

City Council
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2025
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 Lester, Hubler, Brosman, Barker, Hobler and Bowen were present. Lewey and Stunkel were absent.

CHECK PRESENTATION FROM FESTIVAL OF TREES:

Paslay stated that Festival of Trees would be donating \$8,000.00 to Veterans Memorial Park. Gottman thanked the committee for their donation on behalf of the City and the Veterans Memorial Park.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD TO OFFICER JAKE ETCHESON:

Chief Jeff Ray announced that Officer Etcheson completed Tactical Patrol Officer Training in November. Ray noted that Etcheson was one of the first 8 officers in Southern Illinois to complete this training. Ray and Gottman presented the Tactical Patrol Officer award to Etcheson and thanked him for his service to the City.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 3, 2025:

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Barker to approve City Council meeting minutes dated February 3, 2025. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2025:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler to approve City Council meeting minutes dated February 18, 2025. Motion carried.

STATEMENT OF BALANCES:

The Statement of Balances for period ending January 31, 2025 was reviewed. No action needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Hobler to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman to approve the special bills as presented: Homefield Energy in the amount of \$1,550.12 for electric bill at City Hall; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,908.96 for electric bill; City of Vandalia - Memorial Park in the amount of \$8,000.00 for donation for Veterans Memorial Park; Milano and Grunloh in the amount of \$7,365.00 for OSLAD grant fees; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$2,048.98 for electric bill at Lake; Vandalia High School in the amount of \$78,023.27 for TIF reimbursement; Mattie Carter in the amount of \$8,561.36 for TIF reimbursement; South Central FS in the amount of \$3,976.16 for fuel; Milano and Grunloh in the amount of \$24,000.00 for engineering fees; Milano and Grunloh in the amount of \$87,200.00 for engineering fees for water plant; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$6,800.93 for electric bill at water plant; Kaskaskia Springs Water in the amount of \$1,833.99 for 2.891 million gallons of water; Hecht Chevrolet in the amount of \$38,773.00 for a new truck for the sewer plant; Vandevanter Engineer, Inc., in the amount of \$1,979.25 for maintenance to

equipment; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$11,111.69 for electric bill for sewer plant; and Hach Company in the amount of \$16,236.00 for professional services. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Lee Beckman will be at the next Council meeting.

ORDINANCE 2025-3-3-A: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF VANDALIA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, FAYETTE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2025-3-3-A: An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Vandalia, a Municipal Corporation, Fayette County, Illinois, to Borrow Funds From the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program.

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

ORDINANCE 2025-3-3-B: AN ORDINANCE FORGIVING DEMOLITION LIEN AS TO 419 S. CYPRESS STREET:

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Hobler to approve Ordinance 2025-3-3-B: An Ordinance Forgiving Demolition Lien as to 419 S. Cypress Street in the amount of \$7,850.00.

Roll call: Hubler, yea; Brosman, nay; Hobler, yea; Bowen, yea; Barker, yea; Lester, yea. Lewey and Stunkel were absent. Motion carried 5-1.

ORDINANCE 2025-3-3-C: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE AT TITLE V BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS AT SECTION 5.08.070 NUMBER OF LICENSES: (RANDWAHA HOSPITALITY, LLC DBA HOLIDAY INN

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2025-3-3-C: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title V Business Licenses and Regulations at Section 5.08.070 Number of Licenses (Randwaha Hospitality, LLC D/B/A Holiday Inn Express and Suites of Vandalia, Illinois).

EXPRESS AND SUITES OF
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS)

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

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS
FOR WORK AT NATIONAL
ROAD INTERPRETIVE
CENTER:

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Barker to accept the low bid submitted by Mason's Masonry in the amount of \$2,200.00 for exterior tuckpointing and stone sill stabilization work and bid for \$1,000.00 for painting of blue areas at front and window perimeters; bids submitted by Vaughn Contracting in the amount of \$1,840.06 for interior work and \$1,874.60 for basement work. Total of the low bids was \$6,914.66. Motion carried.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO
AWARD - WATER TREATMENT
PLANT PROJECT:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Lester to approve Notice of Intent to Award Water Treatment Plant Project.

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

RESOLUTION 2025-3-3-D: A
RESOLUTION FOR
MAINTENANCE UNDER THE
ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE
(ANNUAL MFT RESOLUTION):

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lester to approve Resolution 2025-3-3-D: A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (Annual MFT Resolution).

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

ACCEPTANCE OF ZONING
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
MEETING MINUTES -
FEBRUARY 19, 2025:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to accept the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting minutes dated February 19, 2025. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF TOURISM
COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES - OCTOBER 9,
2024:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to accept the Tourism Commission Meeting minutes dated October 9, 2024. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES -
AUGUST 12, 2024:

Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Brosman to accept the Council Work Session minutes dated August 12, 2024. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES - FEBRUARY 6,
2025:

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Bowen to accept the Public Safety Committee meeting minutes dated February 6, 2025. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF
WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES -
FEBRUARY 13, 2025:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to accept the Water/Sewer Committee Meeting minutes dated February 13, 2025. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF BUSINESS
DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
- FEBRUARY 18, 2025:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to accept the Business District Meeting minutes dated February 18, 2025. Motion carried.

2025-3-3-E: AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING THE VANDALIA
REVENUE AND FINANCE
ORDINANCE AT SECTION
3.08.010 - CONTRACTS
OVER \$10,000.00:

Bowen stated it was his understanding from the last meeting that bids would be opened after the deadline by the Department Head, Gottman and Paslay or their designees. This would be for any monetary amount and not in the dollar amount as stated in the proposed Ordinance. Bowen suggested those changes be reflected in an amended Ordinance. Brosman suggested an additional amendment to reflect all bids submitted shall be sealed and shall be opened in public by the Department Head, the Mayor and City Administrator or their designees.

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Barker to approve AMENDED Ordinance 2025-3-3-E: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Revenue and Finance Ordinance at Section 3.08.010 - Contracts over \$10,000.00.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT
APPOINTMENT OF MAX
DURBIN TO ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENTS:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve the appointment of Max Durbin to Zoning Board of Adjustments. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT ROAD
CLOSURE REQUEST BY THIS-
N-THAT FOR LOVE IS LOVE
PRIDE PARTY JUNE, 2025:

Karen Sharp, owner of This-N-That, stated the 2nd annual Love is Love Pride Party will be held on Friday evening June 13 and Saturday, June 14, 2025. She stated she is working with vendors and food trucks. She also is working on kids' activities. She plans on live entertainment.

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve road closure request by This-N-That for Love is Love Pride Party June, 2025, set for June 13 and June 14, 2025. Motion carried 5-1. Hobler voted nay.

TOURISM CENTER DIGITAL
SIGN:

Paslay will obtain pricing for replacing the Tourism digital sign for the next budget year.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman thanked Kaskaskia College Welding class for their work in constructing the new trellis at Lincoln Park. He reported he attended the Southwestern Mayor's meeting last week. He also attended the Governor's Budget Address.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Gottman announced that the legal fees for the Keiser case will be paid for by the owner of the hotel. Therefore, the City has no legal fees in regard to this case.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reminded the Council that Statement of Interest Economic forms are due to her by April 29, 2025.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paslay reported that she is working on the budget and will hopefully get those to the Department Heads this week. She also noted that Fire Chief Stombaugh asked for approval to put the old pump truck that they recently replaced out for sealed bid. Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lester to put the old pump truck out to bid. There were no objections. She also noted that at the next meeting there will be an Ordinance for selling of surplus property. Connor will have the properties on Jefferson Street, St. Louis Avenue and Johnson Streets on the agenda at the next Council meeting.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:

Report will be provided in next Council packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Brosman said there is a need to discuss upgrade of water lines on the south edge of town. A Water and Sewer meeting will be held once Paslay talks to James Jackson and Lee Beckman. Public Safety meeting has been set for Monday, March 10 at 6 p.m. to discuss EMS services. Paslay will contact the successful bidders for the Interpretive Center tomorrow. Hubler stated Farmer's Market will start on June 14. Grand Levee is June 14. Tourism Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, March 5. An individual who is interested in holding boat races at the Lake

this summer will be speaking at that meeting. Paslay will reach out to EMA and RuralMed Ambulance to see if they can attend the meeting. Bowen stated the Economic Development Director position will be reposted. The Personnel Committee reviewed the City's nepotism hiring policy and recommended to include it in the Employee handbook. This will be voted on at the next Council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Amber Daulbaugh participated in the meeting via Zoom. She stated at times it is difficult to hear the Council. She suggested moving the microphone closer when speaking.

Jerry Swarm stated that the Community Wide Yard Sale in conjunction with the National Road Yard Sale will be held on May 28 through June 2, 2025. There were no objections. Gottman stated the Interpretive Center also has 4 new displays.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



City Clerk