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Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held

Monday, December 3, 2018

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Vermilion City Council: Steve Herron, Council President; Monica Stark, Council at Large; John Gabriel, Ward One; Frank Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holovacs, Ward Three; Barb Brady, Ward Four; Brian Holmes, Ward Five; G. Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk.

Administrative Staff: Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Tony Valerius, Service Director; Ken Stumphauzer, Law Director; Chris Howard, City Engineer

CALL TO ORDER:

Steve Herron, President of Council called the Monday, December 3, 2018 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:

F. Loucka MOVED; B. Brady seconded to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

G. Fisher reported she received a letter dated November 29, 2018 from Mayor Forthofer regarding his proposed reappointments to another term to various Vermilion Boards and Commissions as follows: Terry Parker, Parks and Recreation; Dr. Dave Miklos, Vermilion Port Authority; Susan Cairns, Historic Design & Review; Tim Costello, Vermilion Tree Commission; John Strittmather, Contractor Registration Board; Heidi Strickler, Vermilion Planning Commission; Brad Scholtz, Parks and Recreation; and Pete Pappas, Contractor Registration Board.

Secondly, she noted she is in receipt of a transfer liquor permit from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control from Shubb Darshan LLC, DBA Quick Mark 3594 Liberty Avenue, Vermilion, Ohio to Devasya LTD, DBA Quick Mart.

Lastly, she reported she received a letter dated November 27, 2018 addressed to Councilman John Gabriel from Donald Parsons relative to the proposed site for Vermilion Fire Station #1, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as the official record of proceedings.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL'S REPORT:

S. Herron thanked all the citizens who write letters to council. Since the Fire Station matter was addressed, he invited Chief Chris Stempowski to respond to those comments and concerns.

Chief Stempowski said he has the upmost respect for anybody that submits their opinions to council or anybody else, and especially Don Parsons as he has known him for 30 years and he's very well respected within the fire department and the city. However, he responded to his letter in reference to the fire station site selection. He said he has leaned on D. Parsons many times over the years for fire department topics, issues, and concerns, and he has always been there for him. He said they haven't always seen eye-to-eye, however, they do respect each other's opinions. Referencing D. Parson's concern about fire load and the fact the committee might have not been aware of the fire load situation, Chief Stempowski noted the committee was comprised of several people, but also the fire station personnel as he represents them when he attends these meetings. Every bit of what they take into consideration has to do with the best interest of the citizens and the city they protect and 'Fire Load' is always part of that. He said that D. Parsons is correct in stating that it's a measurement used by firefighters and professional safety experts to determine the potential of severity of fire in a given space or

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area. However, he respectfully disagrees with the comment that it's strictly on Liberty Avenue between Decatur and the Lorain city limits. The City of Vermilion is full of fire load potential; fire load is the building construction, the contents; everything in the room is considered somewhat of a fire load – desks, computers, electronics, and they have this everywhere they go. The benefit to most of the businesses is that they can inspect those. They not only educate but perform inspections for fire prevention and when they can visit businesses this gives them the opportunity to see what they have in place and help the business owners identify where they could potentially have some deficiencies and correct them. In residential structures they don't have this luxury, or do they have that right to go into somebody's house.

He said Douglas Street is a maximum of two lanes with open ditches on one and or both sides and this is something that will be addressed during the planning phases of the Fire Station construction. They will certainly have an entrance and an egress point to this station or any site that is going to accommodate fire apparatus.

He addressed the three railroad crossings by saying these crossings have always been a concern for the fire department; going back to the 1800s he would assume. They have things in place to deal with this situation and they do have the luxury of two stations. He said he reported to the committee several times about distances and times for responses and generally this fire department being a paid on-call volunteer fire department has a phenomenal response time. Their ISO rating shows this as this is the grade they get for the rating they receive. However, if they had very lengthy delayed responses then this would hurt them in the rating.

He referred to D. Parsons comment about the business restricted by South Railroad and closed North Railroad crossings and said they have Station #2 on the east end that can respond everywhere on the north side all the way to the west city limits. The chances of all of those being blocked at the same time can happen and they can't plan for what may happen; they can plan for 'if it happens' and what they are going to do. He assumed Douglas Street would be a minimally used street as it relates to the concerns of school traffic and industrial traffic on Douglas Street, but he doesn't see this as a problem as they haven't had a problem up until now. He said another concern of D. Parsons is leaving the station on Douglas Street to get to Route 60 would be restricted to using Sailorway Drive because the equipment can't make the turn on Haley. He said they brought the biggest apparatus they have and were able to make that turn with absolutely no problems at all. In fact, that intersection is far greater than some of the current situations they have at both station locations and obviously, this was taken into consideration during the planning. To touch on the site location to another station referencing the neighboring department, he noted that he as well as the VFD is responsible for the City of Vermilion. They have mutual aid and automatic aid agreements in place and they always flip a coin when they're requesting mutual aid because if they are protecting their own jurisdiction they may not be available, so surrounding communities all the way down to Wellington and Rochester, as far as east as they can go and west into Erie County – they have mutual aid agreements. He said he respects D. Parsons' opinions and hopes he was able to respond to some of his concerns.

B. Brady asked if D. Parsons' arguments would be valid if they were intending to go with a single station with the Devon Drive site. Chief Stempowski didn't think any of these arguments would have anything to do with this site if it was still chosen; whether it's a single station or not. He pointed out they are currently operating and in the foreseeable future operating as a two-station layout. He would only see the City going to a single station with the potential of staffing it 24/7. If you do this then you take a lot of time off response time, so he doesn't know where any of these arguments would be a concern regardless. B. Brady asked if Sandusky Street is a street they can use to avoid the railroad tracks or is the overpass too low. Chief Stempowski said they can get every piece of apparatus under the Sandusky Street overpass.

S. Herron thanked Chief Stempowski, Mayor Forthofer, Councilman Holovacs and several other people who have been involved in looking at all variables. He said there is no perfect place when they look at cost, location, response time, etc., but is aware all these things have been looked at in-depth by the Firehouse Committee. He said they do want the public to write letters and ask the hard questions and bring their opinions forward. He said Don Parsons care about this community and he wants to do the right thing, so he appreciates his input as well.

Chief Stempowski agreed and touched on the concern about the city's current financial situation that could be an indication to hold off on construction. He explained that since he has been Chief they have

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entertained the replacement of Station #1 three times and this is the furthest they have gone and there is a lot of excitement for it. However, prior to him being Chief a new station replacement was considered, so this has been ongoing for many years. He explained these are fire department funds in the capital fund they will be using, and they will be borrowing, but it will have no impact on the city's finances. He feels it's time to move forward on this and he is glad they have got to this point and hopes they can continue moving forward with this project. J. Gabriel said this is a point they should make repeatedly as it was the city taxpayers themselves who set aside funds that can only be used for this and this money is strictly for this and it's not to be intermingled. Chief Stempowski said they want to be transparent because these are taxpayer dollars.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: All committees of City Council will meet on December 10 at 6pm.

MAYOR/SAFETY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Forthofer made clear to the community that the City's drinking water is safe. He receives a lot of questions regarding the quality of the drinking water and the EPA notices that were sent out were due strictly to lake reports and had nothing to do with the quality of drinking water. They put out 1.2 million gallons of EPA certified good water every day and nothing has changed.

He reported an agreement was reached with the City's Laborers International Union of North America Local 860. Negotiated terms were limited to an approval of the new health care plan and wages. The agreement mirrored an agreement that was reached with the OPBA last month. An ordinance addressing this agreement is before City Council for a first reading.

He mentioned that on November 7, 2018 Ed's Equipment received approval with contingencies from the Planning Commission. Most of the contingencies have been met and resolved and Ed Urbanek intends to start construction in the spring.

On November 14, he represented Vermilion at the Lorain County Commissioners meeting to review the Defense Soap LLC abatement application. The abatement was approved by the Commissioners and owner Guy Sako plans to begin work on his 12,400 square foot building on a four-acre lot at the beginning of next year weather permitting.

On November 20, he represented Vermilion at a Mapleview Ditch Hearing before the Lorain County Commissioners and another meeting on this subject will be held in February of 2019 with a decision expected to be reached in April.

The arrangement with Lifecare Ambulance is moving forward with a proposed date of January 1, 2019 when the service will be switched to Lifecare from North Central EMS. Arrangements with Norwalk Area Health Services is continuing forward on the acquisition of the soon to be vacated ambulance garage on Douglas Street. An ordinance pertaining to this matter is on the agenda for a first reading.

Lastly, he announced that water rates will be raised by \$1 per 100 cubic feet with the December 2018 billing. In 2017, rates were increased \$1 per unit and this is the other half of that effort. Two outside organizations are expecting the city to evidence funds to support addressing the city's water main replacement. One is the EPA assessment of the Vermilion's Water Distribution operation and the other was Moody's Investors Services who reported that the City's finances and infrastructure project funding needed a stronger funding base for repair. This rate increase is not driven by any needs of the Water Treatment Plant; although it could be possible in the future. It's meant to address the Water Distribution System. The Service Director and Finance Director will both detail why this increase is important and how it will affect the city's funding during their reports.

M. Stark asked where the water increase hikes put the City compared to neighboring communities on water prices and how much will this generate to put towards distribution. Mayor Forthofer said these questions will be answered by the Service Director and Finance Director.

B. Brady mentioned that North Central EMS always had a backup ambulance and asked if Lifecare will have a backup and Mayor Forthofer said they will as they draw on other departments and services as needed and they can draw on North Central as they pull further to the south and to the west.

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J. Gabriel said with the water rate increase he would make it, so it can't be used for any other purpose other than water lines, etc. These are enterprise funds run by the administration according to ordinance.

B. Brady said they need to make sure their residents are always paying less than everybody outside the city limits. She asked the administration to look at this to make sure it's happening. She said the city has base fees and, in some instances, they are not charging the base fee to every home outside of the city limits. Mayor Forthofer said these issues were looked at by the administration and they will be covered.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

T. Valerius reported with regards to the water rate increase because as of November 1 the EPA has mandated that all communities in the state have an Asset Management Program in place; not only with just a listing of all assets but also an evaluation. They also want to make sure the City is setting aside money in case one of the city's major assets fail. They are not only speaking of the Water Plant pumps, valves and so forth, but it's also about the distribution system. About a 1½ years ago, the previous engineer had submitted a 25-Year Main Replacement Program which was submitted to the EPA and their comments back were that the plan was not aggressive enough and the city needed to step it up, so this means they want to see how much money the city is going to put forth each year towards main replacement. The city is also mandated to start a valve exercising program, which means they will need a piece of machinery for this. He said some of the valves have not been exercised for quite some time, so this too will be a cost the city will need to occur.

He reported that last Wednesday he was alerted that one of the metal strips adjacent to the expansion joint where the Vermilion River Bridge meets the approach slab had broken free from the concrete roadway. The city immediately closed the westbound lane and contacted the city engineer who in turn contacted ODOT. After meeting with an ODOT official on Thursday, it was determined it was the city's responsibility to repair. Therefore, Friday morning crews were on site and repairs were made. The lane remained closed through the weekend to allow for the concrete to cure and it has since reopened.

He announced the city has purchased a new utility truck for the distribution department. The truck being replaced will go to city auction. He reminded the public that Republic Services will continue to pick up bagged leaves through December 14 and he asked that citizens not rake or blow leaves into the street. The street sweeper does clean the streets this time of year when temperatures allow. However, it's not equipped to pick up piles of leaves.

He reported the Water Tower Stem Replacement project is going well and is nearly complete. However, it will have to be painted while it's empty to allow the paint to cure without the risk of any condensation buildup. They are also having a full inspection while the tower is down. For these reasons, the water tower will not be back in service for another week. He mentioned as part of the replacement project the distribution department has equipped several hydrants throughout the city with pressure relief valves that open when water pressure becomes too great. If anyone sees a hydrant spewing water they can report it, but it's probably just relieving pressure.

Lastly, he asked for council's consideration in suspending the rules and adopting Ordinance 2018-87 which authorizes the administration to purchase a new loader for the street department as discussed previously in committee. The existing loader is rusted, and they have been replacing major parts on it.

He conveyed the administration did a comparison water rate with Northern Ohio Rural Water and they found that the City's rates were \$10 per unit less. They compared two units all the way through 10 units and even with the rate increase it would still have a lower rate than what the people on the southeast side of town are paying for NORW. M. Stark asked how the City compares to Huron and Lorain. T. Valerius said they looked at Amherst and it's so hard to make comparisons because they have assessments on their water bills. M. Stark said she understands they need to make this water rate increase and the EPA is breathing down the city's throat to make improvements to the distribution system, but in reviewing her bill she uses seven units per month, which will increase her bill \$7 a month. She said this is a lot for water, so it is a concern for her because a lot of people are on very tight budgets. She hates to see that they are raising rates again, but totally understands it. She feels bad it will make things difficult for some families.

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FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Amy Hendricks reported on the financial portion of the water rate analysis as this was identified in the City's rating report from Moody's that the city needs to strengthen the water fund balance because of the delayed maintenance and the age of the infrastructure that needs to be repaired, as well as the ongoing planning and requirements of the EPA. She said it's good planning to have that multiple year schedule in place that will allow the city to make some of these repairs. She said they even talked about starting with maybe a \$300,000 a year commitment out of the funds raised for the water lines and main replacements. They are hoping to do more than that but knowing that the EPA is going to look at the number they promised, they will set rather conservative guidelines for each year on how much they want to expend and if they can do more they will. Also, they can use the additional raised funds to either add to a reserve which the EPA is interested in seeing for future replacements; also use that to possibly pay off debt and make money available for future projects. The EPA was looking for 10-year plan schedule of replacements and the city is starting with five. They have taken the amount per year up to \$400,000 within this timeframe to budget in for new vehicles and various equipment that are needed in the five-year plan. The total increase per year is estimated at about \$664,000 which is coming from a combination of places; about \$6,000 is due to increased tap fees that the city has updated to be comparable to surrounding communities like what they did to the city's building department fees a few months ago, so this will only impact people using these specific services. The base rate for water is increasing by \$2 per month which allows for full-time and seasonal customers to contribute to the system upgrades. The city also started this fall maintaining the water base fee year-round for seasonal customers as has been done for sewer and EPA fees previously. The \$1 per unit increase combined with the base fee would increase the monthly bill for an 8 unit per month customer \$10.56. The increase in the base fees will bring in about \$155,000 of the \$664,000.

She conveyed they have been busy updating the payroll system for the new rates for 2019 from negotiations, as well as getting everyone enrolled in the new insurance plans to be ready by January 1. A meeting was held last week with NFP representatives and another will be held Wednesday evening at Ritter Library.

She stated that she received an invitation for a demonstration of the software project that Erie County will be using to collect their short-term rental tax that is starting in January. They are inviting local entities in that have facilities that collect this tax. There is an option to collect a local tax up to 3% through this system. This could be a potential new revenue stream that would be paid by visitors using the lodging as well as city services during their stay.

She reported that today was the deadline for all new or adjusted requisitions for 2018 as well as budget amendment requests. This is intended to allow processing time to get final appropriations to Council for approval by emergency on December 17.

M. Stark asked what city services would cover short-term rentals and A. Hendricks said visitors are using city services whether it's streets or water, or potentially parks. B. Brady asked the finance director if there was anyone from Lorain County she could invite to attend this demonstration. A. Hendricks said she contacted the Lorain County Auditor to see if they had anything like this in place and she was told they had nothing in the works, but she could extend the invitation.

B. Brady said they should be careful when the administration says there is a \$1 per unit increase, as they also need to make clear to the residents there is a \$2 base fee increase as this is a double whammy. A. Hendricks they wanted to share the cost of maintaining those systems across all property owners. B. Brady said \$2 will hurt the small user (one-person home) harder.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT:

C. Howard reported that on behalf of the city he has made a public records request with ODNR and the Attorney General's office for any improvement plans or documentation regarding the Lake Haven Dam Project and as soon as he receives this information he will forward it to Council.

He reported there will be a change order forthcoming on the Water Tower Stem Replacement Project as the contractor determined that additional length of the pipe needs to be replaced from the expansion joint

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into the actual wall of the tower. This needs to be replaced and with the tower down they need to take advantage of the time and this will not impact the schedule. The change order could be approximately \$5,200. G. Fisher asked if this change order will be ready to present to council on December 7 and the city engineer replied yes. B. Holmes wanted clarification that this area wasn't going to be turned into a park or trailer park as this has been rumored. C. Howard said no and if they wanted a trailer park they would have to go before the Planning Commission for approval.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: No report.

OPEN TO THE AUDIENCE:

Jim Machkoff of 1087 Nautical Drive said he would like to arrange with council to be able to be heard and ask questions with regards to the fire station and ambulance services at the December 10 committee meeting and he urged City Council to do nothing until after this committee meeting. He feels the public hasn't had a chance to give their input and these issues have been kicked around with council, the mayor, the service director and finance director. He would like questions answered and would like input as to what's going on. Additionally, he said he categorically disagrees with how the monies are being spent for the fire department. About 75 – 80% of the fire departments in this country run their own rescue squads and ambulance services and basically, they are cutting the legs out from underneath the fire department with the ability to be able to run their own ambulance service and not farm this out to some other company. He completely disagrees with the rulings and he is not here to start a fight with the law director, but he thinks the fire department should be able to use the money they have now and the monies they have accumulated in their fund to start their own full-time ambulance/rescue squad, with full-time firefighters and paramedics. He isn't talking about volunteers or farming out the ambulance service to Lifecare or to North Central EMS, or anybody else. In his opinion they have enough money every year coming in with the two fire levies to support the city's own rescue squad/ambulance services integrated into the fire department. He asked for permission to come to the committee meetings on December 10 to discuss this with City Council. S. Herron said he will refer his request to the Health and Safety Committee meeting on December 10 at 6pm.

New Business:

S. Holovacs MOVED; J. Gabriel seconded to approve the reappointment of Terry Parker to the Parks and Recreation Board. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

S. Herron MOVED; F. Loucka seconded to approve the reappointment of Dr. Dave Miklos to the Port Authority. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

S. Herron MOVED; B. Brady seconded to approve the reappointment of Susan Cairns to the Historic Design & Review Board. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

S. Holovacs MOVED; B. Holmes seconded to approve the reappointment of Tim Costello to the Vermillion Tree Commission. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

M. Stark MOVED; F. Loucka seconded to approve the reappointment of John Strittmather to the Contractor Registration Board. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Gabriel MOVED; S. Holovacs seconded to approve the reappointment of Heidi Strickler to the Vermillion Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Holmes MOVED; F. Loucka seconded to approve the reappointment of Brad Scholtz to the Parks and Recreation Board. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

S. Holovacs MOVED; B. Holmes seconded to approve the reappointment of Pete Pappas to the Contractor Registration Board. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

F. Loucka MOVED; B. Brady seconded to amend the second reading of Ordinance 2018-75. Discussion: G. Fisher explained this ordinance addresses ambulance services with Brownhelm Township and the original ordinance was through North Central's contract and the city is terminating their contract and entering into a contract with Lifecare. She noted the amount also increased and B. Brady asked if Brownhelm Township approved the increase. G. Fisher asked the mayor if Brownhelm Township agreed to the \$14,467 and Mayor Forthofer noted they were addressing it at their meeting. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Reading of the Ordinances:

Tabled - Second Reading – Ordinance 2018-63: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 872 ENTITLED "MOBILE FOOD SERVICES" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF VERMILION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *(Referred to the December 10, 2018 Legislative Meeting)*

Third Reading – Ordinance 2018-68: 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 2019 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.

B. Holmes MOVED; F. Loucka seconded to adopt this ordinance by emergency. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Third Reading – Ordinance 2018-71: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FUND 217 'PLAYGROUND DONATIONS' AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

S. Holovacs MOVED; B. Holmes seconded to adopt this ordinance by emergency. Discussion: M. Stark explained this fund is pursuant to fundraising efforts towards upgrading the playground equipment at Sherod Park by residents of the community. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Second Reading -Ordinance 2018-73: 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, 2019 AND ENDING MARCH 31, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2018-74: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO, TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH ALLEN-THORLEY-DELLOYD INSURANCE COMPANY OF VERMILION, OHIO, PER ORDINANCE 2014-86 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2018-76: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JCI JONES CHEMICALS, INC. OF SARASOTA, FLORIDA FOR THE PURCHASE OF LIQUID CAUSTIC SODA AND CHLORINE TO BE USED IN THE VERMILION UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2018-77: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH USALCO ASHTABULA PLANT, LLC OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLYALUMINUM CHLORIDE TO BE USED IN THE VERMILION UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2018-78: 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.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2018-79: 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 HYDROFLUOSILICIC ACID TO BE USED IN THE VERMILION UTILITIES DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Second Reading – Ordinance 2018-80: 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, 2019 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2018-81: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2018-83: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 860 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2018-84: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE VERMILION LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR AN EARLY TERMINATION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED BEHIND SOUTH STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 2001-21 ADOPTED JUNE 4, 2001 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2018-85: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN NORWALK AREA HEALTH SERVICES, AN OHIO NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, D/B/A NORTH CENTRAL EMS AND THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE 2015-34 ADOPTED JUNE 22, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2018-86: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO MAKE AND ENTER INTO AN AMBULANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LIFECARE AMBULANCE, INC. OF ELYRIA, OHIO FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND BROWNHelm TOWNSHIP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading – Ordinance 2018-75: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO RECEIVE A SUBSIDY FROM BROWNHelm 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, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading – Ordinance 2018-87: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF VERMILION, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CATERPILLAR FINANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 CATERPILLAR MODEL 926M WHEEL LOADER IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$148,699.00) PER EXHIBIT A (AS ATTACHED) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

B. Brady MOVED; F. Loucka seconded to suspend the rules. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

S. Holovacs MOVED; B. Holmes seconded to adopt this ordinance by emergency. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Announcement of Meeting Dates

Steve Herron

- December 10, 2018 - Vermilion City Council Committee Meetings (All) – 6pm (Note time change)*
- December 17, 2018 – Vermilion City Council Meeting – 7:00pm*
- December 24, 2018 - No Meeting*
- December 31, 2018 – No Meeting*
- January 7, 2019 – Vermilion City Council Meeting – 7pm*
- January 14, 2019 – Vermilion City Council Committee Meetings (All) – 7pm*
- January 21, 2019 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – City Offices Closed*
- January 28, 2019 – Vermilion City Council Meeting – 7pm*

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Minutes of the Vermilion City Council Meeting

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held

Monday, December 3, 2018

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon no further business coming before the body, Steve Herron, President of Council adjourned the Vermilion City Council meeting

~ Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk

John Gabriel
Vermilion City Council
Vermilion, Ohio

Donald Parsons
5536 Martin Ave.
Vermilion, Ohio

11/27/20018

RE: Proposed Site for Vermilion Fire Department Station #1

Dear John,

Having worked out of Fire Station #1 for over 35 years, I know the need for a new fire station. With this first-hand knowledge, I also know the need to have a station that is accessible to the "Fire Load" of our city. "Fire Load" is the measurement used by firefighters and professional safety experts to determine the potential of severity of fire in a given space or area. Our city's greatest fire load lies along Liberty Ave. from Decatur east to the Lorain city limits, both north and south sides including Linwood Park, the condominiums and townhomes, and the two shopping centers.

The proposed new fire station on Devon and Douglas streets is totally against all of the principles of "Fire Load" for the following reasons:

- Douglas St. is a maximum of 2 lanes being only 20' wide of hard surface with 25" of berm on each side with open ditches on one and/or both sides
- Railroad crossings; The 3 crossings {Rt. 60, Douglas Street, and West River Rd} have the potential to be blocked at the same time causing an 8 mile trip using Rt. 2 or Kneisel/Coen Rd to get to Liberty Ave.
- Business district restricted by South Railroad and closed North Railroad crossings
- Heavy traffic on Douglas St. 9 months of the year with school buses and school traffic, as well as industrial traffic.
- Leaving the station on to Douglas St. to get to RT. 60 is restricted to using Sailorway Drive because the equipment can not make the turn onto Haley St.

This current proposed location is within ½ mile of another fully equipped fire station, Vermilion Township, and doesn't make much sense to be in such close proximity as mutual aid can be requested if necessary. I realize that the committee for site location may not have been aware of the department fire load concerns. Because the committee for site selection says there isn't any other site available at this time may be an indication now isn't the correct time to build a new station. The Devon and Douglas property, although owned by the city, isn't in the best interest of both the fire department and community. Considering the city's current financial situation maybe that is another indication to hold off on construction and pursue other possible sites within the city's fire load. Does the proposed Douglas/Devon site include widening of Douglas Street with curbs, gutters and drainage?

Sincerely,

Donald Parsons