

**Town of Vernon
Vernon Gym
Regular Meeting (6:30 PM)
August 13, 2026**

Regular Meeting: The Town of Vernon Council meeting at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282, was called to order by Mayor Brad Bender at 6:30 PM.

Town Officials and employees present:

- I. Call to Order Pledge and roll call: John Post, Brad Kage, Steven Pennycuff absent**
- II. Approval of minutes - Tabled Jeff Walker - Amber Fields**

Mayor Bender asked if there were any comments or corrections to the July 09, 2026 Council minutes and recommended approval.

Jeff Walker made a motion to table the approval of the July 09, 2026 minutes, Amber Fields seconded.

2 Yes votes, 0 No votes

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

- IV. Reports from Committees and Officers**

- A. Brad Bender - Many painting and striping projects around town completed, cones are placed at Commons area to the river to prevent cars from driving through or down close. One tree fell over Jackson Street.
- B. John Post - absent
- C. Jeff Walker - update about discussion on connector is actually in the budget at INDOT.
- D. Amber Fields – Suggests having the walnut tree in the art park evaluated to see if trimming will suffice or if it needs to be removed.
- E. Mary Jo Bender – Clerk Treasurer -
- F. Brad Kage - Attorney - No Comments
- G. Britt Burgmeier – Marshall - resigned October 2025
- I. Steven Pennycuff - Fire Chief -
- J. Ron Hendershot -

V. Unfinished Business

- a. SS4a - Work Meetings August 17-19, consultants will be here and will meet with the cross country team, Tuesday will meet with stakeholders. They will close out on the morning of the 19th. Suggested time for council is on Tuesday from 5:30 - 6:30. Again, the more community involvement, the better.
- b. Bonding - Revised Capital Plan - Kleinpeter presentation Shawn Kleinpeter was present to explain in depth more about our bond and servicing it. He explained it would be based on a 20-year term and paid through a property tax levy. \$400,000 is our maximum to finance. Council is concerned about residents and their ability to pay the increased property taxes, he explained there is a cap on residential property so it would lessen the impact. Financing through the Indiana Bond Bank. Per Indiana code, a holding company will be set up. Amber motioned to move ahead with the bonding through Kleinpeter Financial Group, Jeff seconded the motion. 2 Yes votes, John absent. Will need to set up a debt service fund. Closing will need to be no later than December 8, 2026. Council suggests having an open meeting for questions from the public.
- c. Sign Resolution from July meeting - has been edited and ready to sign.
- d. DNR Trails Grant - Closed out and still some money available, less than \$2,000.

VI. New Business

- a. Budget hearing in September, vote in October. Budget hearing at 6:15 before meeting in September. Brad will post in the newspaper and send notices to post around town.
- b. Request to Close Pike Street for Ghost Walk. Jeff motioned to close Pike Street from Ripley to Brown for the Ghost Walk. Amber seconded, 2 yes votes, 0 no votes.

VII. Claims

- a. Amber made a motion to approve the claims, Jeff seconded the motion.

2 Yes votes, 0 No votes

VIII. Miscellaneous Business

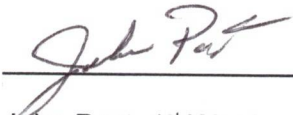
- a. Library/Kitchen project. Grant from foundation applied for, hoping to be awarded \$5,000.

IX. Adjournment - Jeff motioned to adjourn @7:13 pm, Amber seconded.

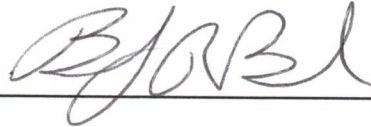
2 Yes votes, 0 No votes

X. Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, September 10, 2026, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

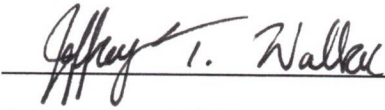
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John Post, 1st Ward



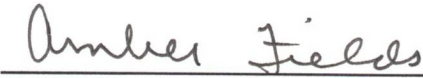
Bradley Bender, Mayor



Jeff Walker, 2nd Ward



Attest: Mary Jo Bender, Clerk



Amber Fields, 3rd Ward