

## Minutes of the Vermilion City Council Meeting

Monday, November 8, 2021

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**Vermilion City Council:** Steve Herron, Council President; Monica Stark, Council At Large; Emily Skahen, Ward One; Frank Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holovacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five

**Administrative Staff:** Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Chris Howard, City Engineer

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Steve Herron, President of Council called the Monday, November 8, 2021, 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.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**S. Holovacs MOVED,** F. Loucka seconded to approve the meeting minutes of October 25, 2021. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

S. Herron mentioned City Council received correspondence from Leilani (Sand) Cuson, Todd VanThoor, Vicki Leimbach, and Bob Leimbach as it relates to the rezoning (Ordinance 2021-60). These letters will be made part of the official record of proceedings as attached hereto and incorporated herein.

### **PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL'S REPORT:**

Brandi Schnell, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District spoke to Council about recycling and contamination, and how the City of Vermilion is doing specifically. She said the City of Vermilion is unique – it is partially in Erie and partially in Lorain County. However, since more of the city's population is on the Lorain County side of the line, the entire city falls within the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District. She explained the city's recycling tonnage in 2019 was 791.4 tons and in 2020 that number dropped to 488.3 tons. Most communities saw a drop in their recycling tonnage in 2020 partially due to COVID and having less services. The bigger problem and the reasoning for a large drop in the city was because of contamination, which is garbage and waste that are in the recycling that are meant for the landfill and not for the recycling center. Those truck loads of recyclables get diverted to the landfill, so then those numbers do not count for the city's recycling tonnages.

She said the Solid Waste District gives out grant money instead of community incentive grant money to the communities based on recycling. In 2020, the city received \$11,695, which was \$7,000 less than what the city received in 2019. She did not have the 2021 numbers yet, but she hopes they are going in the other direction. The way to combat this is by getting the information out to the community about what can go into the recycling bin. When there is less contamination and less garbage in your recycling bin then the city's recycling numbers go up and the city gets more grant dollars from the Solid Waste District.

She said the city's contamination rate is at 32% and this is the fifth most contaminated in Lorain County. On the other end, they have the least contaminated being the City of Oberlin. This was just last year since they changed to an Opt-In Program. Recycling is part of their waste amount that they are getting charged for as garbage and recycling is all together. However, they have to start their recycling program

and then they had to call to say yes, I want to be able to put my recycling bin on. This did not cost them any extra money, but now they were opting in, and they were making that active choice to do this. Their recycling tonnage had come down for how much was going in, but they are having a higher quality recycling. They think it will even out when you have a more interested population participating. She thinks

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this accounts for some of the contamination and a greater part comes down to people just aren't sure what goes in there.

She provided a flyer to council which listed the five main recycling items: Aluminum and Steel Cans (empty and rinse), Food and Beverage Cartons (empty and replace cap), Glass (empty and rinse), Paper (Cereal Boxes, Newspaper, Magazines and Mail, Flattened Cardboard & Paper Tubes), and Plastic (Kitchen, Laundry, Bath; Bottles and Containers (empty and replace cap). She said the one thing people do WRONG is put their recycling in a PLASTIC BAG and into the recycling bin. This is a big NO-NO. They want these items to be put into the bin loose as plastic bags cause a big problem. They get caught in the machines and it becomes difficult for them to open them up as they go on the conveyer belt. If they can get this information out on how to recycle the correct way then the city's recycling tonnages will go up and the contamination rates will go down. She said a recycling truck load will cost less to recycle then it would cost to go to the landfill as long as it is not a heavily contaminated load. Once it is heavily contaminated the city will get a cost that is tacked onto that – a contamination fee, which now raises this price and then they are going to divert it to the landfill. They can even this out if they can get the contamination rate down.

She mentioned she has another presentation this week in Vermilion before the Vermilion Business & Professional Women group. She also goes to classrooms and talks to students, and she is finding that as she talks to the kids they go home and they tell their parents, and the parents see her out and tell her that the kids tell them that they are doing recycling wrong. She said they give presentations and offer tours to their collection center. She also provided council with a copy of the Lorain County Collection Center flyer that is a huge resource that everyone in the City of Vermilion can use. She said residents can also take their paint, tires, hazardous waste, electronics, big amounts of cardboard, etc. They will recycle and/or dispose of them properly. They also have a paper shredding truck that will shred sensitive documents. They have an Environmental Crimes Unit, which Deputy Brian Holmes is one of their Environmental Crimes Deputies. They have two of them from the Lorain County Sheriff's Department and they go out and investigate environmental crimes – illegal dumping and litter complaints, and other things. She said all this information is available on their website and it is attached hereto and incorporated herein as the official record of proceedings.

E. Skahen asked if vinegar is considered a hazard as indicated in the flyer. B. Schnell said they take things like vegetable oils because if you pour them down the drain it could cause a problem, so she did not think that they are necessarily all household hazardous materials, but no vinegar is not - even though it is on the flyer, so if somebody has a bunch of it from 40 years ago, then they would take it.

B. Schnell said another unique opportunity for Vermilion is the Seabin. They are part of a pilot study, and this is like a garbage can that sits on water – it pulls water in, and it collects, and you have the debris or garbage, or things that are on the surface that gets pulled in and then the water flows back out. They only have six of these across the United States and they have one. It has to be inland and connected to a dock with electricity to be able to use it. She said she recently received a grant to get two more, so if the City of Vermilion is interested and has a location for one of these Seabin's then they should let her know as she would be happy to find a place for it here.

She said they are also doing a Cigarette Litter Prevention campaign with 'Keeping America Beautiful'. They are doing public awareness to let people know that cigarette butts are litter too. They are the number one most littered item in the whole world and here is no exception, so they have a program to combat this as well.

B. Brady noted the recycling center is amazing and it is a drive-thru and it's great, and the people that work there are great too. She said the one frustration they are having at the Vermilion on the Lake Clubhouse is they had a recycling dumpster, but the owner has no control because the renter puts things

in the recycling that doesn't belong, so they got rid of it and use one garbage dumpster, and there are a lot of cans going in it. She asked Brandi if she had any suggestions on what they can do. B. Schnell said they are looking into multi-family housing unit recycling and in that regard you do not have somebody to stand near the recycling dumpster. B. Brady said it is pretty much the weddings they have at the clubhouse. B. Schnell said if it is part of a contract they could tack a fee for contaminated loads, but she understands this could be a problem. There are some places like the Ohio State Stadium where they have figured out a way, but in the beginning they had people standing next to the garbage and recycling

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containers, but she understands this is not possible everywhere. They will keep educating as much as they can to get this behavior change.

F. Loucka asked B. Schnell for her contact information and B. Schnell said her information is listed in the flyer. Her direct number is (440) 328-2249.

B. Holmes said a lot of people have questions about a pizza box since it is cardboard, but he knows they have discussed in the past the issue about the grease on the box and the food contamination. B. Schnell explained that food waste makes up about 24% of everything in the landfill, so it is a significant amount going into the landfill, so they are in the midst of working with a company to put in an organic facility in their county to help with yard waste and maybe eventually move into food waste. She said food waste is a contaminate in your recycling bin. If it has touched your recyclables and if it is not able to be cleaned off – if you have a spaghetti jar you can rinse the sauce out of it, and it is no longer contaminated. However, something like a pizza box that has come into contact with grease – there is no way to clean that off of the pizza box. Therefore, that pizza box is now contaminated and has to go into the regular trash. If the top of the box doesn't have grease on it, then it is fine to tear it off and put it in the recycling bin. Another question she gets asked about is bottle caps. Caps if they are securely put back on the container, then it can go into your recycling bin. The reason why they cannot go in there separately is because anything that is smaller than the size of an ID card, is not going to get where it needs to go in the recycling process. It will end up in the glass filter, so tiny things won't go into the recycling sorting process. E. Skahen asked if it matters if the plastic bottles are crushed. B. Schnell said it does not matter as long as the cap is put back on as it is less likely that the lid will pop off the container. You also do not need to remove labels from the packaging as they will come off in the process.

Steve Herron said he asked Jerry Pearl to come address council given the lengthy relationship he has with the City of Vermilion. Jerry Pearl said it has been a long relationship and there has been a lot of confusion in regard to the insurance for the city. He explained after the October 14 meeting, the press did a good job saying that there was some hamstringing going on, so he is getting calls all the time at the office. Therefore, he walked council through the procedure. He explained the contract that the city has now with the existing agent is an annual contract – meaning it renews and it ends. So, if the city decides they like this guy and they want to go four more years you cannot do it. You have to put it out for bid as this is his understanding. He said come September 15, he called Gwen to confirm that it's an annual contract and September 16 he sent a letter to City Council, and the letter was specific. It said they wanted to contract with two carriers giving a commitment to provide coverage – Selective insurance with Liberty Mutual, and to seek the city's authorization to control underwriting and insurance program for the next policy term. He said what happens in their industry is called an 'agent of record'. An 'agent of record' means that him as an agent is going to represent that company. So, if there are 10 markets for commercial insurance for government and he gets all 10 letters sent to these companies, then the market is closed to any other agent. So, this wording would allow him to represent these companies and they would not respond to an 'agent of record'. In other words, they will let him represent these companies. This went out on September 16 allowing enough time. The city is a large municipality that has a lot of things – they have water treatment, sewage, boats – all kinds of things that it is hard to write coverage for. He indicated on October 25 he received an email from Amy Hendricks at 1:10 p.m. requesting proposals, so he thought they were moving forward. However, on October 25 at 2:30 p.m. – an hour later, he received an 'agent of record' letter telling him that he could not represent Liberty Mutual, which is one of the two companies he wanted. He thought, boy that was quick. He got the requested bid and then was knocked out. So, then on October 25 at 4:00 p.m. he called Selective, and they told him they received an AOR from the city and now that market was gone. He came to the City Council meeting that same night and talked to a few council members and said he was really in trouble as they did not have any markets

to go to. A couple people said they would follow up with it and bring it to the next council meeting, and they could take a look to see what they could do. He said at this point, Insurance Partners – Allen, Thorley, Delloyd have no markets. All the markets are gone that they have access to. He said they could say there are 50 markets out there – if you have 50 markets and the market you go to says, “How are you doing in Ohio? Well, we quoted 40 and we have not written any – is that a market he wants to invest in – no, he wants to invest in somebody that can write the business, so this is why he went to these two carriers. In essence, these two carriers are gone and the carrier they had previously with the city – Travelers is the incumbent agent’s market, so he cannot go to them. He said today’s meeting was to update Council on the sequence of events that led up to where they are at and at this point he does not see anyway they can actually give a quote. Some people said they wanted to have local agents and they

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are a local agent, and they have local business in town, but this is where it sits. He doesn’t know how many agents are going to quote on the insurance business, but if they talk about local support and local community, and grab them by the tie to get answers, this is one of the things they do, so he wanted to clear the air. He said once it is put into the paper, then hopefully his insurance will start realizing what happen also so he does not get questions from them wondering what he is hamstringing council with or what he is trying to do. So, he wanted to clear the air, so everyone knows.

B. Brady asked how the process worked last year. J. Pearl said last year they were asked for a proposal, and they actually came in with a proposal. They had already done their due diligence and had the quotes from the insurance company Travelers. At that time, they had COVID so everyone was doing it over the TV and unfortunately he had no speaker, so council could not hear him. He said they had a consultant and the consultant said there were only two agents that could handle the business of the city – them and another agent. In the conversation, the other agent said, “Hey, we are willing to negotiate our commission”. So, for lesser money – he didn’t know what it really came out to because the ordinance was set up not to exceed \$289,000, which was their original quote that they brought in, but the city went with the other agent that was going to negotiate their contracts. B. Brady asked who the city’s insurance was with now. B. Holmes said Fitzgibbons. B. Brady said she knew this but meant who was the carrier. J. Pearl said Travelers.

S. Herron said he had a couple questions about the custom of his business and noted the finance director sent an email with the request for proposals. Is this basically a notice of opening bids – is this sending out a notice saying send us your information? J. Pearl said the problem is it takes a lot of time, so the finance director has to produce a budget and they have to go to the police station and find out how many patrolman they have – there is a lot of activities involved and this proposal is telling you they are going out for bids so start getting your information. But, why get your information if you have no company to put it with. S. Herron asked if he was informed from either Liberty Mutual and/or Selective that the 22<sup>nd</sup> the markets were gone. J. Pearl said it was the 25<sup>th</sup> and the finance director emailed him the information that they were going to go out for bids on October 25 and that was at 1:00 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. he received an “agent of record’ letter blocking him from Liberty Mutual, so then at 4:00 p.m. that same day he called Selective to say he thought they were still in it and they will go down arm and arm, and they told him their work was blocked also. E. Skahen said if they are being blocked by all these markets, then where will he go from here. J. Pearl said he will go to Cliffside and put his feet up because he surely will not be writing any insurance.

S. Herron said in all fairness he would like to put this matter on the Finance committee next week, so if the administration would like to respond they could give their position on the insurance. A. Hendricks said they did a request for qualifications. It was not a request for actual proposals, and this is what they did last year as well. S. Herron said he would still like to put this on finance for next week. M. Stark asked for clarification on when J. Pearl said his market was blocked – who would have blocked that market. J. Pearl responded by saying that markets get blocked by the insured – the insured is the only one capable of blocking the market. If they know they are going to go out for the City of Vermilion, and he sends applications to everybody – this is formal blocking the market. The only way you can override this – and this is what he assumed the other agent thought he already did because of this letter – they had the city sign a letter saying we want to be the agent. This is how they lost it last year and they were with the city for 15 years with Travelers. Another agent comes in and you say, “Hey, you’re a good guy Pearl but we are going to go over here and save fifty cents, so this agent of record kicked him out. He didn’t know if

Amy sent an 'agent of record', he assumed because that is what Liberty Mutual said. A. Hendricks said this would be correct because just like last year Jerry was able to get quotes and prices because he was the 'agent of record', and Fitzgibbons Arnold was not because they did not have that declaration. They told him the companies that they wanted to send their information out to. She said she would not be at the committee meeting next week, so she would tell council what happened. She asked the city's law director what she should do because one agent was under contract as their broker through the end of the year and the other one is not, and she said this was fine to sign those because that agent was the city's broker through the end of the year because of the ordinance that was passed. J. Pearl said this leads them to the story if you're the broker or if you have the business this year and you blanket all those people you have no competition. S. Herron said he will put this on for finance on November 15 at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** No reports.

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### **MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Forthofer asked City Council to suspend the rules and pass Resolution 2021R-18 by emergency for the reason being the application for this financial assistance through ODNR needs to be in rather quickly.

He addressed the zoning review by saying the first meeting between the administration and CT Consultants will be held on November 15, which will be followed up at a later time by meeting with a zoning review committee. First they want to lay the groundwork with CT, so they know how they are going to interact with the committee.

He said everyone can read the postings on the railroad crossing. They cannot get down Grand Street today and tomorrow will be Vermilion Road, and then they will finish with Main Street.

### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Amy Hendricks reported there has been lots of training going on in the finance office in the last few weeks. The staff was at training for Software Solutions, VIP Software, which is the software they use for their accounting and utilities billing, so there was a lot of good tips and networking. She said last week she did training to meet the annual requirements for the Centers of Public Investment Management, as well as the fiscal integrity training requirements for the year.

She reported on revenues by indicating she has good news on the income tax side. They have been very conservative starting those estimates at the beginning of the year not knowing the impact that COVID was going to have. Even with the delayed filing deadline for a month and the COVID impacts, it appears the general fund income taxes is going to be up about \$90,000 over the original estimate, and the road maintenance levy about \$60,000. Also, there has been a lot of media over the weekend to the federal capital spending bill and they received some information today as far as some of the types of things that could be applied for – everything from soup to nuts, and they really aren't going to know what they can apply for and if they will have any sort of entitlements, or whether it is all going to be competitive, so they will keep watching this to see what they can apply for.

### **CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Chris Howard updated council on construction projects by indicating the Safe Routes to School Project contractor was backfilling along the walks and drives as well as seeding. There are some punch list items that will be addressed next week during the final walk through with ODOT and the contractor. The Mapleview Drive Reconstruction project on the north side of the road has had the curb poured and it is open to traffic. This week the contractor is working on hydrant replacements and removing the south side in sections. The road is one-way only westbound.

He asked Council to consider passing Ordinance 2021-68 as an emergency, which authorizes construction observation and contract administration services related to the Morton Road Storm Sewer

Improvements. S. Herron asked for the amount on these services. G. Fisher noted the amount came in today at \$19,260.

E. Skahen said the Morton Road Storm Sewer project says it is from December to April and asked if they take time in between the weather or does the project proceed straight through. C. Howard said it is based on the contractor's schedule and ordering supplies and materials. It is based on the estimate of hours or weeks they received from the contractor. They had a pre-conference last week and they will not be able to pave until the plants open in April, so there is a time when they install everything, but they will have to come back in the spring to repave.

E. Skahen asked for an update on the Woodlands Entrance project. C. Howard said the plans are under his review, so he imagines they could bid the project out before the end of the year.

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### **OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE:**

Thomas Palmer of 1680 Cooper Foster Park Road asked Council to vote against the rezoning because they want to keep this a small town on a Great Lake.

Marilyn Brill of 1745 Cooper Foster Park Road said as they look out their living room window across Route 2 they see beautiful trees and farmland. In fact, they just took down the cornfield and harvested it. It's such a sight for her husband whose family has farmed here to see that happen. He almost cried as he watched that farmer taking down that cornfield, and he said that may be the last cornfield they see. With that thought, she is here to say, "Please, do not let that happen. We need a cornfield – we need crops – we need farmers – we don't need a six-story warehouse to look at". She did not know how many years they still have to look out that window but said to please not let this happen this soon to this area of Brownhelm. As you look the map, the Brownhelm area, Ward Five – Brian Holmes is going to have his work cut out for him because this is where the development is going to happen and there are a lot of people that are not going to want this growth to happen in their front yard looking out that window. She asked council to please vote with common sense.

Greg Butchko of 52102 Fawn Circle, Amherst, Ohio said procedurally since council is addressing this in a work session after the council meeting – there will be no vote tonight at council and they will have a work session that council will discuss it, and then will it move to the next council meeting? What is the progression of this? S. Herron said there is not going to be a vote tonight and they have the ability to vote on anything at any council meeting and the next one is the first week of December, but they could schedule a special council meeting next Monday night, but there will not be a vote tonight and a lot of this will depend on where council would like to go with this rezoning. G. Butchko asked if it was just open discussion regarding this topic. S. Herron said correct. G. Butchko asked if council would address the next step so everyone knows what direction they will head after the work session. S. Herron said yes.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

S. Holovacs said he wanted to address Council and the Mayor as he has been hearing rumors and has been talked to a couple times about the city's building inspector taking another job. If this is true, then he would like to table Ordinance 2020-71. He asked the Mayor if this is true because a couple people have told him, and he has not heard anything from the administration yet. Mayor Forthofer said he has nothing in writing to this effect. S. Herron said this ordinance is on the agenda for a second reading and they can refer it to a third reading and also put it on the Finance Committee on November 15. S. Holovacs said this was okay, but he has had a couple people in the community tell him this. S. Herron said if there is nothing in writing then he gets the administration's position.

**E. Skahen MOVED**, M. Stark seconded to untable the third reading of Ordinance 2021-55. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS, 1 NAY (Brady). **MOTION CARRIED.**

## Reading of the Ordinances:

**Third Reading – Ordinance 2021-55:** AN ORDINANCE TO REESTABLISH AND AMEND THE FULL-TIME SALARY OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESENT CLERK OF COUNCIL AND RECONFIRMING ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID ORDINANCE.

**S. Holovacs MOVED,** F. Loucka seconded to adopt this ordinance. Discussion: E. Skahen said the clerk has saved the city a lot of money over the years considering the position of the person who had the job from what they made compared to how much Gwen made as it saves the city a lot of money, and also she has done a lot of the preparation for legal, so she thinks over the years with everything she has done it is well-deserved. S. Herron said he has been involved in municipalities since he started practicing law in 1993 and by far, not only the best Council Clerk here in Vermilion, but one that is the most service oriented to the community. Not just the people up here and in the administration, but to the community. The people of Vermilion benefit from Gwen Fisher. It is not just that she does a good job and goes home, and it is done – she’s a true professional. This is his observation with quite a bit of experience dealing with cities. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Tabled - Third Reading – Ordinance 2021-60:** AN ORDINANCE ENACTED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1266 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF VERMILION, REZONING LAND IN VERMILION, OHIO, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 119.60 ACRES FROM B-3 “HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT” (PPN 01-00-022-104-029 and 01-00-022-104-040) AND I-1 “LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT” (PPN 01-00-021-000-032 and 01-

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00-022-104-045) TO I-2 “HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT” LAND USE CLASSIFICATION AS FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED BY THE VERMILION MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF VERMILION TO CONFORM HERewith AS SAID MAP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 1268.02 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF VERMILION UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

**Second Reading – Ordinance 2021-64:** AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF VERMILION, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Second Reading – Ordinance 2021-65:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO RECEIVE A SUBSIDY FROM BROWHELM TOWNSHIP, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES THROUGH THE CITY OF VERMILION’S CONTRACT WITH LIFECARE AMBULANCE, INC. OF ELYRIA, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Second Reading – Ordinance 2021-66:** AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR AND THE VERMILION PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF CHAD KUHN AS RECREATION DIRECTOR TO THE CITY OF VERMILION FOR THE 2022 RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS; ESTABLISHING A SALARY FOR SUCH APPOINTEE; ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN AUTHORIZED POSITIONS WITHIN THE VERMILION DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AS HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY’S PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Second Reading – Ordinance 2021-68:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL AGREEMENT FOR LORAIN COUNTY SPECIALTY WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM (“SWAT TEAM”) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**F. Loucka MOVED,** S. Holovacs seconded to suspend the rules. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS; 1 ABSTENTION (Holmes). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**S. Holovacs MOVED,** E. Skahen seconded to adopt this ordinance by emergency. Roll Call Vote 6 YEAS; 1 ABSTENTION (Holmes). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Second Reading – Ordinance 2021-70:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH SHORE DREDGE & DOCK INC. OF LORAIN, OHIO TO PROVIDE ICE BREAKING SERVICES ON THE VERMILION RIVER FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY

1, 2022 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Referred to November 15, 2021 – Finance Committee)

**Second Reading – Ordinance 2021-71:** AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ESTABLISH AND AMEND THE FULL TIME SALARY OF BILL DIFUCCI AS THE CITY OF VERMILION'S BUILDING OFFICIAL, EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE OF THIS ORDINANCE. (Referred to November 15, 2021 - Finance Committee)

**Second Reading – Ordinance 2021-72:** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE JOB DESCRIPTION, SALARY RANGE AND BENEFITS FOR A FULL-TIME POSITION OF FIRE CHIEF. (Referred to November 15, 2021 – Health & Safety Committee Meeting)

**First Reading – Ordinance 2021-73:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JCI JONES CHEMICALS, INC. OF BARBERTON, OHIO FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIQUID CAUSTIC SODA TO BE USED IN THE VERMILION UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**First Reading – Ordinance 2021-74:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH USALCO, LLC OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLYALUMINUM CHLORIDE SOLUTION TO BE USED IN THE VERMILION UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**First Reading – Ordinance 2021-75:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KEMIRA WATER SOLUTIONS, INC. OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIQUID FERROUS CHLORIDE TO BE USED IN THE VERMILION UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**First Reading – Ordinance 2021-76:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SNF POLYDYNE, INC. OF RICEBORO,

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GEORGIA FOR THE PURCHASE OF CLARIFLOC CE-1593 POLYMER TO BE USED IN THE VERMILION UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**First Reading – Ordinance 2021-77:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BONDED CHEMICALS, INC. OF COLUMBUS, OHIO FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE AND SODIUM BISULFITE SOLUTION TO BE USED IN THE VERMILION UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**First Reading – Ordinance 2021-78:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SAL CHEMICAL OF WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA FOR THE PURCHASE OF HYDROFLUOSILICIC ACID TO BE USED IN THE VERMILION UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**First Reading – Ordinance 2021-79:** AN ORDINANCE TO OFFICIALLY SUPPLEMENT THE MINIMUM CONTRACTUAL SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY BRAMHALL ENGINEERING & SURVEYING COMPANY BY VIRTUE OF ORDINANCE 2018-5 ADOPTED JANUARY 2, 2018, BY AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION AND CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES RELATED TO THE MORTON ROAD STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, PRESCRIBING THAT THE FIRM SHALL BE PAID FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RATE SCHEDULE SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSAL DATED JANUARY 3, 2018, IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED NINETEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$19,260.00) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**S. Holovacs MOVED**, B. Holmes seconded to suspend the rules. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**F. Loucka MOVED**, S. Holovacs seconded to adopt this ordinance by emergency. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**First Reading – Ordinance 2021-80:** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ALEXANDER CHEMICAL CORPORATION OF PERU, ILLINOIS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHLORINE TO BE USED IN THE VERMILION UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**First Reading – Ordinance 2021R-18:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT, FOR COASTAL MANAGEMENT PURPOSES, THROUGH THE OHIO COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM'S COASTAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANTS PROGRAM.

**S. Holovacs MOVED**, B. Holmes seconded to suspend the rules. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. Holmes MOVED**, E. Skahen seconded to adopt this ordinance by emergency. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Announcement of Meeting Dates:**

*All meetings will be held at the Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, OH*

- November 15, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. – Vermilion City Council Committee Meetings followed by Special Vermilion City Council Meeting.
- December 6, 2021 – Vermilion City Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- December 13, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. – Vermilion City Council Public Hearing followed by Special Council Meeting and Committee Meetings.

**Adjournment:**

S. Herron adjourned the Vermilion City Council meeting upon no further discussion. City Council proceeded into Work Session which is recorded as a separate record of proceedings.

Transcribed by: Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk