

Minutes of the Special Vermilion City Council Meeting

Monday, May 12, 2025

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CALL TO ORDER:

John Gabriel, President of Council called the Monday, May 12, 2025, Special Vermilion City Council meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The members of Council, administrative staff, and audience participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance; a moment of silence followed.

ROLL CALL:

Vermilion City Council: John Gabriel, Council President; Gary Howell, Council at Large; Pat West, Ward One; Greg Drew, Ward Two; Drew Werley, Ward Three; Jeff Lucas, Ward Four; Brian Holmes (left during Health and Safety Committee), Ward Five. Present: Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk; Melanie Wood, Assistant Clerk of Council.

Administrative Staff: Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Bill Brown, Fire Chief; Chris Hartung, Police Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

J. Lucas MOVED: G. Howell seconded to approve the Vermilion City Council minutes of May 5, 2025. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

RECOGNITION OF GWEN FISHER’S RETIREMENT & FINAL COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Forthofer presented Gwen Fisher with the following Proclamation:

Gwen Fisher has faithfully served the City of Vermilion for an extraordinary 31 years and 2 months, having been hired in 1994 by then Council President Skip Griffith; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Gwen has endured five mayors and ten terms of City Council Presidents, including Skip Griffith, Jimmy Davis, Dan Roth, Fred Ostrander, John Gabriel, Monica Sweinhagen, and Steve Herron and;

WHEREAS, Certified Municipal Clerk Gwen Fisher has been the steadfast administrative cornerstone and a factor of consistency in an ever-changing Vermilion Legislative Branch, attending 791 council meetings, managing the creation, review, or transcription of 2,680 city ordinances, as well as various other legislation and resolutions with precision and accuracy; and

WHEREAS, Gwen Fisher contributed to the community beyond her official duties including judging a Fish Festival Queen competition, and she was a member of the first team to represent the City of Vermilion at the North Coast Corporate Challenge, where the team placed in several categories. Gwen has also been the top fundraising ticket seller for the Vermilion Port Authority; and

WHEREAS, Gwen's integrity, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to the City of Vermilion have left a lasting legacy and example of trusted public service to the people of Vermilion; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Forthofer, Mayor of the City of Vermilion, Ohio do hereby proclaim May 12, 2025, as “**GWEN FISHER DAY**” in the City of Vermilion and urge all citizens to join in expressing deep appreciation for her decades of service and wishing her continued happiness in the years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the City of Vermilion, Ohio to be affixed this Twelfth Day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Five.
James Forthofer, Mayor.

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Bryce Fisher, son of Gwen, said he was very proud of his mom as she has worked her rearend off the last 31 years and raised a beautiful family and it's only going to keep getting bigger. He said they are very proud of her, and she has worked with some wonderful people over the years, and wanted to tell her thank you and that they love her very much, and he wished her the best of luck on being a grandma.

Chelsea Fisher, daughter of Gwen, said, "Mom, your work has been amazing, and it only trickles down into the way you have raised your family. I am really excited, so now I can start having babies with free daycare. You deserve all of this, and I'm really excited for you to get that boat that you have worked so hard for, or you can keep using Dawn and Bill's as that works too, but I wish you a lifetime of happiness and I cannot wait to see what is next for you because I know you will not stop working here".

Brock Fisher stated as Gwen's "favorite" son - "Mom, I just want to say thank you. You have instilled a work ethic into all of us, especially Brandon, "I mean look at that guy he is killing it out here", and it is beyond what we can say, and we just appreciate you so much more than you know, and I know it is hard sometimes to realize how much we appreciate you, but we really do. I know you're going to get bored, so be ready to help us with homework and college".

Brandon, oldest son of Gwen said that being a kid he thinks he shared some of the duties with the council meetings as he is not the only one who attended them. Mom was always gone on Monday's. Just to know her work ethic and what she has done for the city, how much she has put into this place – like you have said Mayor - she has been through quite a few like the Brown's Quarterback rotation it sounds like, but in all seriousness her dedication to the City of Vermilion should be duly noted. I know there are different personalities, and you probably always do not see eye to eye with different changes and regimes, and things like that, but for someone who has been here from day one – I can tell you guys she loves what she does. I am a very proud son – Mom, I love you and thank you for the hard work for feeding us and putting a roof over our heads. We are very grateful for you and the City of Vermilion should be.

Pat McGlothen, mother of Gwen and a new resident of Vermilion, said that it is because of Gwen as she invited her to come and live here, and she thanked Gwen as she has been a wonderful daughter. She doesn't just work for the city. She is kind and generous to everyone. She goes way beyond to do things for everyone, and she thanked her and said, "I love you and Vermilion".

Peter Corogin said he was here on behalf of the Vermilion Port Authority to make sure they recognize Gwen for all that she has done for them. Yes, he does feel like a son because many times Gwen got him out of a jam like a good mother would do, and she has been a phenomenal person for the Port over the years and has always had answers to their questions, and has always kept them on track, and always someone they could go to if they had a problem, and she will be dearly missed, but she has a good substitute. G. Fisher responded, "Yes we do!" P. Corogin said Gwen will be missed because she is a unique person. He presented her with a chocolate chip cookie.

Steve Herron, 6799 Cliffside Drive said, "Gwen and I have set together in Council and at a lot of baseball games, and Gwen is a true friend and true servant to the people; the people came first, and at the end of the day it is true that when it came to doing the job, Gwen did it right. There is a right way and a wrong way, and you did it right. She put the extra time and effort in at all times and she is a true professional, and I appreciate it very much. In many times, if the Council President doesn't know what is going on, Gwen is there to explain it as she is very helpful, knowledgeable, and always knows what is going on, so thank you very much".

Marilyn Brill, 1745 Cooper Foster Park Road said, "Actually my daughter and Gwen were good friends long before 31 years, and truly this city would not be where it is today without Gwen Fisher in doing what she has done for the past 30 plus years. You are a pillar for this group, and you'll be missed by many people. Gwen, I wish you the best. The best role is the grandma role and you're going to do that well. Good luck".

Monica Sweinhagen, former Council President, wished Gwen the best. She said, "Gwen, you were amazing, as I served as Council at Large and President, and you were always directing and always looked for the best of the city; always helped to lead and direct the city in a positive direction, and I thank you for that for all these years, and because of that quality, Vermilion has done well for all these years partly because of you. You will be dearly missed, and I hope you enjoy your family so much now that you have the free time to do that".

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Chief Hartung stated, "Having 27 out of the 31 years of working with Gwen, and we have had countless conversations over the years; sitting on the Records Commission when you made me keep the minutes and I have never forgiven you for that to this day, but I have had a new appreciation for what you go through, and we have been through a lot of stuff together and I wish you the best of luck, but I still have your cell phone number, so it really is not going to change".

Homer Taft, 3972 Edgewater Drive, said, "Gwen, I have expressed myself to you personally in writing and I thank you for all the words of mine that I have burdened you with over the past eight years or more. I wouldn't have spoken except I think somebody should mention that in addition to almost 800 council meetings, you have probably done thousands of Boards and Commissions meetings, and probably have written enough minutes; particularly when I talk, to fill many, many volumes, and thank you for allowing me to read some of those volumes, and I have to say it is an incredible amount of professionalism, and I will also say as an attorney and having dealt with many city council's and clerks of council; I have generally not known clerks who are capable to writing most of those almost 3,000 ordinances. Thank you so much for 31 years".

Jeff Lucas, Ward Four Council, said, "Gwen is truly reflective of Vermilion. When you think of Vermilion you think of Gwen Fisher. Gwen is everywhere, so if there is a cause, if there some sort of a problem, Gwen is part of the solution to either of those two. I have had the pleasure of knowing you now for about six or seven years. She's invaluable. The experience that she has and that we're losing is immeasurable, but what we are gaining is another person, Melanie, who is going to step up and she is going to be the face of Vermilion in helping us guide Council. Gwen, I wouldn't be here today without you. Thank you very much".

Brian Holmes, Ward Five Council, said, "Gwen it has been pleasure. You have always been the person I call to; when I need an answer you have always been there, and I do appreciate it. You certainly have helped me grow in this position; answering any questions and all questions I have and that includes a lot of folks that have called you about anything, and you have always had the answer, and we did test Melanie this week and she passed, and I do not know why she answered the phone, but Gwen would answer the phone when she was off, or when I needed it, so I do appreciate you and you will be sorely missed, and thank you for all your years of service here for the City of Vermilion. Thank you".

Gary Howell, Council at Large, said, "I am going to miss you a lot. I first met Gwen when I was building my house back in 2016 and I came home from working night shift the next morning and I had to explain to my wife who my girlfriend was in the Bronco who stopped and said hello to me when I was putting my daughter on the bus that morning. Since then, we have grown into a great friendship being neighbors and stuff, and it has been great. You have been a cornerstone for me as far as answering questions and stuff up here, so I will miss you, but enjoy retirement".

Greg Drew, Ward Two Council, said, "First of all on a personal level you have raised a wonderful family, and you should be very proud of your children, and I get to share one of your children because one is my son-in-law, so thank you for that. I couldn't ask for a better man to marry my daughter, and a lot of that comes from you and Craig's raising him. Thank you very much. I am going to miss you. You have always been there for me to answer those questions. The institutional knowledge that you have will never be replaced, so thank you so much. You helped me write legislation; you have kept me on track; you have just done so much. I think obviously we will have to share babysitting responsibilities as we fight over the grandchildren, but we love you and thank you for what you have done for the city, and we are going to miss you".

Pat West, Ward One Council, said, "Gwen, I would like to thank you for being a really good friend and neighbor, and I'm surprised you're not wearing a cape with a "S" on it; you're Superwoman".

Melanie Wood, Assistant Clerk of Council, said, "Tonight we honor the quiet backbone of our city government Gwen Fisher. For 31 years, she has ensured that the meetings ran smoothly, records remain accurate, and our process remains transparent and accountable. As she steps into a well-earned retirement, we celebrate not only her years of service, but the legacy she leaves behind - a Council Clerk's office that runs efficiently, ethically, and with heart. I now have the unique honor and no small responsibility of stepping into her role, and I am grateful for the strong example she has set and the guidance she has given me in this transition. Gwen, thank you for everything. I wish you joy, health, and all the fun things that come with retirement. It is well deserved".

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John Gabriel, President of Council, said, "Well, Gwen and I have served a couple times together now and I was responsible for her first heart attack. The Council Clerk position is of the utmost importance to the city. It literally stops us from making prior mistakes that were repeatable. She is able to draw from the history of Vermilion and make sure that we understand that what is happened in the past and from new and incoming council people. I just cannot describe how invaluable that is to council people. There are seven different personalities up here; they change every couple years, and it is a very difficult task and it's hurting cats at its best, and she has done it and has done it with the best of them. She has saved us from lawsuits when these frivolous folks sue us for reasons that you just wouldn't believe. I have been in enough executive sessions to tell you that we get sued by people, and there are people that travel from town to town with these obscure record records looking to hit you with something that they do not think you can find; Gwen is like, here it is. Just the little things; I could go on and on, but I know everybody has said a lot tonight and I agree with all of that. I am going to sorely miss her, and I am excited for Melanie to get a start. One of the things when I came back from out of retirement in 2023, I had to focus on getting Gwen's replacement because that is how important I think she is and what she does is. It is literally one of the cornerstone pieces to city government; not only in Vermilion; at any government, so I am grateful to have you, and I am grateful to have served with you multiple times, and I will promise not to do anything to get you round up again. Thank you".

Gwen Fisher thanked everyone and said it was wonderful. She apologized if her comments were going to be long and boring, but she thought after 31 years, everybody gets to listen to her now. Tonight is my last council meeting as the City of Vermilion's Certified Municipal Clerk as I officially am announcing my retirement as of May 30, which will mark 31 years, two months, and 16 days working in this capacity. I cannot lie that this will be bittersweet for me as I have thoroughly loved this job and serving this community and its people. It has not always been rainbows and butterflies, but it has mostly been a wonderful career.

To give a little history of my employment background, I started working at young age at a campground as a scorekeeper for skeet shooting, and at the age of 16, I worked at our local bakery, and after graduation I worked in the circulation department at the Bellevue Gazette until moving to New York where I worked at the Watertown Daily Times. I have also worked in the engineering department and for the Controller of Accounting at Ford Motor Company, and for numerous attorneys until getting hired with the City of Vermilion in 1994 at the age of 29. So, at the age of 60, I feel this retirement is deserved.

Over the course of my career, I have had the privilege of working alongside dedicated employees and public servants whose commitment to this community has inspired me. Together we have weathered challenges, celebrated milestones, and we have shown integrity and service that defines local government, and for that, I would like to thank all the city employees, the many city council members and volunteer board members, and the four former mayors, and present Mayor Forthofer, I have worked with over the last 31 years. I am thankful for the friendships I have gained along the way. As city employees and public servants, we all take those personal hits which are par for the course, but I do believe we all work hard for the betterment of this community, whether or not everyone agrees and that's okay.

After much reflection of my years serving this community as your Certified Municipal Clerk, I have thought about the billion words I have transcribed, the many thousands of ordinances I have prepared and the enormous number of meetings attended, along with so many more responsibilities. I definitely can say I will enjoy my Monday nights off, and my Tuesday's, Wednesday's, and Thursday nights as there are Council and Board of Commission meetings throughout the week.

Serving as Municipal Clerk has given me a deep appreciation of local government. I am proud of the work we have accomplished, and the relationships built along the way. As I move into this next chapter, I will cherish not only the memories, but a deep sense of pride that comes from having served a community I care so deeply about.

Everyone tells me that I will be busier than ever once I retire and believe me the projects are already lining up. I am excited to spend time with my entire family. I may not know what to do with myself at first, but I am sure I will get used to it pretty quickly.

I would like to give a personal shoutout to the first city council who hired me in 1994 and trusted me in taking on this position. Earl Tischer, Robert "Skip" Griffith, Earl Hunter, Russ Imars, Jack Burns, Brian

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Sarratore, and Gary O'Neill. I want to thank all the city council members over the years for their kindness and respect.

In closing, I want to thank my husband Craig, my four children, Brandon, Bryce, Brock, and Chelsea, my daughter in laws, Amirra & Autumn, and future daughter in law Shauna, and future son in law Nick, and five grandchildren, Kaleb, Payton, Mila, Malani, and Macklin, and soon to be baby girl Fisher in July, along with my parents and siblings. My family has been my biggest support system, and I thank them for understanding my role as a working wife and mom. I would be remarked if I didn't mention my closest friend and confidant, Dawn Barnes, who has always been there for me on the good and bad days and who has encouraged me when I have needed it the most. She has gotten me through a lot of rough moments.

As I start this new chapter and you happen to see me out and about through town, please continue to come up and say, "Hello". I am always free for lunch.

In closing, I want to give a huge thank you to the citizens of Vermilion. It has been my sincerest privilege serving as your Certified Municipal Clerk. I graciously appreciate your confidence and kindness to me over these past 31 years.

My final sincerest wish is that this community stands strong in unity, remains positive, respectful, and kind, and strives towards being a Great Town on a Great Lake that we can all be proud of.

My last comment is that I am officially passing the torch to Melanie. She will serve this community honestly and with integrity and she will work hard for the citizens of Vermilion. I would ask that you all treat her with the same kindness and respect. She is a big piece of the puzzle that helps this city move forward. I wish her nothing but the best and I trust her to take over this position in a positive light.

I thank you all for my 31 years!

Open to the Audience:

Arlene Olson of 14901 Darrow Road congratulated Gwen and thanked her for all her work. She said she is a concerned citizen and in her humble opinion, there needs to be a staggering nature of purchases of when those need to occur; it's better timing and budgeting over a set period of time. This should apply to any large financial decision the city makes. She suggested that budgeting, planning, common sense, and the employee should be done in a more direct way, and for balanced priorities. They need to be set to benefit the taxpayers in a cost-efficient way. She also asked for less need for emergency appropriations so they can go through the process appropriately. Just an example like those six police cars that were approved all at once. Generally, corporations in her understanding for different investments, they stagger them so things do not inspire all at the same time whether it is an investment or (inaudible). In general, this is something for the city to keep in mind.

Marilyn Brill of 1745 Cooper Foster Park Road told Gwen that she really appreciates their friendship throughout the years, and she will still come back to city council meetings. She said a few months ago they learned that the Chief of Police mentioned that there would be six or eight new police cars, so that is a concern of hers because she is thinking last week they just talked about how terrible the roads are in this city, and they have eight new police cars that will be traveling on all of those roads regardless of the condition, and then the Service Director is also trying to get a new snow plow on top of the one he just got, and also another truck for the water department to service the city. If we do not take care of our roads and we are ordering all of these new cars and vehicles, it doesn't make sense to her, and she is quite concerned about where the priority is here. Shouldn't they be fixing some of the roads? She knows two of them will be repaired, but there are more than two that need repaired, so before the city makes decisions about all this new equipment and a dump truck, and another snow plow that they never know will ever be used because mother nature rules that, but just to have those police cars out there – how long are they going to last on these roads that are just in terrible condition.

J. Gabriel recessed the Special Vermilion City Council meeting to call the Streets, Buildings, & Grounds Committee to order, which is transcribed and documented separately from the Special Council minutes.

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J. Gabriel called the Special Vermilion City Council meeting back to order after the adjournment of committees.

New Business:

G. Howell MOVED: G. Drew seconded to approve the appointment of Derek Lundy to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of John Gabriel ending December 31, 2026. Discussion: Mayor Forthofer said Derek Lundy served successfully on the Stormwater Committee except it never meets, so Mr. Lundy was willing to move over to the Board of Zoning Appeals which meets regularly. Roll Call Vote 5 YEAS; 1 PRESENT (Werley). **MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Gabriel stated they discussed the review of Ordinance 2025-30 under the general financial update which would be to amend it to add \$100,000 to the \$500,000 the ordinance currently lists.

G. Drew MOVED: J. Gabriel seconded to amend Ordinance 2025-30 to add an additional \$350,000 to the requested \$100,000 taken from Ordinance 2025-10 and amend Ordinance 2025-10 to transfer \$350,000. G. Drew said it splits the baby with the discussion tonight. A. Hendricks asked for clarification as to where the other money was coming from. G. Drew said instead of putting \$700,000 into wastewater, they move \$350,000. J. Gabriel said instead of \$700,000 into Fund 415 they would cut that in half which would become a \$350,000 transfer. G. Drew said correct, and the other half of the \$700,000 would go into the road fund. There is a reason behind this, he is regretting his vote last week and he is not ashamed to admit it – they passed an ordinance last week to have the engineer come up with plans for Brownhelm Station road which was \$100,000 and they all know there is no money to build it, so it was a waste of money. Maybe by making this transfer, they can have the funds to fix that road instead of having \$100,000 in drawings that are going to sit in a drawer for God knows how long. They are talking about a snowplow truck and other stuff, but they spent \$100,000 and he is just as at fault as everyone else who voted yes. We spent \$100,000 to come up with blueprints that we do not have the money to follow through with, so in a way this sort of fixes that; maybe, and he knows other people may not necessarily agree with him. G. Fisher clarified the motion to amend Ordinance 2025-10 to transfer from the general fund \$350,000 to fund 415, and then to amend Ordinance 2025-30 to transfer from the general fund \$950,000 to fund 200 streets. Mayor Forthofer asked if this would leave enough money for the wastewater to cover the loan payment. A. Hendricks said not in subsequent years. D. Werley asked if they could pay that from a different fund. A. Hendricks said as long as council approves it. A. Hendricks asked for clarification again to make sure the appropriations will cover what is being proposed. G. Drew explained it is the same amount of money being spent but in a different location. He said he is proposing \$950,000 to go to streets, and \$350,000 to wastewater. J. Gabriel seconded the motion. D. Werley said he would not be opposed to having an additional meeting this month to hammer this all out. He said he would not be opposed to going into that executive session to talk about the timeframe for collective bargaining agreements because this is an important caveat to this. J. Gabriel asked council if they were available to meet on May 19. The members of council concurred. G. Drew said if they are having another council meeting when will they discuss it. J. Gabriel said they will do a regular reading, but if they are amending this, then he would be okay with another meeting. G. Drew withdrew his motion; J. Gabriel withdrew his second, and G. Drew MOVED; J. Gabriel seconded to amend Ordinance 2025-10 and 2025-30 as previously stated and keep it tabled until May 19. D. Werley clarified this is the same exact motion with the caveat of a meeting next Monday. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Werley MOVED: G. Howell seconded to table the third reading of Ordinance 2025-30. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reading of the Ordinances:

Tabled – Third Reading – Ordinance 2025-10: AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ONE APPROPRIATION TO ANOTHER AND/OR APPROPRIATING FUNDS NOT HERETOFORE APPROPRIATED AS HEREBY AMENDED. (*Transfer from General Fund 101 to Fund 415 – Sewer Capital Fund*)

Tabled - Third Reading – Ordinance 2025-26: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HENDERSON PRODUCTS, INC. OF BUCYRUS, OHIO FOR THE SNOW AND ICE PACKAGE FOR THE VERMILION STREET DEPARTMENT TRUCK THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL PURCHASING PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

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TO MAKE PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$138,044.00) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

J. Lucas MOVED: J. Gabriel seconded to untable the third reading of Ordinance 2025-26. Discussion: G. Drew said this ordinance is for the equipment for the truck, so he suggested keeping this tabled until they approve the purchase of the truck, so they are not purchasing equipment on a truck that they do not have. J. Gabriel said it is already tabled, so they can withdraw their motions. **J. Lucas and J. Gabriel withdrew their motions.**

Tabled - Third Reading – Ordinance 2025-30: AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ONE APPROPRIATION TO ANOTHER AND/OR APPROPRIATING FUNDS NOT HERETOFORE APPROPRIATED. *(Transfer from General Fund 101 to Fund 200 Streets to offset the reduction in income tax revenue)*

John Gabriel read the second reading of Ordinance 2025-31 into the record.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-31: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-6 ADOPTED MARCH 3, 2025 TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES, AND TO AMEND THE 2025 CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES FOR THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO.

G. Drew felt they need to hold on this vote too. A. Hendricks said if council is having another meeting, then the third reading can be on the normal schedule next week and then they will not have to suspend the rules.

G. Fisher read the remaining ordinances into the record:

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-32: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FUND 235 “SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITY FUND”.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-33: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF CINCINNATI, OHIO FOR THE NEW INTERNATIONAL TRUCK CHASSIS FOR THE VERMILION STREET DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE SOURCEWELL STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$114,566.00) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-35: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 406 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, ENTITLED “TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP” AND SECTION 406.01(g) ENTITLED “ESTABLISHED”.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-36: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FUND 236 “CLERK COMPUTERIZATION FUND”.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-37: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 268.01 (b)(2) ENTITLED “RULES AND REGULATIONS” OF CHAPTER 268 ENTITLED “PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-38: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENGAGE INTO A CONTRACT FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY’S CEMETERIES.

First Reading – Ordinance 2025-39: AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ONE APPROPRIATION TO ANOTHER AND/OR APPROPRIATING FUNDS NOT HERETOFORE APPROPRIATED. *(Transfer from General Fund 101 to Fund 235 Senior Citizen Activity Fund – \$50,000)*

First Reading – Ordinance 2025-40: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENGAGEMENT FOR SPECIAL SERVICES WITH STEPHEN W. FUNK AND THE LAW FIRM OF ROETZEL & ANDRESS FOR LEGAL REPRESENTATION IN CERTAIN LITIGATION PROCEEDINGS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

J. Lucas MOVED: G. Drew seconded to suspend the rules. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Drew MOVED: G. Howell seconded to adopt this ordinance by emergency. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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First Reading – Ordinance 2025-41: AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM ONE APPROPRIATION TO ANOTHER AND/OR APPROPRIATING FUNDS NOT HERETOFORE APPROPRIATED. (*Transfer from General Fund 101 to Fund 601 Water Fund for the purchase of a dump truck for the Distribution Department – \$187,144*)

Announcement of Meeting Dates

All meetings are held at the Vermilion Municipal Court Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio, unless otherwise determined elsewhere.

- May 19, 2025 – Vermilion City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- June 2, 2025 – Vermilion City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- June 9, 2025 – Vermilion City Council Committee Meetings – 6:00 p.m.
- June 16, 2025 – Vermilion City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

John Gabriel, President of Council adjourned the Special Vermilion City Council meeting.

Transcribed by: Melanie Wood, Clerk of Council and Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk