

City Council
Regular Meeting

June 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, Lester, Lewey, Hobler, Stunkel, Barker and Bowen were present. Hubler was absent.

OPENING PRAYER:

Pastor Zach Schaeffer from First Church of God opened the meeting with prayer.

**JOINT MEETING WITH
VANDALIA SCHOOL BOARD OF
EDUCATION:**

Dr. Jennifer Garrison, Superintendent of the Vandalia Community School District, gave an overview of proposed plans for the construction of a new OKAW Vocational Center. Garrison stated that one of the school district's goals is to expand current technical education. The proposed building will have flex space so they would have capability to work with an industry partner on site. The school district is not looking to run a referendum, and they are not looking to raise taxes. The new construction would be about 60,000 square feet total. The enrollment numbers at OKAW continue to increase. The existing building could house Home Economics classes and Shop classes. Garrison and Gottman will be reaching out to legislators on the state and national levels. They will also work with DCEO. Gottman said he felt this was a great opportunity for the City

and school district to work together to make this a reality.

Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh gave a presentation of the potential acreage the school district is interested in for the proposed building. The property is located southwest of town by Main Street, just north of the railroad. Beckman said by constructing the roads to this facility, all of the lots would have existing infrastructure for commercial and industrial development for future businesses. Beckman said the layout is preliminary and can be modified for the property.

Gottman said the City submitted a project on Friday that could bring a significant number of jobs to the area. That particular project would fit in with the new OKAW construction as a requirement for the prospect was to be located within 25 miles of a trade school and close to an interstate.

Connor said there will be specific Ordinances and Resolutions that will need to be passed that will allow the City to transfer the real estate which will be drawn up in the meantime. Gottman said the school district would purchase the property for \$1.00.

**MOTION TO DIRECT
PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTS
NECESSARY FOR TRANSFER
OF REAL ESTATE:**

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel to direct preparation of documents necessary for transfer of real estate.

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

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
MAY 15, 2023:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to approve City Council meeting minutes dated May 15, 2023. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
JUNE 1, 2023:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve Special Council meeting minutes dated June 1, 2023. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report will be in the next Council packet.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Hobler to approve the special bills as presented: J & M Displays, Inc., in the amount of \$13,000.00 for 2023 fireworks display; Chandler Brothers Construction in the amount of \$5,090.50 for sidewalk repairs; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac; Milano and Grunloh in the amount of \$8,946.75 for engineering fees; Compass Minerals, Inc., in the amount of \$9,398.34 for supplies; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$4,804.59 for chip mix, rock and sand; John Deere Financial in the amount of \$2,149.03 for supplies; South Central FS Effingham in the amount of \$4,185.36 for fuel for lake gas pump; Nick's Tree Service in the amount of \$1,600.00 for tree cleanup; Imco Utility Supply in the amount of \$1,600.00 for materials; South Central FS Effingham in the amount of \$42,481.40 for TIF reimbursement; Imco Utility Supply in the amount of \$5,460.00 for supplies; Kohnen Concrete in the amount of \$3,441.90

for parking curbs and curb pins; Municipal Equipment Company in the amount of \$2,134.95 for supplies; Mid-Illinois Concrete, Inc., in the amount of \$1,606.00 for supplies; SCIRP & DC in the amount of \$5,000.00 for grant fees; Ameren in the amount of \$2,733.20 for street lights. Motion carried.

**TIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES - MAY
23, 2023:**

Brosman stated he would like the motion for the library's request referenced in the TIF Meeting minutes be more specific. Correction was made as follows: Motion was made by Radliff and seconded by Lawson to approve City employees assisting in the relocation of the water main with costs not to exceed an additional \$15,000.00. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler to approve the amended TIF Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated May 23, 2023. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2023-6-5-A: AN
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, FAYETTE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AUTHORIZING TAX
INCREMENT FINANCING
ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION
WITH A REDEVELOPMENT
PROJECT - BRENDA DUFF
D/B/A HELM DUI SERVICES:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Lewey to approve Ordinance 2023-6-5-A: An Ordinance of the City of Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois, Authorizing Tax Increment Financing Assistance in Connection with a Redevelopment Project - Brenda Duff D/B/A Helm DUI Services (25% of total project cost - \$10.166.25).

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

**ORDINANCE 2023-6-5-B: AN
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, FAYETTE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AUTHORIZING TAX
INCREMENT FINANCING
ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION
WITH A REDEVELOPMENT
PROJECT - DENNIS
GRUBAUGH:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve Ordinance 2023-6-5-B: An Ordinance of the City of Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois, Authorizing Tax Increment Financing Assistance in Connection with a Redevelopment Project - Dennis Grubaugh (25% of total project cost \$25,722.50).

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

**APPROVE OR REJECT
APPOINTMENT OF COLIN
LEDBETTER TO POLICE
PENSION BOARD:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the appointment of Colin Ledbetter to Police Pension Board. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2023-6-5-C: A
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN
AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS AND
HURST-ROCHE ENGINEERS,
INC. - IN-SERVICE BRIDGE
INSPECTIONS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve Resolution 2023-6-5-C: A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Hurst-Roche Engineers, Inc. - In-Service Bridge Inspections.

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

**RESOLUTION 2023-6-5-D: A
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN
AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, AND
MILANO AND GRUNLOH
ENGINEERS, LLC - 8TH AND
ORCHARD SIDEWALKS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2023-6-5-D: A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois, and Milano and Grunloh Engineers, LLC - 8th and Orchard Sidewalks.

Roll call: Lester, yea; Hobler, yea; Lewey, yea; Stunkel, yea; Brosman,

yea; Barker, yea; Bowen, yea. Hubler was absent. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #88
FROM LANCE WAGGONER/PHIL
MARTI, MULBERRY GROVE,
ILLINOIS TO JEFF AND
JENN ALWARDT, ALTAMONT,
ILLINOIS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve transfer of Lake Lot #88 from Lance Waggoner/Phil Marti, Mulberry Grove, Illinois to Jeff and Jenn Alwardt, Altamont, Illinois. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2023-6-5-E: AN
ORDINANCE ADOPTING
TOBACCO SALE LICENSE AND
ADDING TITLE 5, CHAPTER
5, SECTION 39 - TOBACCO
SALES:**

Brosman asked about selling tobacco products within 100' feet from schools or daycare facilities (Section 5.39.080). It was agreed to strike that particular Section in its entirety. Effective date was amended to September 1, 2023. The license fee was changed to \$100.00 per location per year.

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lewey to approve amended Ordinance 2023-6-5-E: An Ordinance Adopting Tobacco Sale License and Adding Title 5, Chapter 5, Section 39 - Tobacco Sales.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Beckman reported that advertising for bids will begin for Dam improvements at the Lake. City was given a 1 year extension on that grant. Preconstruction meeting scheduled for the lift station hopefully in June and work could begin in July. Safe Routes to School - easement issues have not been resolved. Paslay noted that bid packets for Michel's Feed Store and general sidewalk replacements were mailed out. Deadline for those will be June 23 and voted on July 3.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman stated he received a request asking that left hand turns off of Orchard onto Eighth Street not be allowed due to traffic congestion. Paslay will draw up an Ordinance for the next meeting. Gottman said he is putting new committees together. Aldermen need to reach out to him about committees they would like to serve on by Friday, June 9, 2023.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor stated the property on West Edwards is now ripe for a motion for default which will be filed. Regarding two other pieces of property, the City should be receiving default judgments at the upcoming hearing. Three or five other properties should have some movement soon.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reported her office has been busy issuing boat stickers.

Scott Workman, Lake Camp Host, asked about being able to accept credit and debits cards at the Lake. Paslay will work on that. Question was also asked about writing Ordinance violations at the Lake. Paslay will see if Kopp has Ordinance Violation tickets that could be used at the Lake.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paslay reported that Filer did final walk through at Payne and Wagner. They are still waiting on Haier Plumbing to come back and finish a few things on the water line. The library water samples came back good. They plan to do cap and cut this week. Sewer plant worked on aerators last week. Farmer's Market is June 10. FNB Community Bank is the sponsor for the June Market. She has 11 or 12 vendors signed up.

**SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL
REPORT:**

Report provided in prior Council packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker reported that Streets will be doing repairs on roads that will be oiled and rocked this year. Lester reported Ritchey Painting has begun painting on the upper level of City Hall. Lester stated he and Andy Vaughan looked at the Clymer building. Connor is working with an engineering firm that has done demolition between buildings. Stunkel stated that there is a lake lot that the City will seek revocation. Connor said the City will set a public hearing. The hearing must be set within 21 days after the complaint has been signed. Paslay reported that she submitted a project last Friday. She has a call with Intersect Illinois Tuesday morning. IRONS is opening June 23 at Noon. Tourism will meet on June 13 at 4 p.m. Summer Fest at the Lake will be on Sunday, July 2. Fireworks are already booked for next year. Music lineup includes Summer Osborne, Judy McNutt, Fat Wallet and Backroad Boogie. Five food trucks are signed up. Sand volleyball tournament will start in the morning. She is still working on a horseshoe tournament. Gottman stated he has received numerous resumes for the Economic Development and Tourism Director positions. Gottman will begin going through the applications. Paslay and Gottman will be meeting with Lewey to discuss wages.

Work session will be held on July 3 at 4 p.m. to begin work on allowing golf carts and side by sides within the City limits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS (ALDERMEN):

Brosman stated that he became aware that CSX is replacing railroad ties. There will be major disruptions on the at grade crossings. The issues at the crossing at 8th Street will be taken care of because they will be rebuilding those. Lester stated that he had an individual ask about the possibility of getting the ditch modified by the ball diamond along Locust Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS (AUDIENCE):

Doug Klein updated the Council on the recent sewer backup in his basement. He stated the backflow valve that he had installed worked the way it was designed to work per the plumber that installed it. He stated that Filer was possibly looking into an alarm to place in the manhole south of his house. Paslay will discuss with Filer.

Merrill Collins thanked Chief Ray for going above and beyond last week.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

City Clerk