

**City Council**  
Regular Meeting

October 21, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

**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, Brosman, Hobler, Lewey and Bowen were present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A moment of silence was held for Sgt. Bradley Clinton Schwarm.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Gottman noted there would be a change to the agenda as presented. Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh would be moved to the beginning of the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES DATED  
OCTOBER 7, 2024:**

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Barker to approve City Council meeting minutes dated October 7, 2024. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
DATED OCTOBER 7, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to approve City Council Work Session minutes dated October 7, 2024. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer's report for period ending September 30, 2024 was reviewed. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to file the Treasurer's report for audit. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve the

regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to approve the special bills as presented: TextMyGov in the amount of \$6,900.00 for TextMyGov program; IML in the amount of \$144,189.00 for insurance fees; Sandberg Phoenix in the amount of \$8,391.00 for legal fees; Global Tech Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$12,712.10 for police equipment accessories; Mac's Fire and Safety, Inc., in the amount of \$12,994.17 for fire equipment; IML in the amount of \$2,880.00 for insurance; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$4,379.72 for supplies; South Central FS in the amount of \$3,359.69 for fuel at the Lake; Chandler Brothers Construction in the amount of \$9,845.50 for OctoChem entrance; LRS, LLC in the amount of \$6,851.00 for trash service at Lake and roll off dumpster for demolition of Clymer building; Dennis and Deborah Grubaugh in the amount of \$9,234.44 for TIF reimbursement; South Central FS in the amount of \$4,072.35 for fuel at the garage; IML in the amount of \$32,684.13 for insurance; City of Vandalia City Treasurer in the amount of \$1,603.69 for postage; Imco Utility Supply in the amount of \$2,090.00 for supplies; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$1,713.65 for supplies; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$2,429.00 for supplies; USA Bluebook, Inc., in the amount of \$2,508.00 for supplies; Hach Company in the amount of \$7,605.00 for supplies; Gateway Truck and Refrigeration in the amount of \$2,890.31 for engine repair; Municipal Equipment Company in the

amount of \$3,082.00 for maintenance to equipment. Motion carried.

CITY ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Lee Beckman provided a status update on ongoing and pending City projects. OctoChem project is complete. Randolph Street upgrades project is currently on the March letting and will be set up for Spring construction. Beckman said Workman met with contractors regarding the Dam. Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Barker to authorize Gottman and Stunkel to obtain and approve quotes up to \$30,000.00 for filling in the voids before sealing the cracks on the Lake Dam. There were no objections. 120 Water has mailed out postcards regarding Lead Service Line Replacement. Huhn stated her office has received calls regarding postcards. For those residents with questions, Beckman recommended that the City send somebody to the residence to verify the type of pipe which he felt would be the most swift and decisive way to do it. Beckman stated Jackson, Paslay, a representative from 120 Water and himself should meet biweekly to set milestones for identification. Bid opening was done for Safe Routes to School with the winning bid being submitted by Kinney Contractors in the amount of \$587,112.30. Bid opening for the water treatment plant has been set for December. OSLAD grant improvements at the Lake Campgrounds will be bid out in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Beckman said an independent architect looked at the Interpretive Center. He said there are a lot of unknowns in regard to the south wall. Recommendation was for a new build. Gottman said both the Interpretive Center and Tourist

Center could possibly be housed in one building.

**RESOLUTION 2024-10-21-A:**  
**A RESOLUTION OF FUNDING**  
**SUPPORT FOR RANDOLPH**  
**STREET RECONSTRUCTION**  
**PROJECT - STU FUNDS**  
**(\$400,000.00):**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to approve Resolution 2024-10-21-A: A Resolution of Funding Support for Randolph Street Reconstruction Project - STU Funds (\$400,000.00).

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-10-21-B:**  
**A RESOLUTION OF FUNDING**  
**SUPPORT FOR RANDOLPH**  
**STREET RECONSTRUCTION**  
**PROJECT - MFT AND LOCAL**  
**FUNDS (\$844,620.00):**

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Brosman to approve Resolution 2024-10-21-B: A Resolution of Funding Support for Randolph Street Reconstruction Project - MFT and Local Funds (\$844,620.00).

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

**APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS**  
**FOR WALLS AT FORMER**  
**CLYMER BUILDING (BIDS TO**  
**BE OPENED DURING COUNCIL**  
**MEETING):**

Standard specs were drawn up by the City Engineer and were sent out for bid to pour two support walls for backfill along the existing basement at the former Clymer building.

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Lewey to approve bid submitted by Johannes Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$58,886.00.

Roll call: Barker, yea; Hubler, yea; Lewey, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hobler, nay; Bowen, yea; Lester, yea; Brosman, yea. Motion carried 7-1.

**APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS  
FOR SAFE ROUTES TO  
SCHOOL PROJECT:**

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to approve bid submitted by Kinney Contractors in the amount of \$587,112.30 for the Safe Routes to School Project. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT  
TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT 506  
FROM MATTHEW KELLY,  
BROWNSTOWN, ILLINOIS, TO  
JACY RICHARDSON,  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve the transfer of Lake Lot 506 from Matthew Kelly, Brownstown, Illinois, to Jacy Richardson, Birmingham, Alabama. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT  
TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT 34  
FROM ROY LOEHRING,  
MARYVILLE, ILLINOIS, TO  
AMBER AND JACOB  
WEISCHEDEL, VANDALIA,  
ILLINOIS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to approve the transfer of Lake Lot 34 from Roy Loehring, Maryville, Illinois, to Amber and Jacob Weischedel, Vandalia, Illinois. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2024-10-21-C:  
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 Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve Ordinance 2024-10-21-C: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title V Business Licenses and Regulations at Section 5.08.070 Number of Licenses.

Roll call: Barker, yea; Bowen, yea; Brosman, yea; Hobler, nay; Hubler, yea; Lester, yea; Lewey, nay; Stunkel, yea. Motion carried 6-2.

**APPROVE OR REJECT VIDEO  
GAMING LICENSE  
APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY  
B2S GROUP, LLC D/B/A  
MAC'S LIQUOR STORE:**

Discussion was held regarding the floor plan that was presented in the packet. Huhn will reach out to the business owner for a correct floor plan that meets the State's requirements.

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to approve the video gaming license application submitted by B2S Group, LLC D/B/A Mac's Liquor Store pending receipt

of a correct floor plan. Hobler voted nay. Motion carried 7-1.

**ACCEPT OR REJECT SEALED BIDS FOR SEWER PLANT TRUCK (BIDS TO BE OPENED DURING COUNCIL MEETING):**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to approve the bid submitted by Hecht Chevrolet in the amount of \$38,600.00 for a new sewer plant truck. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 2024:**

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Lewey to accept the Tourism Commission Meeting minutes dated September 11, 2024. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 7, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to accept the Lake Committee Meeting minutes dated October 7, 2024. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT COPIER BIDS FOR ADMINISTRATION, CLERK AND POLICE:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Bowen to approve bid submitted by Konica-Minolta in the amount of \$605.44 total per month for copier machines for the Administration, Clerk and Police Departments. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2024-10-21-D: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC AT PARAGRAPH 10.16.030 PARKING PROHIBITED OR CONTROLLED AT SCHEDULE D THEREOF:**

Gottman said there is currently a 10 minute parking limit and a handicapped parking space in front of the former library building that is no longer needed. This Ordinance would eliminate both of these and designate them for police vehicles since the Police Dispatch Center will be located there.

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Bowen to approve Ordinance 2024-10-21-D: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 Vehicles and Traffic at Paragraph 10.16.030 Parking Prohibited or Controlled at Schedule D Thereof.

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-10-21-E:  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
THE EXECUTION OF THE  
IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM  
CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT:**

Gottman stated IML/RMA handles the City's property and liability insurance, and this Ordinance renews the agreement with IML/RMA for the period 01/01/2025 through 01/01/2026.

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Hobler to approve Ordinance 2024-10-21-E: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.

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

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S  
REPORT FOR THE CITY OF  
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, FOR  
THE FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING MAY 1, 2023  
AND ENDING APRIL 30,  
2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Bowen to accept the annual Treasurer's report for the City of Vandalia, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-10-21-F:  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A  
RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT ON  
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS AND  
THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT  
OF REVENUE:**

The reciprocal agreement presented in the packet is the final step in authorizing the City of Vandalia Treasurer (Caruso) to access the IDOR portal.

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Stunkel to approve Resolution 2024-10-21-F: A Resolution Approving a Reciprocal Agreement on Exchange of Information Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois, and the Illinois Department of Revenue.

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO BID  
LAKE PROJECTS - OSLAD  
GRANT:**

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Barker to give authorization to bid out the OSLAD grant improvements at the Lake Campgrounds. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
RESIGNATION OF ANDY  
VAUGHAN, BUILDING AND  
ZONING OFFICIAL:**

Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Barker to accept the resignation of Andy Vaughan, Building and Zoning Official. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held regarding forming a possible business district. Hubler stated his opposition to the formation of a business district. He stated most of those buildings in the proposed business district are not blighted. Gottman said the procedure for forming a business district is the same as the procedure for TIF districts. Huber also felt this was not the time to be adding an additional tax to consumers. It was decided that a Council Work Session will be scheduled with Adam Stroud from PGAV.

Gottman provided an update on using solar on City buildings. Lester said Paslay is scheduling meetings with 2 other solar entities.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Gottman reported the lower level of City Hall is currently being repainted. It was discovered that the window seals are leaking. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the bid submitted by Ritchey Painting in the amount of \$1,215.00 to replace caulking on lower level of 10 windows on the



north and west side and fill all cracks on the upper level. The bid also included painting the Mayor's office. Motion carried. Jackson and Gottman stated that the rock parking lot behind the new Veterans Memorial Park needs to be chipped and oiled to help preserve that lot. Bid for this work was submitted by Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$9,200.00. After discussion, it was decided to table this until Spring so that any drainage issues can be resolved before the parking lot work begins. Gottman reported that the dedication for the Veteran's Memorial Park is tentatively scheduled for November 11. Muni-Code books are ready for updates. Aldermen were encouraged to bring their books in for the updates. The front façade of the former hotel downtown has been repaired. The title work for the library has been done. The City is waiting on signed agreements from the County. Gottman said the trellis at Lincoln Park is close to completion. A portion of Gallatin Street in front of City Hall has been torn out with work to be completed Tuesday afternoon. He also reported Gallatin Street in the 500 block will be closed due to the boring company replacing a portion of concrete.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Connor reported the City should be able to dismiss a case the City brought against a vacant house where squatters were living. The property is in foreclosure with a bank. He said this case should resolve itself once he is confident the foreclosure is going through. Gottman said bids have been sent out for demolition of 419 S. Cypress. He also noted a record number of dilapidated houses

have been torn down by the City over the past 2 or 3 years.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

Huhn reported the launch of TextMyGov is set for early November.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

No report.

**SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:**

Report provided in packet.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Barker reported that the new street sweeper has arrived. Jackson said they will be working on the water leak on Randolph Street on Wednesday morning after Gallatin Street is opened. Bowen asked if the street sweeper could be used on the islands on Kennedy Boulevard. Jackson will talk with Chief Ray to schedule this. Bowen said it is a main access to the City. He said main entrances in and out of the City should be trimmed and kept neat. Lester said tearing down the Interpretive Center is probably not feasible at this time. Jerry Swarm said he would like to do something with the wall at the end of the hallway near the restroom and south wall of the media room at the Interpretive Center. He said the paint is starting to bubble up. Swarm will give a list of projects to Paslay. Paslay will work with Lester on the list of projects. Stunkel reported that the Lake Campgrounds will close on October 31. Trick or Treat at the Campgrounds is set for October 25 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. The new rear entrance/exit road to the Lake Campgrounds is complete. Hubler stated the Personnel Committee has reviewed the applications for the Economic Development Director. He is meeting with Paslay on Tuesday to review the Tourism Director job

posting. Salary has been set at \$25.00 per hour for that position. Upcoming events were also reviewed. Gottman commended Grubaugh on the work he did in the demolition of the former Clymer building.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:**

Swarm stated there is a vehicle parked at Little Lambs Daycare on Randolph close to the sidewalk that is obstructing the view of traffic. Huhn reported the police have addressed the matter. Swarm noted that the view is also obstructed on 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Gallatin and Johnson Streets due to larger vehicles parking there. Ray and Jake Bowling will look into this.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

*Caula Huhn*

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City Clerk