

**City Council
Regular Meeting**

July 1, 2024
6:45 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 6:45 pm. The start of the meeting was delayed due to meeting held immediately prior to Council meeting concluded at 6:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
JUNE 17, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve City Council meeting minutes dated June 17, 2024. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL CITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DATED JUNE 24, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve Special City Council meeting minutes dated June 24, 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report.

REGULAR BILLS:

Paslay stated she would like to amend the regular bills to include a check for \$750.00 for On All Sides band for Summer Fest and to change the amount of the check for Backroad Boogie from \$900.00 to \$1000.00. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the regular bills as amended. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve the special bills as presented: Grubaugh

Contracting in the amount of \$6,800.00 for property demolition; Ritchey Painting in the amount of \$2,990.00 for painting the Police Department; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac; Fayette County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the amount of \$6,500.00 for recording fees; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$3,602.69 for patch mix; Triple S Tree Service in the amount of \$2,800.00 for tree removal; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$10,285.00 for fire truck loan; Montgomery Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$2,421.75 for electrical work; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$9,659.35 for sealcoat; Camping World, LLC in the amount of \$1,899.88 for buoys; Alverson Sound in the amount of \$7,500.00 for sound trailer/stage; Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc., in the amount of \$25,021.49 for lift station replacement; IEPA in the amount of \$22,787.56 for drinking water project; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$15,025.41 for supplies; Municipal Equipment Company in the amount of \$4,504.00 for maintenance; Hach Company in the amount of \$9,139.00 for supplies; CedarChem, LLC in the amount of \$18,881.28 for supplies; Vandevanter Engineer, Inc., in the amount of \$13,398.00 for new Flygt for lift station. Motion carried.

**SWEARING IN OF 2 CITY OF
VANDALIA POLICE
OFFICERS:**

Clerk Huhn swore in Police Officers
Tristan Hunter and Jeremy White.

ORDINANCE 2024-7-1-A: AN Tabled.
ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE
PLANNING COMMISSION TO
CONSIDER MODIFICATION OF
SECTION 17.10.010 -
AGRICULTURE:
(TABLED)

BRYAN HOSICK:

Hosick was not able to be present.

APPROVE OR REJECT
CONTRACT WITH ALVERSON
SOUND - SUMMERFEST:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to approve the contract with Alverson Sound, Inc., in the amount of \$7,500.00 for Summerfest. Hobler voted nay. Motion carried 7-1.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL
LAKE DAM INSPECTION FOR
2024:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to accept the Annual Lake Dam inspection for 2024. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF LAKE
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES - JUNE 17, 2024:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to accept the Lake Committee Meeting minutes dated June 17, 2024. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS
FOR MOWER AT CEMETERY
(WILL BE OPENED AT
MEETING):
(TABLED):

Four bids were received. Sam Kerr, Cemetery Superintendent, will review the bids before a decision is made. This will be tabled until the next Council meeting.

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS
FOR LAKE LOT 139 (WILL
BE OPENED AT MEETING):

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to approve the bid submitted by Michael Haluch in the amount of \$18,200.00 for Lake Lot 139. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS
FOR MARATHON SIGN AND
POLE AT VANDALIA LAKE
MARINA (WILL BE OPENED
AT MEETING):

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman to approve the bid submitted by Jim Hof in the amount of \$535.00 for the Marathon sign and pole at Vandalia Lake Marina. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2024-7-1-B: AN
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
THE SERVICES OF DENNIS
GRUBAUGH TO MITIGATE
DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE
BUILDINGS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve Ordinance 2024-7-1-B: An Ordinance Authorizing the Services of Dennis Grubaugh to Mitigate Dangerous and Unsafe Buildings.

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

**ACCEPT OR REJECT ROAD
CLOSURE REQUEST - THIS-
N-THAT FOURTH ANNUAL
WITCHES NIGHT OUT
OCTOBER 26, 2024 FROM 12
NOON UNTIL 10:00 P.M.:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve the road closure request submitted by This-N-That for the Fourth Annual Witches Night Out October 26, 2024 from 12 Noon until 10:00 p.m. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Beckman will be at the next Council meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reminded the Council when specs are required, they are to be done via written specs and not verbal specs. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve the purchase of 2 police vehicles (budgeted). Ray will write up specifications and put those out for bid. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor reported on 2 pieces of litigation. Mr. Keiser has submitted a contract for the repair of the brick on the Keiser building downtown. The Judge gave Kaiser until late August to have this completed. Connor also had Court on property located at 816 Burtschi Street. A temporary restraining order has been in place for a month, and it will continue, keeping anybody who is not there to fix that property out of it.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT:**

Paslay reported on the details of Summer Fest that will be held at Vandalia Lake campgrounds on July 5 and July 6. Food trucks will be on site. A total of 5 bands are scheduled to perform on Friday and Saturday.

**SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL
REPORT:**

Report will be in next Council packet.

**STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

Bowen asked if the City was responsible for mowing the ditches between the sidewalk and the road. Paslay stated the City mows those a few times each year. She will talk with James Jackson. Chief Ray is putting specs together for new guns for the Police Department. Stunkel reported Lake Committee met prior to the Council meeting. Plumbing for the beach house will be completed this week. 10 new buoys were ordered and have been put out in the Lake. The Danger buoys will have lights on them and they will be located near the Dam. Next year, the Committee suggested purchasing 2 new mowers, improving the second entrance/exit for permanent opening, and 2 key-coded gates. Paslay will contact Cox Surveying to schedule a survey on the second entrance/exit to define the City's property line. Suggestion was made from Lake Committee to look into putting down speed bumps on the North side. Lake lot signs will be picked up during the annual renewal period next year. Stunkel stated that volunteers are needed to serve on the Mosquito Abatement District committee. Gottman will talk to RMA. Connor reported that one subdivision leaseholder has not paid their renewal and late fees. He will send a demand letter to them on Tuesday. Economic Development Director position has been advertised with a

deadline of August 15, 2024. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve \$450.00 to advertise in the local newspapers. Decision was made to look into radio advertising as well, and authorization was given to Gottman to approve radio advertising for the ED position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Stunkel to approve a minimum of 3 more pole lights at the campground. Motion carried. Barker asked if there was any movement on the property adjacent to Stombaugh's. Gottman said he has met with one of the individuals and will make contact with them this week. Grubaugh said he was able to talk to CEFS regarding taking down the Clymer property, but is still trying to reach out to the other adjacent property owner. Gottman reported that Big River Motorsports has closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Lewey to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

City Clerk