

City Council
Regular Meeting

June 19, 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.

OPENING PRAYER:

Stephen Waggoner from the First Pentecostal Church opened the meeting with prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Aldermen Brosman, Lester, Lewey, Stunkel, Hubler and Barker were present. Bowen and Hobler were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was held for Mark Eckert, former Mayor of Belleville and Carl Clymer, former business owner.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
JUNE 5, 2023:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve City Council meeting minutes dated June 5, 2023. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report for period ending May 31, 2023 was reviewed. Report will be filed for audit.

Gottman noted a new bank account had been opened for the Memorial Park that will be built on the corner of 5th and Gallatin Street. Funds for the park were donated by the American Legion Post 95. Gottman will share the proposed plans with the Council as they become available.

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 Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to approve the special bills as presented: Sandberg Phoenix in the amount of \$6,840.78 for legal fees; Ritchey Painting in the amount of \$7,700.00 for painting; South Central FS in the amount of \$1,642.00 for new tires; McDowell's Service in the amount of \$1,700.55 for maintenance fees; Discover Downstate Illinois in the amount of \$4,000.00 for membership dues; Historical Vandalia, Inc., in the amount of \$3,582.25 for reimbursement; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$12,136.87 for supplies; ADS Electric in the amount of \$4,169.43 for fees; Charlie Pryor Construction in the amount of \$4,950.87 for tree removal and repair of boat dock; Quill Corporation in the amount of \$1,500.90 for lake supplies; Imco Utility Supply in the amount of \$7,800.00 for supplies; South Central FS in the amount of \$7,718.17 for gas; Mac's Fire and Safety, Inc., in the amount of \$19,500.00 for supplies; Drew Miller Construction in the amount of \$3,320.00 for construction fees; South Central FS in the amount of \$2,153.00 for 2 new tires; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$6,500.45 for supplies; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$3,620.52 for water plant electric bill; and Homefield Energy in the amount of \$6,676.34 for sewer plant electric bill. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT MOVING
MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023
CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO
THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023
AT 6:30 P.M.**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve moving Monday, July 3, 2023 City Council meeting to Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT
REQUEST TO EXTEND
EXPIRATION DATE OF
CURRENT TIF AGREEMENT
FOR KDSF PROPERTIES -
KYLE AND SHEBA BARKER:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester to approve request to extend expiration date of current TIF agreement for KDSF Properties - Kyle and Sheba Barker. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2023-6-19-A:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING
AN AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS AND
MILANO AND GRUNLOH
ENGINEERS, INC. - ANNUAL
MUNICIPAL LAKE DAM
INSPECTION:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2023-6-19-A: A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Milano and Grunloh Engineers, Inc. - Annual Municipal Lake Dam Inspection.

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

**RESOLUTION 2023-6-19-B:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING
AN AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, AND
MILANO & GRUNLOH
ENGINEERS, INC. -
PROPERTY LEGAL FOR OKAW
VOCATIONAL CENTER:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2023-6-19-B: A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois, and Milano & Grunloh Engineers, Inc. - Property Legal for OKAW Vocational Center.

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

**FIRST READING OF HI-HAT
BAR, INC., D/B/A CAGES
REQUEST TO RECLASSIFY
LIQUOR LICENSE FROM
CLASS G TO CLASS E:**

First reading of Hi-Hat Bar, Inc., D/B/A Cages request to re-classify liquor license from Class G to Class E was held. Second reading will be

held at the next Council meeting on July 6, 2023.

**ORDINANCE 2023-6-19-C:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 10 VEHICLES AND
TRAFFIC AT PARAGRAPH
10.08.020 TURNS (NO LEFT
TURN ONTO 8TH STREET FROM
ORCHARD STREET):**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve Ordinance 2023-6-19-C: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 Vehicles and Traffic at Paragraph 10.08.020 Turns (No Left Turn Onto 8th Street from Orchard Street).

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

Alderman Barker asked about turning right onto Orchard Street from Eighth Street. Beckman will bring a drawing with dimensions to the Council at the next meeting concerning that.

**APPROVE OR REJECT THE
STANDING COUNCIL
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to approve the standing Council committee appointments effective June 2023. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT
TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT
#503 FROM CAROLYN
SEIBERT, WATSON,
ILLINOIS, TO BRITTANY
RIGDON, SHOBNIER,
ILLINOIS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve transfer of Lake Lot #503 from Carolyn Seibert, Watson, Illinois, to Brittany Rigdon, Shobonier, Illinois.

**TERMINATION OF LEASE FOR
LOT 506 - NORTH SIDE:**

This has been successfully resolved. Therefore, no action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh Engineers updated the Council on pending/ongoing City projects. A punch list has been sent to Wiggs for the Fillmore to Washington Street project. Beckman will follow up with them to make sure it has been taken care of. He will be

meeting with Filer this week to go over preliminary plans for the Randolph Street project to get ready for bid. Lake Dam upgrade bid opening scheduled for July 12 at 1:00 p.m. The City received a \$40,000 grant for the Lead Service Line Replacement. Beckman is working with 120Water on this. Safe Routes to School - Beckman will follow up on the status and hopefully get that bid out in the next couple of weeks. Water treatment plant - plans have been sent to the EPA. Hopefully bid opening will take place end of this year/beginning of next year. Gottman said Walt Barenfanger has all of the documentation on the additional property. The only change is that Barenfanger would like to retain ownership of a water well located on that property. Otherwise Barenfanger is agreeable to donating that parcel of land. Beckman has emailed Soil and Water regarding lake siltation. DCEO grant - application has been submitted. The City should hear something in July or August. Gottman asked about the energy grant for solar power for facilities. He would like to see the City work on grants for that. Beckman will get contact information for Tick Tock Energy to Gottman and Lester for follow up with South Central Regional Planning. OSLAD grant applications are due in July/August.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported that he had a phone conversation with representatives that lease property from the City located by OctoChem regarding a tower to provide cell and internet service to the Lake area and also provide better service to the downtown area. He will continue to follow up. Gottman said he has received 6 resumes for Economic

Development Director and 13 resumes for Tourism Director. Discussion was held regarding possibly installing an elevator in City Hall which would allow access to office space on the upper level of the building. Gottman said there are some opportunities for the building that are not being utilized. He noted that Tom York has sold his building downtown. New ownership is looking at different possibilities. Two people have contacted Gottman who are interested in relocating their businesses on part of the 120 acres the City owns. Gottman said there will be upcoming budget meetings. Times will be scheduled to review the budgets before the final vote. Department heads will be included in those meetings. A separate budget meeting will be held with Discover Downstate Illinois for Tourism. A spreadsheet detailing area municipality salaries will be given to Council members before the July 6 meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor was granted 14 days to file orders to show cause regarding two pieces of property belonging to Edward Tedrick. Tedrick has agreed to work with the City to clean up the properties. Connor also had court regarding the Keiser building. Connor was again granted 14 days to provide supplemental pleadings. He is going to be asking Keiser to be held in contempt of court for not following the Court's previous orders. It will be a substantial expense to the City if we take remedial action. By the time the bid spec goes out, the City will have ownership of the Clymer building. An engineering firm will be drawing up the specs. Kopp and Connor had a very productive meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Simmons. Time frames have been

established. Concerning the ongoing sewer backup problems at 7th and Taylor Streets, Connor said that he received notification from Sarah Bush Lincoln Fayette County Hospital that they have retained an attorney and that all communication goes through their attorney exclusively.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reported that her office is finishing up liquor and gaming licenses that expire on June 30.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Report provided in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker reported Streets has been working on a couple of water line breaks. Brosman reviewed 4 requests for adjustments for water bills and they were approved. Chief Ray reported he has the rough draft for the side by sides and golf carts. He will email that to Gottman this week. Stunkel reported that the Lake has been extremely busy with campers and boating. He said the shower house is in dire need of repair. Stunkel met with Greg Philpot regarding the property out by the Lake Pavilion (section I). They are looking at creating 6 spots that will include their own water, sewer and electric. Philpot is going to give Stunkel a list of specs so it can be put out for bid. Girl Scout Camp was vandalized. Stunkel said we are waiting to get the property surveyed. Stunkel said we are waiting to schedule a public hearing for Lake Lot 139. He would also like to schedule a Lake Committee meeting to discuss findings from the ditch drainage meeting that was held in May. Huhn will email the minutes

from that meeting to the Council. Gottman stated that a very large crowd was in attendance at Charters Patio on Saturday night. Summer Fest is July 2 at the Lake. Personnel Committee meeting will be held after the Council meeting on July 6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Lester asked about the status of the Tourism Center sign. Gottman said that ProWire is to contact the digital sign company. Interviews for the Economic Development Director will probably be the week of July 3 or July 10. A subcommittee will review the applications and make recommendations to the Personnel committee. The Personnel Committee will conduct the interviews. Barker asked about TESLA charging stations where the Tourism Center building currently stands.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

City Clerk