

City Council
Regular Meeting

September 3, 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 Barker, Stunkel, Lester, Hubler, and Bowen were present. Brosman and Hobler were absent. Lewey arrived to the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
AUGUST 19, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve City Council meeting minutes dated August 19, 2024. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report provided.

REGULAR BILLS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the regular bills. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to approve the special bills as presented: McKellar, Robertson, McCarty and Click in the amount of \$4,451.00 for annual insurance coverage; Kirk Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$3,900.00 for maintenance to building; Nelson's Catering, Inc., in the amount of \$2,261.00 for fundraising; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,321.89 for electric bill; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$10,285.00 for fire truck loan; Vandalia High School in

the amount of \$186,137.03 for TIF reimbursement; Midwest Tractor Sales, Inc., in the amount of \$11,145.00 for new mower; Brenntag Mid-South in the amount of \$9,439.40 for supplies; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$2,030.00 for supplies. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL, FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD AND EVANS PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES - AUGUST 26, 2024:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to accept the Joint Meeting with City Council, Fayette County Board and Evans Public Library District Board minutes dated August 26, 2024. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 19, 2024:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to accept the Personnel Committee meeting minutes dated August 19, 2024. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - FOURTH AND JEFFERSON STREETS:

Due to a change in circumstances, Denessa and Chad Armstrong withdrew their bid to purchase the surplus property located at Fourth and Jefferson Streets. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to accept the property back. There were no objections. It was decided to advertise the property immediately. Paslay will work on putting For Sale signs on surplus properties that are available for bid.

RESOLUTION 2024-9-3-A: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, AND MILANO & GRUNLOH ENGINEERS, LLC:

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Stunkel to approve Resolution 2024-9-3-A: A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois, and Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC.

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-9-3-B: AN
ORDINANCE OF VACATION
(UNIMPROVED ALLEY
BETWEEN RANDOLPH AND
MADISON STREETS):
(FAILED):**

Paslay stated that a storage unit has been placed behind a shed on the unimproved alley located between Randolph and Madison Streets. Michelle Sarver addressed her concerns with the Council. She stated the back hill behind her home is where all of the utilities are located. She stated she would be landlocked if this was approved, and utility companies would not have access in case repairs are needed. Motion was made by Barker to approve Ordinance 2024-9-3-B: An Ordinance of Vacation (Unimproved Alley between Randolph and Madison Streets). Due to lack of a second, the motion died.

**ORDINANCE 2024-9-3-B: AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 11 - LAKE
ORDINANCE OF THE
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE
AT 11.10.030 - BOAT
DOCKS:**

Stunkel said the Ordinance was in reference to floating docks. The Ordinance would allow floating docks to remain all year long. Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Stunkel to approve Ordinance 2024-9-3-B: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 - Lake Ordinance of the Vandalia Municipal Code at 11.10.030 - Boat Docks.

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

**REAL ESTATE PURCHASE
CONTRACT BETWEEN EVANS
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
AND THE CITY OF VANDALIA
(DISCUSSION ONLY):**

Gottman said no action would be taken tonight on the sale and purchase contract for the former library building. The contract has been submitted to the Library Board for their review. Ray said a commercial building inspection has been scheduled for September 6. Connor will send an agreement to the 911 Committee meeting before their September 10 meeting. Gottman said this would be a triple net lease. The City will pay for insurance for

the building and any capital improvements. Any Council comments, questions or input should be communicated to the City Attorney.

**ORDINANCE 2024-9-3-C: AN
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE
(DISCUSSION ONLY):**

No action taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lee Beckman will be at next Council meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported that the Labor Day Bike Show held at Cage's on Monday was a big success. Hubler reported there were about 90 motorcycles participating in the event.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

No report.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reported that Candidate packets for the 2025 Consolidated Election were available. Doug Knebel has picked up a packet for Mayor; Carla Huhn has picked up a packet for City Clerk; Steve Barker has picked up for Ward I, Amber Daulbaugh for Ward II and Jeremy Curll for Ward IV. First day to file petitions is November 12.

Also, Ken Hubler has completed the review of the ED Director applications. Stunkel will review the applications on Wednesday.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT:**

Paslay reported that the next Farmer's Market will be on September 14. The last Market will be on October 12.

**SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL'S
REPORT:**

Report will be provided in next Council meeting packet.

**STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

Oiling of the streets will begin next week. Ray reported the Durango has arrived and is in Greenville

getting police equipment installed. Lester said he would like to have termite repair work move forward at the Interpretive Center. It was decided to advertise that this work is available and interested contractors could show up on a set date to review the scope of work. It will be advertised in the media and by invite. Paslay will work with Lester on a date. Gottman said he is waiting on the stone for the Veterans Memorial Park. One flag pole remains to be sold. He is meeting with a possible donor for the pavilion. Caulking around the City Hall building needs to be done. Stunkel asked Connor if it was necessary to hold a hearing for a Lake Ordinance fine. Connor will work with Workman and Stunkel and bring recommendations to the Council. Lake Committee recommended boat sticker cost for wake boats to increase from \$250.00 to \$500.00 per year, with no daily permits issued for wake boats. Trick or Treat at the Lake campground will be held on Friday, October 25 between 5 and 8 p.m. The campgrounds will close on October 31. A committee has been formed for Summer Fest which includes Paslay, Tourism Commission, Hubler, Stunkel, Workman, a Moose representative, and ESDA. There are 4 lots that are getting baled for hay. The Lake Committee recommended putting those lots out for bid. Hubler stated the Labor Day Bike Show at Cages was very successful. He would like to move forward with filling the Tourism Director position. Paslay will begin advertising as was done for the Economic Development position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Lester stated he would like department heads to attend 1 Council

meeting a month. It was decided that Streets, Water Plant and Sewer Plant Department Heads will be asked to attend the second meeting of each month.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Lewey to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Cailla J. Huber

City Clerk