

Vermilion City Council Committees and Regular Council Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2026 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

A G E N D A

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Greg Drew, Chairperson; Gary Howell, Vice Chairperson; Committee of the Whole

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| - Review of Ordinance 2026-36 (XI-11 Rural Water) | Greg Drew |
| - Review of Ordinance 2026-37 (III-5 Removal of Council) | Greg Drew |
| - Review of Ordinance 2026-38 (IV-3 Removal of Mayor) | Greg Drew |
| - Review of Ordinance 2026-39 (III-7 Council Meetings & IV-4(b) Legislative Powers) | Greg Drew |
| - Review of Ordinance 2026-40 (VIIA-1 Parks Board) | Greg Drew |
| - Review of Ordinance 2026-41 (IX-1 Initiative and Referendum) | Greg Drew |
| - Review of Ordinance 2026-42 (VIII-3 Nominations for Council) | Greg Drew |
| - Review of Ordinance 2026-43 (VIII-2 Nominations for Mayor) | Greg Drew |
| - Review of Ordinance 2026-44 (XI-9 Charter Review) | Greg Drew |

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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** **Jeff Lucas**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance (Moment of Reflection/Silent Prayer)** **All**
3. **Roll Call** **Melanie Wood**
4. **Approval of Vermilion City Council Minutes of July 6 and 13, 2026** **Jeff Lucas**
5. **Correspondence** **Melanie Wood**
(2026-2027 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** **Jeff Lucas**
7. **Committee Reports**
Finance; Port Authority *Drew Werley, Ward 3*
Utilities; Historic Design & Review; Vermilion Tree Commission *Alec Bonawit, Ward 5*
Legislative; Parks & Recreation *Greg Drew, Ward 2*
Health & Safety; Planning Commission *Gary Howell, At Large*
Main Street Vermilion *John Gabriel, Ward 1*
Streets, Bldgs. & Grounds; Stormwater Advisory; Board of Zoning Appeals *Homer Taft, Ward 4*
8. **Mayor/Safety Director's Report** **Russ Owens**
9. **Service Director's Report** **Tony Valerius**
10. **Finance Director's Report** **Chad Angney**
11. **City Engineer's Report** **Chris Howard**
12. **Law Director's Report** **Tony Pecora**
13. **Old Business** **Council/Adm.**
14. **New Business** **Council/Adm.**
- Motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss pending litigation

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 and address. 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. Council requests all audience members to engage respectfully and with civility and avoid profanity. 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

Law Director

First Reading – Ordinance 2026-35: 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 CONSTRUCT OVERHEAD SIGN SUPPORT IMPROVEMENTS AT LOR-SR-2 1.521 TO 1.523 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2026-36: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VERMILION A PROPOSAL BY THE VERMILION CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE VERMILION CITY CHARTER BY REPEALING ARTICLE XI, SECTION XI-11 (“RURAL WATER SERVICE”); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2026-37: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VERMILION A PROPOSAL BY THE VERMILION CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE VERMILION CITY CHARTER BY AMENDING THE PROCESS OF REMOVAL OF A MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL FROM OFFICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2026-38: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VERMILION A PROPOSAL BY THE VERMILION CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE VERMILION CITY CHARTER BY AMENDING THE PROCESS OF REMOVAL OF THE MAYOR FROM OFFICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2026-39: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VERMILION A PROPOSAL BY THE VERMILION CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE VERMILION CITY CHARTER BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL AND EXCLUSION OF THE MAYOR FROM EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2026-40: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VERMILION A PROPOSAL BY THE VERMILION CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE VERMILION CITY CHARTER BY AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2026-41: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VERMILION A PROPOSAL BY THE VERMILION CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE VERMILION CITY CHARTER BY AMENDING THE PROCESS FOR INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2026-42: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VERMILION A PROPOSAL BY THE VERMILION CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE VERMILION CITY CHARTER BY AMENDING THE PROCESS OF NOMINATION FOR COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2026-43: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VERMILION A PROPOSAL BY THE VERMILION CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE VERMILION CITY CHARTER BY AMENDING THE PROCESS OF NOMINATION OF MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2026-44: AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VERMILION A PROPOSAL BY THE VERMILION CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE VERMILION CITY CHARTER BY AMENDING THE CHARTER REVIEW PROCESS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tabled - Third Reading – Resolution 2026R-4: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SHORE STRUCTURE IN THE SUBMERGED LANDS, IN LAKE ERIE.

Third Reading – Resolution 2026R-10: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ERIE COUNTY NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

-August 3, 2026 – Vermilion City Council Committees (Health & Safety, Finance, Utilities) & Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

-August 17, 2026 – Vermilion City Council Committees (Legislative and Streets, Buildings & Grounds) & Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT