the winter. Crews will continue to patch holes as needed using cold patch.

The distribution department recently uncovered the beach well at Main Street Beach for its annual cleaning. Starting tomorrow, crews will close the north end of Main Street to begin the process, which should only take a couple of days. The department has also been busy replacing faulty water valves in the Vermilion on the Lake area in preparation for the road to be repaved. He asked council to consider suspending the rules and passing Ordinance 2025-67 which pertains to consent legislation from ODOT regarding the mowing contract for State Route 2.

B. Holmes said folks in Ward 5 see they did the section on Cooper Foster and want to know why Brownhelm Station Road is not getting any love – again the section between Sunnyside Road and Highbridge Road. T. Valerius answered Brownhelm Station has absolutely no base so you would have to dig down and rebase it. Cooper Foster still has a decent base under it which is why it was chip and sealed 12 years ago by the township and it still has a good base under it. Brownhelm Station wouldn't last at all. B. Holmes asked if the DuraPatcher would help in certain spots on Brownhelm Station. T. Valerius answered that they DuraPatch wherever it is needed but to actually fix the road with the DuraPatcher would be a lot of time and a lot of money on Brownhelm Station.

D. Werley said the one section on Hollyview that is unfinished compared to the rest of Hollyview – he saw the DuraPatcher was there and only did a portion of it. Is there any reason why? T. Valerius answered they pulled off and went to someplace else. D. Werley asked the reason for the emergency for Ordinance 2025-67. T. Valerius answered ODOT sent the consent legislation and asked the city to return it as soon as possible as the project is a rush. He said he can explain further when they get to the reading of the ordinances.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Amy Hendricks reported the appropriations are on for a second reading this evening and those were discussed at Finance Committee. She has placed asterisks next to the items on the report she provided council that they would like to request the rules be suspended so those can be acted rather than waiting until November as many of those things need to keep moving. Funds 406 and 501 are on there as a precaution as the year end approaches and the \$20,000 in Fund 101 is a revenue and expense that is necessary for the state fees that have been coming in large volume into the Building Department to get projects moving.

Some potential items for the year-end which will be coming up on the first agenda in November as you recall from recent discussions, the CDM Smith contract was originally approved for \$6.9 million and that first phase of \$4.5 million funded through Fund 515 which is the loan from DEFA is coming to the end of a draw down and is almost concluded so to keep the work moving that final \$2.4 million that is a part of the original contract – they will need to increase that appropriation in Fund 515 to issue that purchase order to allow that work.

Budgetary needs for 2025, on the agenda this evening Ordinance 2025-65 for the ariel ladder truck from Fund 207 will require if that does go through for approval an additional \$1.6 million appropriated to that fund to issue that purchase order upon approval of the ordinance that will leave at the end of this year \$750,000 in cash balance in Fund 207. The temporary appropriations for 2026 are attached and those have remained unchanged. The only new news she has on 2026 is as reported through the Lorain County Budget Commission they will have a reduction in homestead rollback of \$94,400.

G. Drew said last week they heard for the first time that the city applied for a \$40 million loan for the wastewater treatment plant. He asked if she had an opportunity to think about what a repayment would look like or what they would need to do or if it was too early. A. Hendricks answered it is too early and to be very candid that it will be part of the rate analysis that the consultants from CDM Smith do and it is a complicated process they figure into it not only the new work but plant maintenance and they do an overall expert approach to that type of a capital project. G. Drew asked if they know when it will be presented to

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council, will it be sometime in 2026? A. Hendricks said probably. G. Drew asked if it would be before the year ends. A. Hendricks said she didn't know. G. Drew said he believes this year they are going to have to have a conversation about the increase council suspended. He thinks if they don't do anything it is going to go up to the 2026 rate which is going to be a gigantic increase because they are really back at the 2024 rate, so he suggests they put that somewhere either on Legislative or a committee to start discussing. Now they are talking about council deciding what the rate will be when they need an expert to tell them what it should be so he thinks they need to set some time aside to hash it out. A. Hendricks responded they do still have the rate analysis that was done for those rate calculations originally to go to \$72 million project from what they are hearing, that is going to be in the range of where that goes overall so there may be some relevance still to that study. G. Drew said they need to get it on the agenda where it belongs. J. Gabriel said his only thought is they have new council people coming in and a new council seated in January, and they can retroactively take care of the rates as this council has. The rates didn't get cut here until 5 months in and he was sitting there when it happened. He would lean more towards involving whoever will be sitting in the chairs with the new council and letting them have a say rather than this council setting it and then turning around and do it again anyways. D. Werley asked if the administration still had the study from the first rate increases and asked to receive a copy. G. Drew asked Amy Hendricks to send it to Melanie to be distributed to city council.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Chris Howard reported that the Edgewater Boulevard Waterline Replacement Phase 1 contractor has topsoil, seeding and mulching to complete. The V.O.L. Sanitary Sewer Project contractor is working on the sanitary manhole rehab and relining, and they are currently to Essex Road. Tomorrow they will be installing the surface pours on Edgewater, Claremont, and Berkley. Concrete drive apron repairs on Edgewater and Claremont are scheduled for Wednesday of this week.

The 2025 Road Program contractor still has to install signage and deal with punch list items. Columbia Gas still has to repair some of the items they disturbed on that project. He is sure they are aware the Jerusalem Road bridge between Sunnyside and Clause had to be closed due to a recent bridge inspection from ODOT and currently they are looking at funding opportunities to help replace that bridge. Until it is replaced, that bridge is closed.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE:

Chloe of Risdan Road (Vermilion Township) stated she was there to speak out against the installation of Flock safety cameras in their community. These cameras do not just track suspects, they track everyone. Every car that passes is scanned, recorded and stored in a centralized database 24 hours a day whether you have done anything wrong or not. There is no opt-out or public consent, there are no warrants and worst of all there is no real oversight to this system. These systems don't just raise ethical concerns; they open up the city to real legal risk. Cities like Norfolk and Eugene are already facing lawsuits over Flock cameras for violating privacy rights and hiding information from the public. Before we potentially illegally track everyone, everywhere we should ask are we prepared to pay the legal and financial price. There is no independent auditing, no transparency, and no meaningful restrictions on who can access this data. Officers can search for whatever reason they want, whenever they want and it is already being abused. In Kansas, a police chief uses this very system over 160 times to stalk and harass his ex-wife. This is not hypothetical; it happened because he had access and there were no guardrails to stop him. This is not an isolated case, she found at least four other incidences of officers using this system to stalk, intimidate, or harass former partners. AI is still a new and unreliable technology. In Espanola, New Mexico, 21-year-old Jaqueline Gonzales and her 12-year-old sister were handcuffed and held at gunpoint after Flock system read a single digit mistaking a 2 for a 7 and falsely flagged their car as stolen costing the city \$1.9 million, she might add. If this system can't tell a 2 from a 7, why should they trust it with their fourth amendment rights? What happens if Flock's terms of service changes tomorrow and the company decides to sell this massive repository of data to corporations or even foreign governments? What happens if the database is

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hacked, leaked, or stolen by cyber criminals or even by a rogue employee looking to profit on the black market. Once this information exists, it can be repurposed in countless harmful ways and the only limit to its potential is someone's imagination and yet we are being asked to foot the bill. Vermilion Local Schools already face a serious underfunding challenge our Township Fire and EMS services are underfunded by a levy that no longer meets the growing needs for staffing, maintenance or equipment. The school district is losing federal pandemic funding for relief funds facing possible state level cuts and can't cover needed facility improvements. Taxpayer dollars should fix those things, not fund a system that records and tracks law abiding citizens. This is not public safety, it is mass surveillance and is ripe for error and abuse, stalking, false alerts, rights violations, misidentifications and wrongful stops are already happening in cities that use these systems. This is a bipartisan civil liberties issue left, right, or center and nobody wants to be watched without cause. Even if you trust today's leaders, power changes the surveillance infrastructure we build now can and will be used against others later. If the police need access information about a citizen, they should do it the legal way by getting a warrant signed by a judge, not by using loopholes to skirt around judicial oversight by giving private corporations permission to surveil everyone and then accessing the information. Frankly, you all should be ashamed of yourselves for even considering spending the people's money on a system that treats everyday citizens like criminals while our schools crumble and our first responders scrape by with outdated gear. This isn't leadership, it is surveillance theatre paid for with our trust and our tax dollars. If you truly ever cared about Vermilion, invest in our people, invest in the schools, roads, and emergency services. Fund programs that build safety for trusted community, not for constant tracking. Call it what you want, but the rest of us know big brother when we see them.

Jon of Ridsen Road (Vermilion Township) would not give a full name or address for the record. He stated he would not be as eloquent as she was. He then asked council where they went today and pointed at Jeff Lucas asking him where he went today, where he was just before he came here. J. Lucas answered work. Jon asked where he works and then asked where he is going after, what time does he get home, does he have kids, what time do they get home. He is assuming they can get the point he is trying to make right now. He is here today to voice his displeasure regarding the installation of Flock cameras. These in no way will actually make the community safer, especially considering they are one of the safest communities in the State of Ohio. The only thing these will accomplish is paving the way for mass surveillance that will be impossible to undo. These cameras can and already have been misused, especially considering the company that has collected the data has no legal or ethical obligation to our privacy. These cameras have resulted in lawsuits that can cost our town millions that we don't have. He is sure they would all like to believe that the police have their best interest at heart. He pointed at G. Drew and said he believes he works in internal investigations, correct? G. Drew answered yes, he does. Jon said you can admit there are some bad guys in the bunch, right? G. Drew answered every profession, yes. Jon said but your profession specifically has a lot more power over the others and that is something they don't want to play around with especially when we are giving these people so much power unchecked. It is just going to invite more and more problems. He pointed at G. Drew and said he was named in a rational discrimination lawsuit not saying whether there is any validity to it but still he is not sure he can trust anyone with that power. He doesn't know about you, but he is not ok with it, you might be but that is just not him. If you guys want to lick the boot that is on you, do it in your own time not with the people of Vermilion.

Homer Taft of 3972 Edgewater Drive said he was not here to talk about Flock cameras, but he does have sympathy with what was said. He will say on that subject it is inadvisable in his view to just accept whatever contract is thrown at them especially when it is interpreted only by their salesman. Many cities have put restrictions on them, and they should before they do anything. With respect to the wastewater treatment plant, toward the beginning of this year as to the rollback should he be with them all next year, he would certainly want to suspend at least until they have full data any increases in the sewer charges because it is an enterprise fund and an enterprise fund is supposed to charge for what they are actually spending not future for incomes. We have to decide on whether to spend it first. At the beginning of the year when council suspended the 2025 increase, his recall is that the Finance Director indicated that they were stopping spending at \$4 million on the \$6.9 million loan and that starting January 1, 2026, they would have to repay that at \$450,000 twice a year if he recalls correctly. Since then and in the presentations recently by not only the Finance Director but Mr. St. John from CDM Smith it was indicated that there is still \$2.4-\$2.8 million to be spent in studies to be done so he is wondering if they have to repay it next year or do they not have to repay it next year? He would reiterate especially for Mr. McCourt who cannot be here tonight that the request has been made that they put a pause on this until the first of January and that they do not commit to further things until they have a full opportunity for the new Mayor and new council to participate.

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RESPONSE TO THE AUDIENCE:

Mayor Forthofer said last meeting there were questions from Mr. Luby and the Service Director answered them on the scene and he does not believe there were any other things they needed to respond to.

Amy Hendricks said she could reply quickly to some of Mr. Taff's comments, and she never implied because she never thought that the work had concluded that CDM Smith was doing as far as evaluating where they were at with the project and what was needed with the wastewater treatment operations. In addition, she also reported in June of this year that they were going into repayment for those loans. They made a \$450,000 payment in July and that was the first payment, and they will be twice a year until such time as there would be a potential construction loan of some sort and those would be rolled into that.

G. Drew asked if there is \$2 million left in the loan they took, is it expected that CDM Smith will do \$2 million worth of work between now and December 31st? A. Hendricks answered council approved a contract for \$6.9 million and unless they modify it at this point, they would need to encumber that full amount, but she can't tell them what they have done and what hasn't been built yet they go on a monthly basis. G. Drew asked when they submit their final master plan at the end of the year are they expecting they have met all the obligations under the contract, and they are done? T. Valerius said he can't answer that. G. Drew said he thinks they need to know that answer. J. Gabriel said they can give the administration a chance to get back to them on that.

READING OF THE ORDINANCES:

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.

J. Lucas MOVED: B. Holmes seconded to adopt Ordinance 2025-58 declaring an emergency. Discussion: D. Werley asked what the emergency is. J. Gabriel said they can pass it without the emergency clause, from his perspective there is no rush there.

J. Lucas MOVED: B. Holmes seconded to amend Ordinance 2025-58, removing the emergency clause. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Lucas MOVED: B. Holmes seconded to adopt Ordinance 2025-58 as amended. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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.

J. Lucas MOVED: G. Howell seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2025-62. Discussion: J. Gabriel asked if the ordinance was needed to pay bills. A. Hendricks answered yes. G. Drew asked if this was the ordinance that would allocate the \$2 million payment to CDM Smith. A. Hendricks answered no. D. Werley asked where the \$82,000 for Showse Park is coming from. A. Hendricks answered donations. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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G. Drew MOVED; B. Holmes seconded to adopt Ordinance 2025-62. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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).

J. Gabriel said this is the truck that will replace the one with the bad frame and asked if they would want to suspend the rules, so they don't delay the order. It is going to take a long time to get it as is. He asked if council would entertain a motion to suspend the rules on Ordinance 2025-65. A. Hendricks said at this time, she does not have the adequate appropriation. J. Gabriel said it can go to a second reading, he knows how long it takes to build those things.

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.

J. Lucas MOVED; G. Drew seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2025-67 declaring an emergency. Discussion: D. Werley said when he asked earlier, the Service Director deferred to now as to extrapolate on exactly why it was an emergency. T. Valerius answered about two and a half weeks ago he received an email from ODOT for consent legislation for the annual mowing for State Route 2, which he thought was strange because he had never received one before. He called ODOT and asked about the legislation and the necessity of an ordinance. ODOT answered they have an attorney who decided it would be a good idea to at least show on paper the city gives consent for mowing or improvement. T. Valerius asked the funding requirements. The representative from ODOT answered no funds are required from the city and it says so on the consent legislation. This is literally a consent for them to go out and mow the exit ramps and entry ramps. They want it passed as soon as possible like the salt agreement which they usually have about 30 days to do and to quote the email it said, "please return as soon as possible, this project is a rush". D. Werley said to reiterate, this is no cost to us. T. Valerius answered no, in section three it states no funds are required from the city. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING DATES:

All meetings will be held at the Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, OH

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

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

ADJOURNMENT:

After no further discussion, J. Gabriel adjourned the Vermilion City Council Meeting.

Transcribed by: Melanie Wood, Clerk of Council (October 28, 2025)