

**City Council**  
Regular Meeting

September 5, 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, Hubler, Bowen, Hobler, Lester, Lewey, Stunkel and Barker were present.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A moment of silence was held for Olivia Blain, daughter of Jessica Blain, Librarian at Evans Public Library.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES DATED  
AUGUST 21, 2023:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve City Council meeting minutes dated August 21, 2023. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer's report for period ending August 31, 2023 was reviewed. No action taken.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve the special bills as presented: Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac; General Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$6,990.84 for supplies; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,299.97 for electric bill; Van Dyke Metal Culverts in the amount of \$18,073.80 for culverts; Dust and Son Auto

Supplies in the amount of \$3,900.00 for auto supplies; Hecht Chevrolet in the amount of \$48,273.00 for new fire truck; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$19,795.60 for supplies; Hach Company in the amount of \$2,058.00 for supplies; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$1,787.00 for supplies; Municipal Equipment Company in the amount of \$3,069.00 for maintenance; Vandevanter Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$5,408.05 for repair fees. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONNEL  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES FROM AUGUST 16,  
2023:**

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Lewey to accept the Personnel Committee meeting minutes dated August 16, 2023. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT  
#154 FROM DAVID AND  
MARCI BARTH, VANDALIA,  
ILLINOIS, TO ROB AND  
VICKY BLACKERBY,  
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to authorize transfer of Lake Lot #154 from David and Marci Barth, Vandalia, Illinois, to Rob and Vicky Blackerby, Vandalia, Illinois. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2023-9-5-A: A  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
EXECUTION OF AN  
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
VANDALIA AND JAMES  
JACKSON:**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to approve Resolution 2023-9-5-A: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Employment Contract Between the City of Vandalia and James Jackson.

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

**RESOLUTION 2023-9-5-B: A  
RESOLUTION APPROVING A  
PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
CITY OF VANDALIA,  
ILLINOIS, AND LUBY  
EQUIPMENT SERVICES:**

Paslay stated this contract was amending the contract that was approved at last meeting. Upon further inspection of the original contract, it was realized that one of the generators listed was no longer owned by the City. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by

Barker to approve Resolution 2023-9-5-B: A Resolution Approving a Preventative Maintenance Agreement Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois, and Luby Equipment Services.

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

**APPROVE OR REJECT OFFER  
FOR LOT AT 1319 WEST  
RANDOLPH STREET:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bowen to approve the bid submitted by Carla Hassebrock in the amount of \$100.00 for the purchase of property located at 1319 W. Randolph Street. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2023-9-5-C: A  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
AGREEMENT FOR  
PARTICIPATION IN THE  
MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM  
SYSTEM (MABAS MASTER  
AGREEMENT 2022):**

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Lewey to approve Resolution 2023-9-5-C: A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS Master Agreement 2022).

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO  
PURCHASE A 2023 SQUAD  
CAR:**

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Barker to give Ray authorization to purchase a 2023 squad car. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION OF LAKE  
VANDALIA DAM:**

Discussion was held regarding repairs of the Dam at the Lake. Additional repairs will need to be done at an estimated \$2,675.00. Lee Beckman estimated an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 to do some fill-in. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the additional repair work.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Lee Beckman will be at the next Council meeting to review the status of pending/ongoing City projects.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

OSLAD grant deadline has been extended to September 15. Gottman has added kayak dock launching to the grant. Paslay will put together a letter for Council to sign in support of this grant. Gottman reported that the Tedrick home behind Washington School has been turned over to the City. Kopp will be getting an estimate for demolition. The Anthony Lach property has been signed over to the City. In two weeks, IML conference will be held in Chicago.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

No report.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

Nothing to report.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Paslay reported that Festival of Trees has tables available. Vendor applications for OTC will go out at the end of this week. Farmer's Market will be held on September 9. Southwest Electric Cooperative will hold their annual meeting that morning on the State House lawn. A new event next year is the solar eclipse which will be on April 8, 2024. Paslay's plan is to have vendors, music, food trucks, etc.

**SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:**

Report provided in previous meeting packet.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Barker reported the City started oiling roads and alleyways. Stunkel said a Lake committee meeting was held prior to the Council meeting. He asked about the status of Lake lot #139 which was revoked. Paslay reported Connor has been in touch with the current owners. She noted that documentation will be signed no

later than September 30, 2023. Workman will check with the Dam repair crew on the status. Hubler stated he attended the annual bike show at Cages and it was a great success.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:**

Hobler asked if the park or Habitat for Humanity would be interested in any of the properties that the City is obtaining. Gottman said once the properties have gone through the legal process, those options will be reviewed. Paslay will email a list of surplus properties to the Aldermen.

Scott Jenkins introduced himself to the Council. Gottman stated that there is active litigation between Mr. Jenkins and the City. Jenkins stated 80 City documents have been kept from the citizens of Vandalia. He stated this is a Class 3 felony. He discovered these documents because they were sent to him in error. He is willing to turn these over to the City. Jenkins stated that he is willing to talk about this to anybody who will listen. He said he is here to try to get a fair chance. He stated for whatever reason, that has been denied him at all costs. Gottman asked what property was this relating to. Jenkins states this is in relation to the Twisters property. He said these are very important documents that the citizens of Vandalia had every right to see and instead, they were impounded. He said he is going to make sure this is brought to the public's attention somehow.

**ADJOURNMENT :**

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Lester to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk