

**City Council
Regular Meeting**

April 17, 2023
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, Stunkel, Hubler, Rebbe, Barker, Lester, Lewey and Hobler were present.
- MOMENT OF SILENCE:** A moment of silence was held for Albert Doyle, owner of The Redwood Inn.
- APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATED APRIL 3, 2023:** Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve the City Council meeting minutes dated April 3, 2023. Motion carried.
- TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report for period ending March 31, 2023 was reviewed. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to file the report for audit. Motion carried.
- REGULAR BILLS:** Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve the regular bills as submitted. Motion carried.
- SPECIAL BILLS:** Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Stunkel to approve the special bills as submitted: Global Tech Systems in the amount of \$3,590.30 for police equipment accessories; Flock Safety in the amount of \$9,750.00 for police equipment; System Development Service, Inc., in the amount of \$2,024.60 for computers; Chandler

Brothers Construction in the amount of \$19,064.00 for sidewalk replacement; ADS in the amount of \$4,907.74 for traffic light assembly; Crafc0, Inc., in the amount of \$1,713.90 for supplies; Historical Vandalia, Inc., in the amount of \$4,363.69 for reimbursement; Mac's Fire and Safety, Inc., in the amount of \$5,086.50 for hoses; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$1,851.66 for patch mix; General Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$1,957.82 for supplies; S. Hill Properties in the amount of \$452,400.00 for Sarah Hill TIF reimbursement; South Central FS in the amount of \$3,658.38 for gasoline; Vandalia City Garage in the amount of \$2,472.000 for maintenance fees; Core and Main in the amount of \$1,552.20 for supplies; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$4,368.27 for supplies; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$3,533.34 for utility bill; Milano and Grunloh in the amount of \$2,997.50 for engineering fees; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$8,163.46 for utility bill for sewer plant; Vandevanter Engineer, Inc., in the amount of \$3,576.52 for pump repair. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT
APPOINTMENT OF LAKE
MANAGER:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve appointment of Gail Dugan as Lake Manager. Gottman said a written job description will be created for this position.

**APPROVE OR REJECT MOWING
BIDS FOR VANDALIA LAKE:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the mowing bid for the Lake marina and campground submitted by Big S Enterprise of Illinois, Inc., in

the amount of \$900.00 per time.
Motion carried.

**REVOCATION OF LAKE LOT
139 - NORTH SIDE:**

Connor stated he spoke with one of the owners of Lake Lot 139 and he (the owner) indicated it was his belief that he was waiting on the City to send him forms, which is why he had not yet proceeded. The owner stated he would complete the paperwork by Friday of this week. Connor stated if this does not happen by close of business on Friday, the City will file suit. Stunkel stated the Lake committee unanimously voted to recommend revocation of Lake Lot 139. Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Stunkel to move forward with revocation of Lake Lot 139 if said paperwork is not received by close of business on Friday, April 21, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION 2023-4-17-A:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING
AN AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS AND
MILANO & GRUNLOH
ENGINEERS, LLC (LEAD
SERVICE LINE GRANT):**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2023-4-17-A: A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC (Lead Service Line Grant).

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

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR
TO SIGN DOCUMENTS WITH
REGARD TO THE MAIN
STREET LIFT STATION
PROJECT (BID APPROVED AT
LAST MEETING - NOTICE OF
AWARD, AGREEMENT WITH
CONTRACTOR AND NOTICE TO
PROCEED) :**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to authorize Mayor to sign documents with regard to the Main Street Lift Station Project.

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

**RESOLUTION 2023-4-17-B:
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE
2023 OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS
EVENT - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER
10, 2023:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2023-4-17-B: A Resolution Authorizing Road Closure for the 2023 Olde Tyme Christmas Event - Friday, November 10, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION 2023-4-17-C:
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE
2023 VANDALIA LIONS CLUB
HALLOWEEN PARADE -
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26,
2023:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve Resolution 2023-4-17-C: A Resolution Authorizing Road Closure for the 2023 Vandalia Lions Club Halloween Parade - Thursday, October 26, 2023.

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

**RESOLUTION 2023-4-17-D:
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE
2023 WINE AND ALE WITH
ABE STREET FEST -
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23,
2023:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Rebbe to approve Resolution 2023-4-17-D: A Resolution Authorizing Road Closure for the 2023 Wine and Ale with Abe Street Fest - Saturday, September 23, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-4-17-E:
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE
2023 SEPTEMBER FARMERS
MARKET AND CAR SHOW:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2023-4-17-E: A Resolution Authorizing Road Closure for the 2023 September Farmers Market and Car Show.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE LAKE
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES DATED APRIL 3,
2023:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to accept the Lake Committee meeting minutes dated April 3, 2023. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE
TOURISM COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES DATED
MARCH 14, 2023:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Rebbe to accept the Tourism Commission meeting minutes dated March 14, 2023. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-4-17-F:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL
CODE AT TITLE II -
ADMINISTRATIVE AND
PERSONNEL:

Gottman stated that the Economic Development Director position and Tourism Director position have been separated into 2 positions. The Tourism Director will report to the Economic Development Director who will report to the City Administrator and Mayor. These positions will be hired positions and not appointed. He will deliver the Ordinance on Wednesday for publication by IML and several other outlets. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2023-4-17-F: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title II - Administrative and Personnel.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh updated the Council on pending/ongoing City projects. He will follow up on the status of seeding and mulching on the Fillmore to Washington project. Randolph Street will be bid out later this year. Main Street lift station was bid out 2 to 3 weeks ago. He anticipates preconstruction meeting will be in 30 days. Michel's Feed Store - Filer stated he has looked at the design with Alex Rose from Milano and Grunloh, and he doesn't think the current design is going to work. He would like to see the project rebid. Gottman asked that the project be rebid by the end of this week. Safe Routes to School - Gottman said Brookstone sold (the old owners signed the easement), so the new owners have to sign the easement per IDOT instructions. Paslay has reached out to the new owners. Beckman reported this will be pushed back to the July letting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman displayed the binder of shovel ready projects that he has delivered to Senator Durbin in Washington, DC and Senator Jason Plummer. He will deliver binders to Senator Durbin's office in Springfield and Representatives Mary Miller and Blaine Wilhour. Gottman reported that the Camp Host and Lake Manager have been working at the Lake. Chief Ray said the school board is meeting tonight to discuss entering into an agreement with the City for a School Resource Officer. Lateral transfer background check has been done. Brian Roedl will be the School Resource Officer if approved by the school board. The replacement of

Roedl will be Dylan Brooks, a police officer currently working in St. Elmo. Gottman reported he will know if 4th of July events are moving forward Wednesday morning. Paslay has reached out to the railroad regarding the crossing at 8th Street. She is waiting on a response from them. Gottman is still working with Madison County Transit to schedule a meeting. Connor reported that he has reached out to Joy Clymer regarding the Clymer property. She is amenable to signing a quit claim deed and consent to demolition which Connor will send to Clymer's attorney. Huhn reported on the costs of putting a golf cart survey on the back of the water bill and linking it to the City website. Gottman reminded Council that Small Business Awards nominations are due by Tuesday, April 19. Lester has not gotten a bid for painting of the white brick and the overhang on the front and the side of City Hall. Gottman reported that the City will be looking into replacing the blue coverings around the Clerk's office with EFIS as the blue window coverings are starting to peel. Gottman announced that professional photographs will be taken of the elected officials, Connor and Paslay at the next Council meeting. Regarding the digital sign at the Tourism Center, Gottman stated that ProWire is working to resolve the issue of why the connection is not working. He reported he will set up a meeting with Christine Orr from Discover Downstate Illinois along with Paslay, Rick Radliff and some of the Tourism Committee members. Ordinance violations - Connor reported that 3 cases are set for

trial next Monday. Kopp continues to write tickets. Barker asked about an Ordinance concerning people using dumpsters for garbage cans. Connor reported that he sent a proposed Ordinance to Kopp if that is something that the Council would like to consider. Connor stated there had been conversation in the past about imposition of a water treatment ordinance. He stated he reviewed Effingham's such ordinance and did not see a reason to add that level of complexity to the water code and it is his recommendation to not pursue it at this time. Filer reported there was a backup at that same main recently. He met with representatives of the hospital (Schaal and Redman). Filer will follow up with them tomorrow. Gottman reported he will be in Springfield the next two days. He attended the TIF board meeting and is now serving on the Executive Board of TIF. He will be meeting with interested parties this week regarding the 120 acres the City has available. Shelly's Burger Station is hoping to open this week. Irons is getting closer to opening. He had a conference call with the owner of the old Kroger building. The parcel that houses Dollar General and the upper level of that building have sold to another developer. The former owner will provide Gottman with the developer's contact information. Gottman said he will be contacting them. Newly Elected Officials books are in print. Gottman has ordered 10 copies when they are available. Connor will discuss do's and don'ts at the next Council meeting. Gottman recognized the Vandalia

Police Department for all of their great work.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor reported that he is working on 5 active demolition cases. Regarding the Kaiser building, he is still waiting to see if payment gets made to the contractor to determine how the City will proceed.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

PRESENTATION TO JOEL REBBE:

Mayor Gottman presented outgoing Alderman Joel Rebbe with a plaque of appreciation for his service as Alderman of Ward 3.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL:

Report provided in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker thanked the Street crew for their work after the storm over the weekend. Stunkel reported that the Street crew replaced a culvert at the lake that collapsed. Brosman reported that the water plant meeting prior to the Council meeting was a good meeting. Rebbe reported that he did drive through the cemetery and it looks good. Gottman authorized Kerr to bring the summer employees back early. Gottman stated a sign recognizing Hazel Simma Kelly needs to be placed on the new Cemetery shed. First fishing tournament was held last weekend at the Lake. Stunkel said he would like to increase the hourly wage for the Cemetery and Lake employees to \$16.00 an hour. Lester said he feels it is imperative to get that wage up. Dugan is cross training the Lake staff. Dugan said he and his crew have been working on getting the

Marina and campgrounds cleaned up. They have steadily been working through the campgrounds. Stunkel asked about getting security cameras at the Lake. Gottman, Stunkel, Paslay and Dugan will meet to prioritize the to do list at the Lake.

Gottman stated that the City has a cell tower that we lease. Crown Castle would like to sublease it. Connor and Gottman will look into it. Gottman reviewed vacancies on City committees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being nothing further to discuss, motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

City Clerk