

City Council
Regular Meeting

July 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, Lester, Stunkel, Hubler, Bowen, Lewey, and Barker were present. Hobler was absent.
- MOMENT OF SILENCE:** A moment of silence was held for Don Carpenter, a former Vandalia business owner.
- APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATED JULY 6, 2023:** Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Bowen to approve City Council meeting minutes dated July 6, 2023. Motion carried.
- APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES - JULY 6, 2023:** Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Work Session meeting minutes dated July 6, 2023. Motion carried.
- TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's Report for period ending June 30, 2023 was reviewed. No action required.
- 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 Brosman to approve the special bills as presented: Civic Systems, LLC in the amount of \$6,321.00 for semi-annual support fees; Sandberg Phoenix in the amount of \$13,599.34 for legal fees; Hosick

Motors, Inc., in the amount of \$1,553.83 for vehicle repair; ADS Electric Corp. in the amount of \$11,375.00 for maintenance fees; IIA Lifting Services in the amount of \$2,034.15 for safety inspection; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$17,210.84 for supplies; South Central FS in the amount of \$4,819.17 for gasoline at the lake; South Central FS in the amount of \$5,274.66 for gasoline; IMCO Utility Supply in the amount of \$5,800.00 for supplies; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$16,404.31 for supplies; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$4,981.52 for water plant electric bill; IEPA in the amount of \$17,500.00 for sludge generator and sewage; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$6,343.02 for electric bill for sewer plant; Vandevanter Engineer, Inc., in the amount of \$16,211.00 for annual maintenance. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR
CLOSURE OF FOURTH STREET
ON FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023
FOR A BAND AT CHARTERS
PATIO:**

Paslay stated in addition to the request for closure of Fourth Street on July 21, 2023, there has also been a request for closure of Fourth Street on August 26, 2023. Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to authorize the closure of Fourth Street on Friday, July 21, 2023 and Saturday, August 26, 2023 for a band at Charters Patio. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT
#128 FROM JOSH BARTELS,
ST. ELMO, ILLINOIS, TO
JONATHAN WRIGHT,
FLORISSANT, MISSOURI:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve transfer of Lake Lot #128 from Josh Bartels, St. Elmo, Illinois, to Jonathan Wright, Florissant, Missouri. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2023-7-17-A:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR
MAY 1, 2023 - APRIL 30,
2024:**

Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Hubler to approve Ordinance 2023-7-17-A: An Ordinance Amending Salaries for Fiscal Year May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024.

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

**NOTICE OF AWARD FOR LAKE
DAM PROJECT:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester to approve Notice of Award to JB Esker and Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$117,450.00 for Lake dam repairs. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL
BRIDGE INSPECTION
REPORT:**

Barker expressed concern over the Jefferson and Sixth Street bridge. He will schedule a Streets Committee meeting with Hurst-Rosche. Brosman noted two clerical errors in the IDOT report: The Cole Street bridge structure over the railroad tracks states it goes over the Penn Central Railroad, and it hasn't been that for quite some time. The other error concerned the bridge over Fourth Street. The report states it goes over Consolidated Railroad and it should be CSX. Paslay will contact Hurst-Rosche to make those corrections. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to accept the annual bridge inspection report pending those clerical changes. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS
FOR SIDEWALK AT MICHEL'S
FEED STORE:**

Paslay stated that Filer obtained bids regarding the storm sewer aspect of this project. The bid from Chandler Brothers Construction was \$54,688.99. With the Street crew performing work on the inlets and the storm sewer aspect of the project, it brings the cost from \$54,688.99 to \$35,388.99. Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lewey

to proceed with the Street Department doing the inlets and storm sewer work, with the remaining work to be performed by Chandler Brothers Construction for the sidewalk at Michel's Feed Store. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-7-17-B:
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING
THE USE OF NON-HIGHWAY
VEHICLES ON CITY
STREETS, ROADS AND
HIGHWAYS:

Much discussion was held regarding additional non-highway vehicle crossings. Brosman stated he would like to see more crossings in addition to the ones that were in the proposed Ordinance. He would like to add crossings at Randolph and 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, Bond, Cook, Elm and Sangamon Streets. He also strongly supported crossings at Kennedy and Main, Johnson, St. Clair, Taylor and Fillmore Streets. Lewey disagreed, stating for safety reasons the fewer crossings on a major street, the less chance of somebody getting hit. Brosman also asked about crossing St. Louis Avenue at Coles Street. Gottman stated the fewer crossings there are, the better off the City is risk management wise. He stated he would be against any additional crossings. Connor said the Council must consider the volume, speed and character of the traffic on the roadway and determine whether non-highway vehicles may safely travel on or across the roadway. Hubler said the City could always add streets later. Brosman said he would be in support of signage at the entrance to the City that says the City is a golf cart friendly community. Motion was made by Brosman to approve the Ordinance as presented with the addition of the aforementioned crossings. Ray asked that "Must display City decal on rear of the vehicle which will be applied to the vehicle by City staff

upon payment" be changed to "Must display City decal on rear of the vehicle on the slow moving vehicle emblem". Gottman asked that "pending Risk Management approval" be added to the motion. Height of the vehicle was also discussed. "Non-highway vehicles shall have a maximum frame height of 28" ground clearance" was added to the Ordinance. Huhn asked that permit period be revised to January 1 through December 31. Brosman withdrew his original motion with the proposed additional crossing changes. He felt that the Council needed to go street by street to reach a consensus that will pass. Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Hubler to approve the proposed Ordinance which will include the minor changes aforementioned but exclude additional crossings proposed by Brosman pending Risk Management approval.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lee Beckman provided an update on current/pending City projects.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported he attended the IML Board of Directors meeting. IML is going to be getting more involved at the federal level. If anyone is planning on going to IML in September, let Paslay know by Wednesday, July 19, 2023. The next Council packet will contain updates from IML. The original water color painting hanging on the wall in City Hall was donated by artist Kay Smith. Gottman noted that a food truck sales tax policy is going to

be implemented. This will be a requirement on the food truck application. Connor stated he is hopeful that legislation is passed that helps the City collect taxes on air BnB's. Right now it is on the individual businesses to be paying the City those revenues. Connor will research that a little deeper and will report on that at the next meeting. Gottman said he would like to name the corner lot on 5th and Gallatin Streets "Veterans Memorial Park". Motion made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to name the corner lot on 5th and Gallatin Streets "Veterans Memorial Park".

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

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT: Provided in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES: Barker stated the Street Department painted crosswalks, curbs, etc., last week. Oiling of the streets is set to take place the first few weeks of September. Ray stated there will be a ruling tomorrow from the Illinois Supreme Court regarding cash bail. Lester said on the left side of the City Hall building there are some joints that need attention. Brosman stated the caulk is peeling and falling out. Paslay will speak to Andy Vaughan about that. Gottman stated that part of the parking lot by the dumpster is deteriorating.

Paslay will proceed with obtaining bids. Ritchey's Painting is going to finish painting the canopy. Stunkel said there was a meeting earlier today regarding the drainage/ditch matter near the Vieregge and Buscher properties. It was decided that this was on private property, and the City cannot legally go on private property. Revocation hearing for Lake Lot #139 will be on July 25 at 10:00 a.m. Workman stated that there was vandalism in the shower houses at the Lake. Hubler reported it was decided at the last Tourism meeting that the City will be moving toward digital marketing. Bowen reported the process of hiring an Economic Development Director has begun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Lewey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

City Clerk