

**Town of Vernon
Vernon Gym
Regular Meeting (7:00 PM)
June 08, 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 – Members Present

Wayne Zamora – Mayor
John Post – Council Ward 1
Jeff Walker – Council Ward 2
Amber Fields – Council Ward 3
Mary Jo Bender – Clerk Treasurer

II. Approval of May 11, 2023, minutes

Wayne asked if there were any comments or corrections to the May 11, 2023, Council minutes and recommended approval.

John Post made a motion to approve the May 11, 2023, minutes. Amber Fields made the second.

3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

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

a. See New Business

IV. Reports from Committees and Officers

1. Town Mayor – Wayne Zamora

a. Wayne discussed projects he would like to see completed. Had a meeting with USDA to consider facilities grant for the Gym and asked for ideas for improving the usage of the Gym. Summer intern has begun cleaning and disposing of junk and debris and old documents to be shredded. Will keep any Capital projects information.

2. Ward 1 Council – John Post

a. John asked about the timeline for LED streetlight conversion and Amber noted there is a backlog. John also has a concern about semis turning onto Pike Street and coming off of highway across RR tracks. Signage was discussed and proposed putting up a NO TRUCKS sign if one is available in the garage, or ordering said sign.

3. Ward 2 Council – Jeff Walker

a. Jeff sent notice to SIRPC expressing our interest in pursuing a CBDG grant.

4. **Ward 3 Council – Amber Fields**
 - a. Informed Council of JCCF/Margaret Reese grant in the amount of \$682.84 awarded to the Town of Vernon. She will apply for another one for the next round. Amber also wants to look into pursuing a Lilly grant for the Town.
5. **Clerk Treasurer – Mary Jo Bender**
 - a. All of Clerk’s information for Council is included in their meeting folders.
6. **Town Legal Counsel – Brad Kage**
 - a. Brad will rewrite the proposed ordinance about foreign objects in the WW system and the proposal to charge residents for damage.
7. **Town Marshall – Britt Burgmeier – Absent**
8. **VVFD Fire Chief – Aaron Poole**
 - a. Aaron was absent but a representative from the VVFD (Jeff Pennycuff) was present to report on the Back-to-School Bash being conducted on July 29, 2023 by the department and asked about using part of the school field for this event. Council agreed this would be acceptable and asked for information to post on the town website. He also asked if Council had any quotes for a new generator. Not at this time.
9. **Town Public Works Manager – Ron Hendershot Absent**
- V. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Next Level Trails Grant – No information
 - b. Hendershot contract changes not discussed as he was absent.
- VI. **New Business**
 - A. Introduction of new ordinances and resolutions or any other matters before the Council may be considered.
 - a. Matt Trimmell and Brooke Reed from Reedy Financial Group presented a short overview of services they could provide to the town for financial planning and advice. Training and budgeting were stressed as well as recommendations for Capital Project planning. The proposal for 4 quarterly meetings is \$15,000 per year. No action taken at this time.
 - b. Rezone request presented by Marie Shepherd for 30 E Gaines, owned by Melinda Gabbard, who wants it declared residential single family as opposed to multi-family residential. Marie also briefly discussed the status of the McDonald building on Pike Street and measures being pursued. John Post made the motion to approve rezoning, Amber seconded.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes
 - c. Fred Vogel with Classic Cruisers car show was present to inform about the car show and ask for streets to be blocked for the event, informed the rain date would be the following week and asked if Wayne would be present to give Mayor’s choice award. Jeff made the motion to approve street closure, Amber seconded.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

VII. Claims

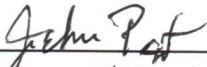
- a. Amber Fields made a motion to approve the May2023 claims. Jeff Walker seconded.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes
- b. The Clerk Treasurer provided a Fund Report for the month of May 2023.

VIII. Miscellaneous Business


- IX.** Amber motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm, John Post seconded.
3 Yes votes, 0 No votes

Next Regular Meeting: The next Regular Vernon Town Council Meeting will be Thursday, July, 12, 2023, at the Vernon Gym, 29 Washington Street, Vernon, Indiana 47282. The Regular meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.


Vernon Town Council



John Post, 1st Ward

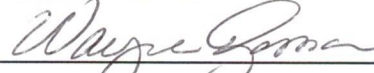


Jeff Walker, 2nd Ward

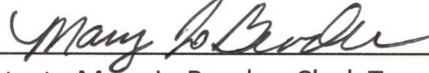


Amber Fields, 3rd Ward

Town of Vernon



Wayne Zamora, Mayor



Attest: Mary Jo Bender, Clerk Treasurer