

**City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**

July 18, 2022  
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, Lester, Hubler, Rebbe, Stunkel and Barker were present. Hobler and Lewey were absent.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A moment of silence was observed for Joyce Stein, owner of Elephant's Attic.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATED JULY 5, 2022:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the minutes from the July 5, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Report will be provided in next meeting's packet.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve the regular bills as submitted. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve the special bills as presented: Milano & Grunloh in the amount of \$11,718.51 for Octochem Street project fees; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$3,845.92 for patch mix; Illinois South Tourism in the amount of \$4,000.00 for annual fees; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount

of \$16,126.90 for seal coat chips; South Central FS in the amount of \$15,563.35 for gasoline; South Central FS in the amount of \$1,719.00 for tires; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$1,574.66 for utility fees (Lake); Milano & Grunloh in the amount of \$4,167.50 for sidewalk improvements; Milano & Grunloh in the amount of \$4,760.00 for Octochem watermain replacement project; Milano & Grunloh in the amount of \$5,445.00 for watermain replacement; Milano & Grunloh in the amount of \$43,600.00 for new water treatment plant; Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$22,787.56 for water revolving fund; Litho Specialists in the amount of \$1,544.00 for laser bill; USA Blue Book in the amount of \$1,932.33 for supplies; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$4,664.99 for utility fees (water plant); Kaskaskia Springs Water Supply in the amount of \$1,626.00 for 4.065 million gallons of water; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$7,462.07 for utility fees (sewer plant). Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2022-7-18-A:**  
**A RESOLUTION APPROVING**  
**AN AGREEMENT FOR**  
**ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
**BETWEEN THE CITY OF**  
**VANDALIA, ILLINOIS AND**  
**MILANO & GRUNLOH**  
**ENGINEERS, LLC:**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to approve Resolution 2022-7-18-A: A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC (Parking and Sidewalk at SW corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Gallatin Streets).

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

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #2  
FROM NATHAN HARTRY OF  
ILLIOPOLIS, ILLINOIS TO  
KEVIN AND JOHN ROBERTS  
OF FARINA, IL:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the transfer of Lake Lot #2 from Nathan Hartry of Illiopolis, Illinois to Kevin and John Roberts of Farina, Illinois. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2022-7-18-B:  
AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE  
ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY  
OF MAY 2022 AND ENDING  
ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF  
APRIL 2023:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to approve Ordinance 2022-7-18-B: An Ordinance Making the Annual Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Beginning the First Day of May 2022 and Ending the Thirtieth Day of April 2023.

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

ORDINANCE 2022-7-18-C:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR  
MAY 1, 2022 - APRIL 30,  
2023 (SEASONAL  
EMPLOYEES):

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Rebbe to approve Ordinance 2022-7-18-C: An Ordinance Amending Salaries for Fiscal Year May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023 (Seasonal Employees).

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

APPROVE OR REJECT CHANGE  
ORDER #1 FOR OCTOCHEM  
WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT  
PROJECT (DECREASE OF  
\$12,938.01):

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Change Order #1 for Octochem Watermain Replacement project (decrease of \$12,938.01). Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT CHANGE  
FINAL PAY ESTIMATE FOR  
OCTOCHEM WATERMAIN  
REPLACEMENT PROJECT -  
\$183,932.88:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve to change final pay estimate for Octochem watermain replacement project - \$183,932.88. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT CHANGE  
ORDER #1 FOR WASHINGTON  
TO FILLMORE STREET  
WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT  
(BURTSCHI STREET -  
DECREASE OF \$2,203.75):

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to approve Change Order #1 for Washington to Fillmore Street Watermain Replacement (Burtschi Street - Decrease of \$2,203.75). Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2022-7-18-D:  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING  
THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
DONATION OF CERTAIN REAL  
PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF  
VANDALIA - .06 ACRES  
WITHIN THE CITY OF  
VANDALIA (MAIN STREET  
LIFT STATION):

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2022-7-18-D: An Ordinance Authorizing the Acceptance of the Donation of Certain Real Property by the City of Vandalia - .06 Acres Within the City of Vandalia.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE  
FORWARD WITH VACATING A  
PORTION OF MADISON  
STREET (SEE ENCLOSED  
MAP):

Steve Hawkins, representing the Park District, explained the reason for the request which is to help alleviate traffic problems and neighbor complaints in that area. Gottman noted that he has spoken to both homeowners that would be affected, and they are in agreement to proceed. In the vacation of this property it would state nothing could be built over it and the City would maintain the water lines. Gottman spoke with Marlin Filer who stated as long as there is an easement through there to allow the City to work on the water line, he would be in favor of it. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester to give authorization to move forward with vacating a portion of Madison Street (see enclosed map). Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF WATER AND  
SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES - JULY 5, 2022:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to accept the Water and Sewer Committee meeting minutes dated July 5, 2022. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF TOURISM  
COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES - MARCH 8, 2022:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to accept the Tourism Commission meeting minutes dated March 8, 2022. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF TOURISM  
COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES - JUNE 14, 2022:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to accept the minutes of the Tourism Commission Meeting minutes dated June 14, 2022. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Engineering Report for July 2022 was provided by Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh. Octochem Watermain Project has been completed. Octochem Street Project has been started and will be done in 3 phases. All affected businesses in that area have been notified. Fillmore to Washington Watermain Replacement project has started. Randolph Street upgrades are planned to be bid out first quarter 2023. Main Street Lift Station - property needed has been acquired. Beckman will work with Paslay to bid the project out. Lake Dam upgrades - has not been surveyed as the lake level has not dropped yet. Paslay working with the state to extend deadline for another year as the current deadline is the end of August. Lead Service Line Replacement - the City's application was logged in. The next step is for the City to decide whether to push that project forward or not. Safe Routes to School - Paslay is working on securing 2 parcels. Once those parcels are secured, the project can be bid out. Gottman stated there is an individual who wants the sidewalk to go on the street side which will

cause a small jog in the sidewalk. Beckman said this will result in additional cost and he will talk with Paslay tomorrow, modify it and see what the cost will be. The City is waiting for an appraisal on the other parcel. The City did receive the energy efficiency grant in the amount of \$60,000 for the sewer plant. Watermain Replacement Main Street - the City applied for that grant two years in a row and were not successful. The grant amount has been raised to \$1.5 million. Beckman stated decision was made to move the location to the East side of town, and he will include a map in the packet for next month's meeting. The plan is to apply for the full \$1.5 million. ITEP - hopefully that project will be bid out early next year. Unsewered IEPA Grant - once the City receives the executed grant agreement back from IEPA, that work can be completed. Vandalia Lake Siltation - Paslay will follow up with Karen Sanders. Stunkel asked about funding for dredging the lake. Beckman stated a state legislative earmark would be best to secure that but noted that the wastewater plant is going to be a big ticket item that will be coming up in the near future. Gottman asked Beckman to start the process for the wastewater plant so that the City can budget for it over the coming years. Gottman thanked Beckman for his work on securing grants. Beckman stated to keep in mind Economic Development grants. If a business is talking about expanding, creating jobs, etc., consideration should be given to applying for these grants. Paslay will send the City's comprehensive plan to Beckman. Paslay will schedule a meeting with herself, Gottman and Beckman to discuss what

in the comprehensive plan qualifies for grants. Barker said an ideal area to target for sidewalks is the north end of town by the schools.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported that COVID numbers are increasing in Fayette County. Monkeypox is now in Illinois. Fayette County Hospital District is no longer in existence and the hospital is now privately owned by Sarah Bush Lincoln. Lester asked about the future of the Senior Citizens Building. Gottman said he is on the team that looks at infrastructure at the hospital, and the Senior Citizens building will be looked at by that team.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reported she is working with a company on upgrading the computer system to better streamline utility payment processes as well as the capability to accept credit/debit cards for building permits, boat licenses, reconnect fees for nonpayment, etc.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:

Report provided in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Barker stated that the Streets Department is busy as usual this time of the year. Stunkel reported that one of the biggest issues on the north side of the lake was garbage. Lester asked if there has ever been consideration for Doty to run a route out on the north side and they pay for their own garbage. Gottman said he didn't know if the City could control the garbage pickup. He understood it would have to be a contract with each individual. Lester said maybe the

City should consider a trash company that would run a route on the north side of the lake. Barker said give those individuals the option on who they choose to pick up their garbage but they will have to pay for it. Stunkel also expressed concern regarding abandoned vehicles on the north side of the lake and that they need to have a valid license plate. If it is a boat or boat trailer, it needs to have a valid City sticker and he would like for the Lake patrol to enforce it. He said some vehicles are parked there without plates, etc., which is a violation of their lease. Connor stated the best thing to do is 45 days from now let them know we are coming through with lease violations so they will need to clean up their property. Fifteen days before they come through, it's lease violation time. If they are in noncompliance, this would be considered a lease violation and their lease would be revoked.

Stunkel spoke in favor of kayak, paddle boats and boat rentals at the Lake.

Gottman stated a new business, Stina Patina, is now open downtown.

Gottman stated that construction on the old Depot has begun.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:**

Question was asked if Chuckwagon was going to be reopening soon. Gottman said he has not heard when they will be reopening. He reported that El Taco Fiesta is planning on reopening soon.



**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Rebbe to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk