

Town of Vernon
Vernon Gym
Regular Meeting (7:00 PM)
June 2, 2022

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

Town Officials and employees present:

I. Call to Order – All Members Present

Dan Wright – Mayor (*Absent*)
Eric Genda – Council Ward 1
Jeff Walker – Council Ward 2
Shelly Davers – Council Ward 3
Amber Fields – Clerk/Treasurer
Ron Hendershot – Maintenance/Works Manager
Britt Burgmeier – Town Marshall (*Absent*)
Aaron Poole – VVFD Fire Chief

II. Approval of May 5, 2022, minutes

Brad asked if there were any comments or corrections to the May 5, 2022, Council minutes and recommended approval.

Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the May 5, 2022, minutes. Shelly Davers made the second.

Two Yes votes, 0 No votes, 1 Abstention (Genda)

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

Brad asked anyone from the public wishing to make a comment to sign in and let the Council know what they wished to comment on.

Damon Davers asked Ron to put the tree behind Bishop's on Brown Street on the list to be cut down this fall.

IV. Reports from Committees and Officers

1. Town Mayor – Dan Wright (*Absent*)

2. Ward 1 Council – Eric Genda

a. Nothing to report

3. Ward 2 Council – Jeff Walker

a. Donation from the Spring Tonic 5K

Jeff presented a donation from the Friends of Historic Vernon Spring Tonic event for \$1,541.98, to be used for renovations at the Vernon Gym. Shelly Davers made the motion to accept the donation. Eric Genda made the second.

Three Yes votes, 0 No votes

b. Review Town of Vernon Ordinances

Jeff said that he planned to send out a list of Ordinances for review for the next meeting covering zoning, buildings, and hazardous areas. Jeff will bring back the following Ordinances for review: 27, 38, 44, 63, 86, 87, 88, 103, 107, 127, 130, 141, 142 and 158.

c. Animal Control Ordinance

Jeff said that Michelle from Animal Control had a problem with the wording in Jeff's Ordinance, so it was decided to wait for Britt to come back before making a decision on the Animal Control Ordinance.

d. Jeff said that he didn't have anything to report on financial oversight.

e. Moving the Town Council Meeting to the second Thursday of each month

Jeff made a motion to move the Town Council meetings to the second Thursday of each month starting in July 2022. Shelly Davers made the second.

Three Yes votes, 0 No votes

4. Ward 3 Council – Shelly Davers

a. Nothing to report

5. Clerk Treasurer – Amber Fields

a. Amber brought an application for **Cyber Insurance** recommended by Shepherd Insurance. The Council thought it would be best to bring the Cyber Security Insurance issue back to the next meeting and possibly have Jess from Shepherd come in and explain what it would cover.

b. Amber presented the ElanCity information for speeding and road safety. Shelly said to bring the issue up at the next meeting.

6. Town Legal Counsel – Brad Kage

7. Town Marshall – Britt Burgmeier (*Absent*)

8. VVFD Fire Chief – Aaron Poole

a. Aaron reported on a fund raiser the VVFD was putting together.

9. Town Public Works Manager – Ron Hendershot

a. Ron again passed out information on the **WTH GIS** program. The 3 year cost would be \$16,475 with a receiver cost of \$4,355. A GIS program is needed for inventory asset management and in order to apply for grants. Jeff called

Madison and their operator agreed with the ease of use. Jeff is ok with moving forward with the WTH program. Shelly felt that we had been charging the public for the new meters and we should get the new meters first. Dan's email said that he agreed with the purchase of the program. Eric felt that the GIS program should be put on hold. Shelly asked to table the program until some other projects that have been approved have been started.

- b. **Water Department Meter Replacement** - Ron said the GIS program was needed before the meters are installed. Shelly said that she would bring the spreadsheet she put together with old projects that were never completed for review for the next meeting.
- c. Ron reminded the Council that he was working on the **Asset Management Plan** that has to be in place for grant applications.
- d. Ron reported that there was **storm damage** by trees on the gym and Pike Street. Ron called Pike's Tree Care. Their charge was \$1,400. Our deductible is \$1,000 so we should be receiving a check for \$400. Eric Genda made a motion to approve the work. Jeff Walker made the second.
Three Yes votes, 0 No votes
- e. Ron proposed a plan for **Duke** to replace the incandescent **streetlights** with LED lights. The proposal would save money on the streetlight cost and merge all the accounts into one account. There would be no installation charge for Duke to make the changes. Shelly Davers asked for more information about the program and table the program until everyone has a chance to look at the information. Eric Genda made the second.
Three Yes votes, 0 No votes
- f. The owners of **Linda's Log Cabin** asked the Town to address the water drainage and ponding problem by their restaurant.
- g. Ron reported on the **water testing** and that there were no violations last year.
- h. Ron said that he was able to borrow the North Vernon **Utility trailer** when needed.

V. **Unfinished Business**

- a. No unfinished business at this time

VI. **New Business**

- a. No new business at the time

VII. **Claims**

A. **Claims**

Jeff Walker made a motion to approve the claims. Eric Genda made the second.
Three Yes votes, 0 No Votes

- B. The Clerk Treasurer provided a **Fund Report** for the month of May 2022.

VIII. **Miscellaneous Business**

A. **Donations & Other**

- a. Dan asked permission (via email) to close the streets for the 4th weekend in June, car Cruise-in. Shelly said that she would bring something to the next meeting that would allow the Mayor to make the street closing decisions and report to the Council after the fact.

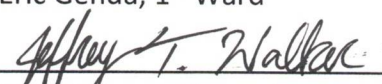
IX. Shelly Davers made the motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. Jeff Walker made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes.

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, July 14, 2022, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Vernon Town Council


Eric Genda, 1st Ward


Jeff Walker, 2nd Ward

 14 July 2022
Shelly Davers, 3rd Ward

Town of Vernon


Dan Wright, Mayor


Amber Fields, Clerk Treasurer