

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**OF JANUARY 13, 2020**

Municipal Council of the City of Vermilion  
Municipal Complex, 685 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio 44089

- In Attendance:** **Vermilion City Council:**  
*Steve Herron, President of Council; Monica Stark, Council at Large; Emily Skahen, Ward One; Frank Loucka, Ward Two; Steve Holovacs, Ward Three; Brian Holmes, Ward Five; Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk.* **ABSENT:** *Barb Brady, Ward Four*
- Administration:**  
*Jim Forthofer, Mayor; Chris Howard, City Engineer; Amy Hendricks, Finance Director; Chris Hartung, Police Chief; Tony Valerius, Service Director*
- Call to Order:** Monica Stark, Chairwoman, RESOLVED THAT this Legislative Committee comprised of the committee of the whole does now come to order.

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**TOPIC ONE:** Drones – Draft Legislation

M. Stark addressed draft legislation that Clerk Fisher provided City Council and after review of this legislation she feels the FAA regulations cover the city's concerns. She didn't feel the city needed to proceed with additional legislation at this time. S. Herron agreed and felt sometimes the best law is the one that doesn't get passed and because the FAA is on this, he doesn't feel they need to do anything more. Chief Hartung felt the rules the FAA has on drones adequately covers this issue. If they have an incident where somebody is hovering over somebody's bedroom window, then they have an incident where it becomes voyeurism and then the drone becomes a criminal tool, and then they have the authority to act under those circumstances.

**TOPIC TWO:** Food Trucks (Definition)

M. Stark addressed an email from Councilwoman Brady that suggested wording changes on the definition of a food truck, but as she reviewed what they currently have in place she feels they are totally covered. She felt council worked hard on getting the wording in place and feels its good wording. She asked Council if they felt differently. F. Loucka agreed that they discussed this matter when they drafted the legislation and it was discussed that if somebody is having a party it's catered on private property. S. Holovacs and B. Holmes agreed, and Council didn't proceed with making any further changes to the current Ordinance on the books.

**TOPIC THREE:** Review of Ordinance 2019-67 (Sweepstakes Cafes)

M. Stark said the administration brought amendments in 2019 for City Council to consider. The amendments are to increase the fee of each computerized device license to \$37.00 per device, per month, and to increase the fee of a replacement license to \$20.00 from \$15.00. She asked City Council if they had any further comment or suggestions. She noted that Councilman Gabriel had asked Council to review this again before passage. F. Loucka agreed with the administration's recommendations. Mayor Forthofer said the administration sent around a comparison on rates from other communities in 2019 and he feels they are directly in the wheelhouse with these increases.

F. Loucka MOVED; M. Stark seconded to put Ordinance 2019-67 back on the agenda for a third reading. Roll Call Vote 7 YEAS. MOTION CARRIED.

After no further discussion came before the committee, M. Stark adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting: February 10, 2020 - 7pm – Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, OH

Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC)