

**Town of Vernon  
Vernon Gym  
Regular Meeting (6:30 PM)  
December 12, 2024**

**Regular Meeting:** The Town of Vernon Council meeting at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282, was called to order by Wayne at 6:30 PM. Salary ordinance presented immediately before regular meeting called to order.

Town Officials and employees present:

I. Call to Order: Mayor Zamora, Council members-Fields, Post and Walker, Clerk-Bender, Attorney-Kage, Marshall-Burgmeier, Fire Chief-Pennycuff

**II. Approval of November 14, 2024 minutes**

Wayne asked if there were any comments or corrections to the November 14, 2024 council minutes and recommended approval.

John Post made a motion to approve the November 14, 2024, minutes. Amber seconded.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

**III. Petitions or comments by the members of the public present: None present**

**IV. Reports from Committees and Officers**

- A. Mayor Wayne Zamora - MHS was in Indianapolis to accept an oversized check for the grant, a few small costs will be covered through the grant, and the internet should be in place by next meeting. Building Better Communities. Wayne is going to push Matt Owens on finishing the restroom as the timeframe is coming up in mid March for completion. Wayne is looking into a grant with SEREMC to livestream events held in the Gym.
- B. John Post – Council Ward 1 - John asked for the forms needed to file for the next election,
- C. Jeff Walker – Council Ward 2 - Safe streets grant information moving forward, Jeff needs to be added to the formal grant agreement contact information,
- D. Amber Fields – Council Ward 3 - Issues already addressed in other business.
- E. Mary Jo Bender – Clerk Treasurer - reports in folders
- F. Brad Kage - Attorney -Will bring parking ordinance to next meeting to be signed, reminded Amber that the hearing for Huff was 12/13/2024 at 9 am.
- G. Britt Burgmeier – Town Marshall - Will look into abandoned vehicles.

H. Brian Clark– Contract Maintenance - Not in attendance.

I. Jeff Pennycuff - Fire Chief - Asking for the budget to be bumped up to \$12,000 to include payments to be made on the new truck. Asked to share a dumpster with the town. Council was reluctant to commit all of the funds as there may not be enough left over for contingencies. John made a motion to up the budget to \$9000 per year to allow for the dumpster payment. Amber seconded. Vote: 3 Yes,0 No votes. Will re-evaluate at the end of 2025 if there are any funds remaining to disburse.

## V. Unfinished Business

- a. Trails Grant - Lots of work being done on ramps and other work around town, they will be doing concrete instead of asphalt at their expense, Met with Rohe about cleaning up debris on the slope, met with scouts about the work they will be doing, may have involvement from other troops. No pay app this month. Instead of bollards, there are gates set up to prevent traffic from flowing onto the trail, discussion ensued about whether gates are needed or not. Will walk it and make a decision. Asked for a price on putting wheel stops \$2,146 for 21 of them in the gym parking lot. Colors for interior colors, grey pebble and almond for the colors. Talked with Matt Owens about issues and will close up the hole they made going into the gym.
- b. OCRA Wastewater Grant, 50% plans have been sent out, have discovered that the Perry Street station can be moved and will save money in the long run. Amber mentioned that FPBH has sent an invoice and it was said OK to pay it from the budget.
- c. Park Board meeting was held with new member Davey Shaw and has decided the budget should be earmarked for bathroom maintenance, cleaning, etc. John didn't think that mowing should come out of the Park budget.

## VI. New Business

- a. Salary Ordinance - John motioned to suspend the reading, Jeff seconded. 3 Yes votes, 0 No votes. John also made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented with a date change to reflect signing on 12/12/2024. Amber seconded, 3 Yes votes,0 No votes
- b. Columbus Christian asked for a reduction in rates for their winter program, consensus was made to keep it as it stands. Council felt it was very generous already and did not want to change our rates.

## VII. Claims

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

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

## VIII. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Amber asked if we would have flashing lights on the signs for the trail, and was assured they would be there when finished. Other signs that have been down have been fixed.
- b. Discussion was held as to the future of the Presbyterian Church and whether or not the Town would be willing to take it over if needed, Wayne Zamorahas been approached as to its future and asked the Council if they had opinions on getting involved as landlords or owners of buildings. Will discuss options when time gets closer to a determination.
- c. Lift estimate for grant was underestimated and demolition. Also, will need a State Design

Release which the town can file on their own. Can an additional \$7,700 be approved for the extra expense. Amber asked if other costs could be adjusted to offset the extra expense and take the rest from CEDIT. Amber Fields motioned to approve the extra costs after finding out , Jeff seconded. 3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

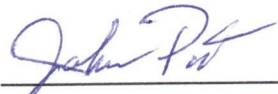
- d. Metronet will be looking for a place for splice cabinets, construction to begin at the beginning of 2025, residents will be online by July. Amber suggested paying for the VVFD internet expense out of the LOIT budget.
- e. Discussion about a resident who had some violent issues after his apartment flooded and his dog was lost.

**IX. Adjournment** - Jeff motioned to adjourn @7:47 pm, Amber seconded.

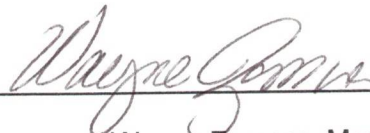
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

a. **Next Regular Meeting:** The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, January 09, 2024, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

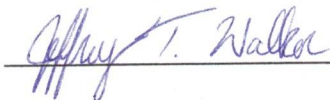
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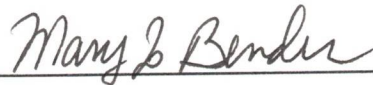
John Post, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward



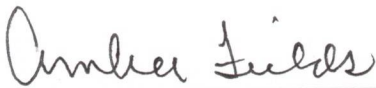
Wayne Zamora, Mayor



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



Attest: Mary Jo Bender, Clerk



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