

**Town of Vernon  
Vernon Gym  
Regular Meeting (7:00 PM)  
August 9, 2023**

**Regular Meeting:** The Town of Vernon Council meeting at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282, was called to order by Wayne Zamora at 7:00 PM.

Town Officials and employees present:

**I. Call to Order**

Wayne Zamora – Mayor

John Post – Council Ward 1

Jeff Walker – Council Ward 2

Amber Fields – Council Ward 3

Mary Jo Bender – Clerk Treasurer

Britt Burgmeier – Town Marshall

Aaron Poole – VVFD Fire Chief - Absent

Ron Hendershot – Contract Maintenance - Absent

**II. Approval of July 13, 2023, minutes**

Wayne asked if there were any comments or corrections to the July 13, 2023, Council minutes and recommended approval.

Amber made a motion to approve the July 13, 2023, minutes. Jeff Walker seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

**III. Petitions or comments by the members of the public present:**

Charlinda Evans came to discuss the Arts Park, reimagine what we could do as a town to make it more appealing to the general public. Try to consider what it means to others as a public place in our town. Tell our story but consider the impact some of the images have and their impact on others. Placemaking Grants available, spaces need to be multi-purpose. Gave Council handouts on monuments as art from Karen Chilman.

Layne Suhre came to report on his activities and work as the summer intern. He has been very busy with painting, mowing and landscaping. He has worked many hours cleaning the overgrowth from the alleyways in town. We will miss him as he goes back to school on 8/20/2023. Discussion on keeping the alleys cleared.

#### **IV. Reports from Committees and Officers**

##### **1. Town Mayor – Wayne Zamora**

- a. Uniformity in all of our spaces, parks, buildings, etc. Explore Planning Grants.
- b. Spoke on Placemaking Grants in conjunction with the Historical Society, MUSC wants to explore adding bathrooms to the current building.
- c. More discussion on Musca”duck” Race, using the Commons Space, they are equipped to handle having booths set up there with generators and self-contained vendors.

##### **2. Ward 1 Council – John Post**

- a. One of the LED lights is out, he has reported it.
- b. WTH proposal has been sent to members, also to the County, good for 90 days.
- c. Motion to rescind Ron’s contract, Amber seconded

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

- d. Can the rest of the tree limb be removed on Brown Street?

##### **3. Ward 2 Council – Jeff Walker**

- a. Final donation amount 3311.50 to the Town of Vernon. Amber made a motion to accept the donation, John seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

- b. SIRPC notes and communication were addressed

- c. Research on Municipal Park Boards, 4 members, cannot be executive or legislative members of the town, Park Board has authority to levy a tax... would amount to \$2,300 for the entire town. Could also access Federal Funding if willing to do a 50/50 match. Wayne asked if the County was still willing to repair sidewalks, has the town received any money for this? Damon Davers thought the Town had already received the money for this? Appropriated but has it been received? Need to check and ask to get it reappropriated.

##### **4. Ward 3 Council – Amber Fields**

- a. Advised new meters would be in by next April, return belt clip that was mis-ordered.

##### **5. Clerk Treasurer – Mary Jo Bender – Reports are in Folders**

##### **6. Town Legal Counsel - Brad Kage**

- a. Brad advised we need 2nd reading and vote on Ordinance#184 concerning the wastewater system. Amber made a motion to approve, John Post seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

7. **Town Marshall – Britt Burgmeier – No Issues**
8. **VVFD Fire Chief – Aaron Poole –**
9. **Town Public Works Manager – Ron Hendershot - Absent due to surgery and car wreck.**

**V. Unfinished Business**

- a. Muscata "duck" race, wants Commons space, can handle without electricity.
- b. Brad discussed planning and design details he has gathered, waiting on appraisals. Will meet on August 24th at Jeff Walker's office conference room in the Government Center.
- c. Reminder of the Car show on Saturday, 8/20/2023.
- d. John discussed having Ordinances and dating them as well as numbering, Brad agreed that is possible.

**VI. New Business**

- a. Probation Department would like to lease one of our bays at the Town Hall. Wayne will talk about it with Travis Shepherd and relay that information.
- b. Need Council's approval to advertise the 2024 budget. John Post motioned to approve advertising the budget Jeff seconded,  
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes
- c. Discussed an intern from JCHS, decided against it as there would be no one to consistently supervise or delegate.

**VII. Claims**

- a. Amber made a motion to approve the **July 2023 claims**, Jeff seconded.  
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes
- b. The Clerk Treasurer provided a **Fund Report** for the month of July 2023.

**VIII. Miscellaneous Business**

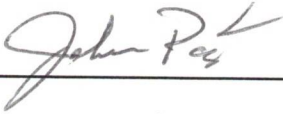
- a. None/Previously discussed

**IX.** Jeff Walker made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Amber Fields made the second.

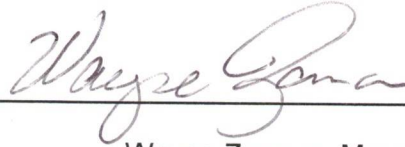
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

**Next Regular Meeting:** The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, September 14, 2023, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

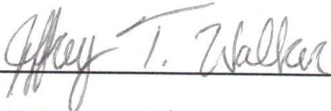
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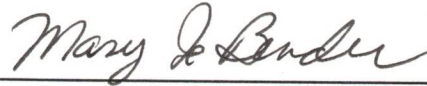
John Post, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward



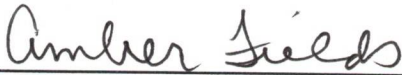
Wayne Zamora, Mayor



Jeff Walker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward



Attest: Mary Jo Bender, Clerk



Amber Fields, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward