

City Council
Regular Meeting

April 15, 2024
6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all that were present.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gottman called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vandalia City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Aldermen Brosman, Lester, Bowen, Barker, Stunkel, Lewey, and Hubler were present. Hobler was absent.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
APRIL 1, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to approve City Council meeting minutes dated April 1, 2024. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report for period ending March 31, 2024 was reviewed. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to file the Treasurer's report for audit. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve the regular bills as submitted. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve the special bills as presented:
WPMB/WKRV in the amount of \$3,697.00 for advertising and public notices;
Fayette County Clerk and Recorder in the amount of \$6,500.00 for recording fees;
Chandler Brothers Construction in the amount of \$50,501.99 for sidewalk replacement;
Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac;
Woody's Municipal Supply Company in the amount of \$4,800.00 for

supplies; South Central FS in the amount of \$1,871.00 for supplies; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$10,285.00 for fire truck loan; Interstate Billing Service in the amount of \$25,863.62 for fire truck; Edwards Plumbing and Septic in the amount of \$2,423.62 for maintenance fees; Evans Public Library in the amount of \$211,647.00 for TIF reimbursement; Haier Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$8,100.00 for replacement of lift station; South Central FS in the amount of \$5,462.98 for gasoline; C and C Pumps and Supply in the amount of \$8,923.04 for supplies; Centraz Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$3,575.94 for supplies; Brenntag Mid South, Inc., in the amount of \$12,113.60 for supplies; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$3,845.37 for electric bill for water plant; Municipal Equipment Company in the amount of \$1,535.00 for maintenance fees; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$8,437.09 for electric bill for sewer plant. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION OF
OUTSTANDING CLASS 4
WASTEWATER SEWER PLANT
OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

Gottman presented Certificates of Achievement to Kevin Elam and Mike Anderson for receiving the Outstanding Class 4 Wastewater Sewer Plant of the Year Award.

**APPROVE OR REJECT A
MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE CITY OF VANDALIA,
VANDALIA COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #203 AND
OKAW STEERING COMMITTEE:**

Dr. Jennifer Garrison stated the Steering Committee has been meeting for approximately 1 year. She will be meeting with state legislators and business community on Tuesday. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Vandalia, Vandalia Community School District #203 and OKAW Steering Committee.

Roll call: Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea; Barker, yea; Lester, yea; Lewey, yea; Hubler, yea; Bowen, yea. Hobler was absent. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2024-4-15-A:
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING
THE ADOPTION BY VOTE
TEMPLATE FOR THE
FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION
IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY
SECTION 319(h) GRANT:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2024-4-15-A: An Ordinance Approving the Adoption by Vote Template for the Financial Participation in the Environmental Protection Agency Section 319(h) Grant.

Roll call: Hubler, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea; Bowen, yea; Barker, yea; Lewey, yea; Lester, yea. Hobler was absent. Motion carried.

**KAREN SANDERS WITH SOIL
AND WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT ASKING FOR
SUPPORT FOR THE 319
GRANT:**

Karen Sanders from the Soil and Water Conservation District addressed the Council regarding support of a 319 Grant. She distributed a handout from Andreas Consulting Services outlining findings along with photos as well. Mike Andreas stated this project is a subset of the project the City is pursuing in regard to the watershed plan. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to authorize Gottman to write a letter of support in regard to the 319 grant for Soil and Water Conservation District.

Roll call: Barker, yea; Stunkel, yea; Brosman, yea; Lester, yea; Bowen, yea; Hubler, yea; Lewey, yea. Hobler was absent. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2024-4-15-B:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL
CODE AT TITLE V BUSINESS
LICENSES AND REGULATIONS
AT SECTION 5.08.070
NUMBER OF LICENSES**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to approve Ordinance 2024-4-15-B: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title V Business Licenses and Regulations at Section 5.08.070

**(INCREASE CLASS E TO 10
- MURRAY'S) :**

Number of Licenses (Increase Class E to 10 - Murray's).

Roll call: Barker, yea; Lester, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hubler, yea; Lewey, yea; Bowen, yea. Hobler was absent. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT VIDEO
GAMING LICENSE
APPLICATION FROM
MURRAY'S RESTAURANT,
LLC, D/B/A MURRAY'S:**

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Brosman to approve Video Gaming License application submitted by Murray's Restaurant, LLC, D/B/A Murray's.

Roll call: Barker, yea; Stunkel, yea; Brosman, yea; Lester, yea; Lewey, yea; Bowen, yea; Hubler, yea. Hobler was absent. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2024-4-15-C:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL
CODE AT TITLE V BUSINESS
LICENSES AND REGULATIONS
AT SECTION 5.08.141
LOCATIONS AND
REGULATIONS (MAKING THE
ORDINANCE MATCH
APPLICATION WITH REGARD
TO DISTANCE FROM CERTAIN
FACILITIES) :**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Bowen to approve Ordinance 2024-4-15-C: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title V Business Licenses and Regulations at Section 5.08.141 Locations and Regulations (Making the Ordinance Match Application with Regard to Distance from Certain Facilities).

Roll call: Bowen, yea; Lester, yea; Brosman, yea; Barker, yea; Hubler, yea; Lewey, yea; Stunkel, yea. Hobler was absent. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2024-4-15-D:
AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE
ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING ON THE FIRST
DAY OF MAY 2024 AND
ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH
DAY OF APRIL, 2025:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2024-4-15-D: An Ordinance Making the Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the First Day of May 2024 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of April, 2025.

Roll call: Bowen, yea; Brosman, yea; Barker, yea; Lester, yea; Lewey, yea; Hubler, yea; Stunkel, yea. Hobler was absent. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2024-4-15-E:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR
MAY 1, 2024 - APRIL 30,
2025:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2024-4-15-E: An Ordinance Amending Salaries for Fiscal Year May 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025.

Roll call: Stunkel, yea; Bowen, yea; Brosman, yea; Barker, yea; Hubler, yea; Lester, yea; Lewey, yea. Hobler was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT CHANGE
ORDER #2 FOR SEWER PLANT
LIFT STATION - INCREASE
OF \$9,000.00:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve Change Order #2 for Sewer Plant Lift Station - Increase of \$9,000.00. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT PAY
ESTIMATE #3 FOR SEWER
PLANT LIFT STATION -
\$8,100.00:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Pay Estimate #3 for Sewer Plant Lift Station - \$8,100.00. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT
PURCHASE OF A TORQUE
HUB-LH FOR STREET
SWEEPER:

Jackson informed Gottman that the City mechanic may be able to repair the street sweeper for approximately \$1,500.00, pending what is found during the repair. Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lewey to approve the Purchase of a Torque Hub-LH for Street Sweeper in the amount of \$13,542.15 from Key Equipment and Supply Company on the contingency that the street sweeper cannot be repaired for \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT
PURCHASE OF A UTILITY
VEHICLE FOR VANDALIA
LAKE:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the purchase of a utility truck for Vandalia Lake in the amount of \$11,363.95 from Big River Motorsports. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT
REPAIRS, PAINTING AND
MAINTENANCE TO THE BEACH
HOUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$13,250.00:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the bid submitted by Ritchey Painting in the amount of \$13,250.00 for

painting of the beach house at Vandalia Lake. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-4-15-F:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING
AN AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS AND
MILANO AND GRUNLOH
ENGINEERS, LLC (OSLAD
GRANT FOR LAKE) :

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2024-4-15-F: An Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois, and Milano and Grunloh Engineers, LLC (OSLAD Grant for Lake).

Roll call: Barker, yea; Hubler, yea; Lewey, yea; Stunkel, yea; Brosman, yea; Bowen, yea; Lester, yea. Hobler was absent. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES FROM TUESDAY,
MARCH 19, 2024:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to accept the Planning Commission meeting minutes dated Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2024-4-15-G:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 17 OF THE
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE
(ADDING STORAGE AS A
SPECIAL USE TO DOWNTOWN
COMMERCIAL AND REMOVING
CURRENT LANGUAGE) :
(MOTION FAILED)

Lester asked Chase Alcorn if he had a contract with the seller of the former Kroger building. Alcorn stated the listing agent advised him to seek land use approval from the City before entering into a formal agreement with the seller. Lester said he did not support changing the language in the Zoning code if there is not a contract to purchase the building. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2024-4-15-G: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 of the Vandalia Municipal Code (Adding Storage as a Special Use to Downtown Commercial and Removing Current Language).

Roll call: Hubler, nay; Barker, yea; Stunkel, nay; Lewey, nay; Bowen, nay; Brosman, yea; Lester, nay. Hobler was absent. Motion failed 2-5.

**LAKE LOT 144 - TRANSFER
FROM MIKE HOBLER,
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS TO
MARK RITTER, RAMSEY,
ILLINOIS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve transfer of Lake Lot 144 from Mike Hobler, Vandalia, Illinois to Mark Ritter, Ramsey, Illinois. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF ZONING
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
MEETING MINUTES FROM
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20,
2024:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to accept the Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting minutes dated Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC
SAFETY MEETING MINUTES
FROM APRIL 1, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to accept Public Safety Meeting minutes dated April 1, 2024. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE
PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND
INSURANCE MEETING
MINUTES DATED APRIL 1,
2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to accept the Personnel, Finance and Insurance meeting minutes dated April 1, 2024. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE LAKE
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES DATED APRIL 1,
2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to accept the Lake Committee meeting minutes dated April 1, 2024. Motion carried.

**ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST FOR
FOURTH STREET ON MAY 4,
2024 - BOND COUNTY
CRUISE INS:**

Alison Cruthis addressed the Council and shared plans for the Bond County Cruise Ins. It will begin in Greenville and end at the State House. Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to approve the road closure request for Fourth Street on May 4, 2024 - Bond County Cruise Ins. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lee Beckman provided the status of ongoing and pending projects. He stated the Main Street Lift Station project is complete. Final cleanup will be done at the end of the year. Randolph Street project was submitted to IDOT for review in January. Gottman will follow up with IDOT on Wednesday. James Jackson and

Paslay are working with 120 Water on the lead line service project. Beckman will meet with Paslay and Jackson. Paslay, Beckman and Connor will meet on the Safe Routes to School project this week. The Water Treatment Plant project has been at the IEPA for over a year. Gottman will work with Beckman to try to move the project along. Gottman suggested having Danielle Caruso work with Connor on the easements for the ITEP project. There were no objections. Beckman will meet with Workman and Stunkel to walk through the Lake marina and campground to look at the projects related to the OSLAD grant. Barker suggested meeting with Beckman at the 120 acres to discuss entrances and roads. Meetings will be scheduled.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported he has been working with a developer regarding the former Purina property and is moving forward. He showed the former Long John Silver's property last week to an interested individual. The City is now a Gold Sponsor of the Family YMCA of Fayette County. A metal trellis at Lincoln Park will be constructed by the KC Welding Class. Gottman will check with Andy Vaughan regarding a metal roof for the gazebo. Lester and Gottman met with Patriot Rail, who is the new leaseholder of the railroad. In August 2022, the railroad contract automatically renewed for an additional 10 years. The railroad has no intention of terminating the Lease, and wants to partner with the City. They did express interest in doing a bike path as a joint venture with the City. Vehicle replacement list was discussed. Gottman will work with Paslay on revisions of the list.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor stated court with Mr. Keiser was held today. Hearing has been reset for May 25. Connor asked the court to impose a per day per diem fine for every day this continues to go unremediated.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reported that the start of liquor license and gaming license renewals has begun. She also reminded the Council that the Statement of Economic Interest forms are due to her by April 26, 2024.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Report provided in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Brosman asked the status of the Water Plant Superintendent vacancy. A Personnel Committee meeting will be held to conduct interviews on Monday, April 22 at 1:30 p.m. Stones have been ordered for Veterans Memorial Park. Stunkel reported today was opening day at the Lake campground and marina. A dumpster at the Lake has been moved to a more centralized area. Vaughan and Workman are working on the second exit at the Lake. Vaughan will reach out to a surveyor to survey property lines. Paslay will notify the homeowners that will be affected. Stunkel stated that pole lights at the campground are needed. Gottman will discuss with Paslay and Workman. There have been no bids submitted at this time for Lake Lot 139. Fundraiser for the caboose will be held on April 18 from 4 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Denny's of Vandalia. Discussion of purchasing a truck for the Lake was held. Gottman

will follow up with Mark Meadows regarding the brush truck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS :

Bowen expressed concern regarding the appearance of several damaged tractor trailers and vehicles at Kelly's Auto Repair and Towing. He asked if a fence could be placed around that area.

Joy Clymer addressed the Council regarding her father's (Abe Clymer) deteriorating building that is located downtown. She expressed her frustration with the amount of time it has taken the City to bring this to resolution so she can get her father's estate closed. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Connor will reach out to Clymer's attorney Tuesday morning. Gottman will deliver a check to Clymer's attorney in the agreed amount of \$500.00 on Tuesday morning. Connor will follow up with Gottman and Paslay on Tuesday. Gottman will contact Clymer to finalize the wording on the Memorial Plaque that will be placed in her father's honor at Lincoln Park.

ADJOURNMENT :

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

City Clerk