

**City Council**  
Regular Meeting

August 5, 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, Barker, Stunkel, Hobler, Lester and Bowen were present. Hubler and Lewey were absent.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A moment of silence was held for Glen "Whitey" Daniels, who was a former member of the Fayette County Board.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES DATED  
JULY 15, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve City Council meeting minutes dated July 15, 2024. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL  
MEETING MINUTES DATED  
JULY 22, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve Special Council meeting minutes dated July 22, 2024. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer's report for period ending July 31, 2024 was reviewed. No action needed.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

Paslay stated a bill was added in the amount of \$500.00 for cosponsoring a band that will be playing at Charters Patio this weekend. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve

the amended special bills as presented: Triple A Asbestos Services, Inc., in the amount of \$2,970.00 for asbestos removal; SCIRP&DC in the amount of \$2,500.00 for professional fees; Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$21,312.00 for Police equipment; Farina Police Department in the amount of \$4,015.00 for uniform costs; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,309.71 for electric bill; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$10,285.00 for fire truck loan; Milano and Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$14,735.00 for engineering services; Dagon Murray in the amount of \$76,028.85 for TIF reimbursement; Midwest Engineering in the amount of \$25,000.000 for engineering fees; Birkey's in the amount of \$2,559.85 for supplies; Imco Utility Supply in the amount of \$2,520.00 for supplies; Centraz Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$3,772.30 for supplies; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$18,251.00 for supplies; Municipal Equipment Company in the amount of \$4,594.00 for maintenance to equipment. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gottman noted that Item I will be tabled and will be discussed at a future meeting. He also noted that Item N will be tabled until a future Council meeting.

**FIRST READING OF CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE SUBMITTED BY MAC'S CONVENIENCE STORES, LLC D/B/A CIRCLE K 4701227:**

First reading of the liquor license application submitted by Mac's Convenience Stores, LLC, D/B/A Circle K was done. No action taken as this is a first reading. Action will be taken at the next Council meeting. Connor will reach out to

them regarding level of insurance coverage.

**ORDINANCE 2024-8-5-A: 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 Stunkel to approve Ordinance 2024-8-5-A: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title V Business Licenses and Regulations at Section 5.08.070 Number of Licenses - Joe's Pizza of Vandalia.

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-8-5-B:  
ORDINANCE OF VACATION:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve Ordinance 2024-8-5-B: An Ordinance of Vacation (unimproved alley between First Street and Riverview Drive (east and west from unimproved alley) and Jefferson Street and Edwards Street (north and south of unimproved alley).

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-8-5-C: AN  
ORDINANCE DECLARING  
SURPLUS PROPERTY AND  
AUTHORIZING SALE:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2024-8-5-C: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing Sale (vacant City lots on South First Street and Edwards Street). Sealed bids will be due by October 7, 2024. Bowen asked about notifying the community that is legal and required versus really doing a good job letting the public know vacant properties are available. Gottman said placing a sign in front of those properties that are for sale would be helpful

and would list who to notify for those interested in the property.

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

**APPROVE OR REJECT GRANT WRITING AGREEMENT WITH SCIRP&DC - DOWNTOWN GRANT - NTE \$1,500.00:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve grant writing agreement with SCIRP&DC for downtown grant (ITEP) - NTE \$1,500.00. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT 1B FROM PAM JONES, VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, TO JULIE ROBERTS, FARINA, ILLINOIS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve transfer of Lake Lot 1B from Pam Jones, Vandalia, Illinois, to Julie Roberts, Farina, Illinois. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT 61 FROM STEVE AND JOY THOUVENOT, MILLSTADT, ILLINOIS, TO JEANNE AND RONALD CARTER, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve transfer of Lake Lot 61 from Steve and Joy Thouvenot, Millstadt, Illinois, to Jeanne and Ronald Carter, Edwardsville, Illinois. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT 139 FROM CITY OF VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, TO MICHAEL HALUCH, CASEYVILLE, ILLINOIS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve transfer of Lake Lot 139 from City of Vandalia to Michael Haluch, Caseyville, Illinois. Motion carried.

**REQUEST FROM MIKE WEHRLE:**  
**(TABLED)**

As Mayor Gottman stated under New Business, this agenda item will be tabled and discussed at a future meeting.

**2023 MFT COMPLIANCE REVIEW - FILE FOR PERMANENT RECORD PER IDOT:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to file the 2023 MFT Compliance Review. Motion carried.

**REVISED SQUAD CAR BIDS:**

Gottman reported that there had been an error on the bids that were submitted by Hosick's and approved by the Council at the July 15, 2024 meeting. The initial bid for the 2024 RAM 1500 was \$53,475.00. Due to an error, the amended bid is \$40,940.00. The initial bid for the 2025 Dodge Durango was \$50,880.00 and the amended bid was \$46,515.00. Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to approve the amended bids. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-8-5-D: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, AND MILANO AND GRUNLOH ENGINEERS, LLC:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve Resolution 2024-8-5-D: A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois, and Milano and Grunloh Engineers, LLC.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING MINUTES - JULY 24, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to accept the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting minutes dated July 24, 2024. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2024-8-5-E: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF VANDALIA - ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARY:**  
**(TABLED)**

As Mayor Gottman stated under New Business, this agenda item will be tabled and discussed at a future meeting.

**ACCEPTANCE OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - JULY 29, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to accept the Planning Commission Meeting minutes dated July 29, 2024.

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-8-5-E: AN  
ORDINANCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 11 - LAKE  
ORDINANCE OF THE  
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve Ordinance 2024-8-5-F: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 - Lake Ordinance of the Vandalia Municipal Code.

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

**METAL DETECTING ON CITY  
RIGHT-OF-WAY (DANNY  
WARNER) :**

Danny Warner addressed the Council regarding metal detecting on the City's right-of-way between the sidewalks and the curbs. Any relics that he finds will be donated to the Fayette County Museum. Connor stated that the City cannot give him permission to do this; it would be up to the individual landowners. The Council could make a determination that it does not aggrieve the City as far as Warner doing this in the right-of-way as long as he has the property owner's permission. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to give Warner permission to ask homeowners for their permission to perform metal detecting on their property.

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

**SURPLUS PROPERTY (LAND)  
BID OPENING (TO BE  
OPENED DURING COUNCIL  
MEETING) :**

Sealed bids for surplus property (land) were opened during the Council meeting. The City advertised 8 parcels of property with sealed bids being due August 5.

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Bowen to approve the bid submitted by Kent Cripe in the amount of \$150.00 for the property located at 616 S. Fifth Street. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Stunkel to approve bid submitted by Kent Cripe in the amount of \$200.00 for the property located at 817 W. Edwards Street. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Brosman to approve the bid submitted by John and Janice Nowlan in the amount of \$2,500.00 for property located at 114 S. Second Street. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler to approve the bid submitted by Kent Cripe in the amount of \$225.00 for property located at 1719 W. Main Street. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Brosman to approve the bid submitted by Kent Cripe in the amount of \$2,100.00 for properties located at 1028-1030 West Gallatin Street. Motion carried.

**TICK TOCK ENERGY**  
**PRESENTATION:**

Brosman stated that he spoke with representatives from Tick Tock Energy. The Water Treatment Plant's average electric bill is \$3,000.00 a month. He thinks the roof of the firehouse would be an ideal location for solar panels. He sees it as a good investment. He found out the rules are changing with Ameren customers. If the system is not energized by December 31, 2024, the payback is not going to be as good. He would be very interested in

getting Council's authorization to draw up an RFP to get bids to install solar panels for the Public Safety building. Lester said this needs to be looked into further before decisions are made. He suggested inviting Tick Tock Energy and local solar businesses to a Building and Grounds meeting on September 16, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Brosman said he was trying to find a way to judge the Council's support for solar for the Public Safety building. He felt it would be easy to draw up an RFP for a building the size of the Public Safety building. Paslay will reach out to her City Manager group to see if they have any examples of RFP's for solar. Gottman said all City buildings should be looked at for the possibility of solar panels.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Lee Beckman will be at the next Council meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Gottman reported Conxxus has begun boring for fiberoptic cables in the City. Miranda Lovett from Conxxus gave a presentation to the Council regarding their service and monthly fees. Gottman reported a committee has been formed regarding the purchase of the 911 Building. There is a fundraiser for the Beautification Committee on Wednesday, September 4 from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. They are raising money for a mural to be placed at Veterans Memorial Park. IML Board meeting handouts that were included in the packet were reviewed. AI handout was discussed.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Connor reported that court has been set for the Keiser case on August 26 at 9:00 a.m. There are a number of property cases in varying stages.



**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

Nothing to report.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Paslay stated CEFS and Public Transit park their buses on the City lot just south of The FNB Community Bank. They have requested the use of the water spicket to wash their buses. Gottman said that would need to have a meter. He will check with James Jackson. Bowen and Hobler were in favor of letting them use the water to wash the buses. The new part for the Tourism Digital sign will be installed on Wednesday. Festival of Trees is November 8. Sponsor letters were sent out last week. Information for OTC vendors will be out hopefully by the end of this week.

**SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:**

Report provided in previous Council packet.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Bids are being sought for a boom mower for the Streets Department with bids to be opened at the next meeting. Paslay said the new street sweeper may be here by the end of August. The Cemetery has received their new mower. Lester said he is seeking somebody to do repairs at the Interpretive Center due to termite damage. Paslay will draw up specs to put out for bids. Stunkel reported there was a Lake Committee meeting prior to Council meeting. IDPH Beach Inspection went extremely well and Stunkel commended Workman and his staff for their hard work. Personnel meeting will be held on August 19, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS :**

Lester said the grass and weeds along Kennedy Boulevard are getting taller. Paslay will talk to James Jackson in regard to contacting the Director of the State Highway garage in Vandalia.

**ADJOURNMENT :**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

---

City Clerk