

**City Council  
Regular Meeting**

November 18, 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, Brosman, and Bowen were present. Hobler was absent. Lewey arrived at 6:35 p.m.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A moment of silence was held for Eva Dean Morefield, mother-in-law of Alderman Ken Hubler.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES DATED  
NOVEMBER 4, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve City Council meeting minutes dated November 4, 2024. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the special bills as presented: SCIRP & DC in the amount of \$2,189.73 for membership dues; Pro Wire, Inc., in the amount of \$1,635.00 for technical services; SCIRP & DC in

the amount of \$2,500.00 for DCEO project; Global Tech Systems in the amount of \$2,047.10 for police accessories; Decatur Electronics, LLC in the amount of \$2,304.75 for police equipment; Mid-Illinois Concrete, Inc., in the amount of \$2,912.00 for supplies; Fayette County Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$4,073.70 for pea gravel; Kaskaskia Supply and Rental in the amount of \$1,531.29 for Festival of Lights; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$9,008.41 for supplies; Midwest Tractor Sales in the amount of \$18,775.00 for equipment at the Lake; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$4,650.00 for building maintenance; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$2,282.22 for utility bill at Lake; Triple A Asbestos Service, Inc., in the amount of \$12,100.00 for TIF reimbursement; LRS, LLC in the amount of \$6,609.85 for roll off dumpsters; South Central FS in the amount of \$1,641.62 for gasoline; South Central FS in the amount of \$1,649.32 for diesel fuel; Core and Main in the amount of \$9,688.35 for supplies; Brenntag Mid South, Inc., in the amount of \$20,037.87 for supplies; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$1,822.00 for supplies; USA Bluebook, Inc., in the amount of \$4,736.07 for supplies; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$9,051.15 for utility bill at water plant; Sidener Environmental Service in the amount of \$4,778.87 for maintenance to equipment; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$10,258.06 for utility bill at sewer plant; Kaskaskia Supply and rental in the amount of \$7,725.00 for flag poles for Veterans Memorial Park; and Arrow Valley Landscaping in the amount of \$4,965.13 for sod for Veterans

Memorial Park; Vandevanter Engineers in the amount of \$6,264.21 for engineering services. Motion carried.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Lee Beckman provided a status update on pending/ongoing City projects. He stated the bid opening for the Randolph Street project has been scheduled for January 2025, with an April 2025 tentative start date. He stated that the City received 1 quote for the Lake Dam upgrade. Beckman will follow up with a second contractor for a quote for filling the voids along the Dam. This will be presented at the next Council meeting for vote. He reported that 120 Water mailed out postcards. Paslay stated the City is receiving completed postcards back. Beckman stated the backing of those lines is approximately \$200.00 each. He suggested mailing out postcards again in a month to those residents who have not returned the postcards. He stated that a preconstruction meeting has been scheduled for November 20, 2024 at 8 a.m. for Safe Routes to School - Phase I. Construction will begin in the Spring. The bid opening for the new water plant has been moved to January 15, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Bid opening for the OSLAD grant will be held before the December Council meeting. Lester reported that he and Jerry Swarm are getting a project list together for the Interpretive Center. Barker asked Beckman about grants for water lines. Beckman said the EPA was a good funding source but would probably be in the form of a loan. Jackson will let Beckman know the length of the water line on Randolph Street. That water line is currently under the road.

**RURAL MED PRESENTATION:**

Kim Bouser, co-owner of RuralMed EMS, addressed the Council. She stated RuralMed came into Fayette County in 2016 and have been the sole ambulance provider for all of the communities in Fayette County since 2019. She stated that they receive approximately 130, 911 calls per month with 80% coming from the City of Vandalia. She states it costs about \$2700 per day for 1 ambulance. She has talked with the County about support. The calls increase while the revenue decreases. After discussion, it was decided that a Public Safety Committee meeting will be scheduled, which will include a representative from the County and a representative from RuralMed.

**ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONNEL  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES DATED NOVEMBER  
4, 2024:**

Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Brosman to accept Personnel Committee meeting minutes dated November 4, 2024. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF TIF  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES DATED  
NOVEMBER 13, 2024:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Lester to accept the TIF Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated November 13, 2024. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2024-11-18-A:  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY  
OF VANDALIA, FAYETTE  
COUNTY, ILLINOIS,  
AUTHORIZING TAX  
INCREMENT FINANCING  
ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION  
WITH A REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT (RAYA DAYLIGHT  
DONUTS):**

Yanna Ung addressed the Council regarding his plans for Daylight Donuts, which will be located in the former Little Caesar's pizza building. He has been in business in Effingham for six years. He is requesting 50% (\$8,063.64) of the total project cost (\$16,126.48).

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lewey to approve 50% of the total projected cost.

Roll call: Hubler, nay; Brosman, nay; Barker, yea; Bowen, yea; Stunkel, nay; Lewey, yea; Lester, nay. Hobler was absent. Motion failed 3-4.

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester to approve Ordinance 2024-11-18-A: An Ordinance of the City of Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois, Authorizing Tax Increment Financing Assistance in Connection with a Redevelopment Project (Raya Daylight Donuts) at 25% (\$4,031.62) of the total project cost (\$16,126.48).

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-11-18-B:**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING**  
**THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL**  
**CODE AT TITLE V BUSINESS**  
**LICENSES AND REGULATIONS**  
**AT SECTION 5.08.070**  
**NUMBER OF LICENSES**  
**(CLASS D):**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2024-11-18-B: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title V Business Licenses and Regulations at Section 5.08.070 Number of Licenses (Class D).

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-11-18-C:**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING**  
**THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL**  
**CODE AT TITLE V BUSINESS**  
**LICENSES AND REGULATIONS**  
**AT SECTION 5.08.070**  
**NUMBER OF LICENSES**  
**(CLASS G):**

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Stunkel to approve Ordinance 2024-11-18-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: Lester, yea; Bowen, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hubler, yea; Brosman, yea; Lewey, yea; Barker, yea. Hobler was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT VIDEO  
GAMING LICENSE  
APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY  
GURU KRUPA II, INC.

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Stunkel to approve video gaming application submitted by Guru Krupa II, Inc.

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

APPROVE CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING DATES FOR 2025:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Brosman to approve the City Council meeting dates for 2025. Motion carried.

APPROVE OBSERVED  
HOLIDAYS FOR 2025:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to approve observed holidays for 2025. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Connor will work on an Ordinance for gas and powered bicycles, and will present it for review before the end of the year. Paslay will have specs for the Tourism Center digital sign at the December 2, 2024 Council meeting. Gottman reported the parking lot behind Veterans Memorial Park needs a major overhaul due to drainage, so plans for paving this have been put on hold. He reported there was a great crowd at the Veterans Memorial Park dedication ceremony on November 11. Lewey said he received a phone call from a constituent in his ward asking why they have to have a sticker for their golf cart when the school does not have a sticker on their side by side. Bowling said this is being addressed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

Huhn reported that the deadline to turn in candidate petitions for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election was 5 p.m. on November 18. For Mayor, Doug Knebel and Bobby Pate, Jr.; City Clerk, Carla Huhn; Alderman Ward I Steve Barker; Alderman Ward II Amber Daulbaugh and Kenny Lewey; Alderman Ward III Charles "Chuck" Fitch and Mike Hobler; and Alderman Ward IV Andy Lester and Jeremy Curll. Lottery for ballot placement for Mayor is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19 at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall. Connor said an application for Mayor by another individual which was rendered incomplete. Said applicant will be receiving a letter from Connor.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Paslay reported there was a great crowd for Olde Tyme Christmas. OTC 2025 is scheduled for November 14 and 15, 2025. She stated Festival of Trees was also well attended. Cynthia and Travis Field donated the Christmas tree that is located on top of Gallatin Street.

**SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:**

Report provided in Council packet.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Jackson reported they have repaired numerous leaks on Randolph Street. The street sweeper and leaf vac are being used. Jackson stated that the street sweeper will be on Kennedy Boulevard cleaning around the islands on Tuesday morning. Lester asked Jackson about the speed bump effect on Randolph Street. Jackson said these have been hammered out and concrete poured, but it does not last. Lester will provide Paslay with budget numbers for projects at the Interpretive Center. He stated he talked to Joe Kirk about using

EIFS on the Veteran Memorial Park wall. Kirk will provide a quote. Huhn stated Festival of Lights will begin on November 29, with the official opening on December 7. A Christmas light decorating contest is being held beginning December 1 through December 15. Cash prizes will be awarded. Twinkle Trot 5K is set for December 14 through Festival of Lights. Paslay will send the Tourism Director job posting to Hubler this week. Bowen stated interviews for the Economic Development Director position are being rescheduled for the second week of December, pending availability of potential candidates and Council.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:**

Brosman expressed interest in gauging the Council's interest regarding proposed business district. There were no objections to looking into this further. Hubler will set up an Economic Development meeting for further discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Caia Hubler  
City Clerk