

City Council
Regular Meeting

May 1, 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 Hubler, Barker, Lester, Lewey, Bowen and Hobler were present. Brosman and Stunkel were absent.
- MOMENT OF SILENCE:** A moment of silence was held for the victims of the multi-vehicle crash that occurred on I-55 near Litchfield, Illinois.
- SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER DYLAN BROOKS:** City Clerk Huhn swore in Dylan Brooks as a Police Officer for the City of Vandalia.
- SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS FROM APRIL 4, 2023 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION:** City Clerk Huhn swore in Aldermen Ken Hubler and Edwin "Bob" Bowen.
- APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATED APRIL 17, 2023:** Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Barker to approve the City Council meeting minutes dated April 17, 2023. Motion carried.
- TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report for period ending April 30, 2023 was reviewed. No action needed.
- REGULAR BILLS:** Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler to approve the regular bills as submitted. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Lewey to approve the special bills as submitted: Online Solutions in the amount of \$2,400.00 for annual billing; Utz + Associates in the amount of \$1,704.30 for professional fees; Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the amount of \$5,436.26 for police equipment; Chandler Brothers Construction in the amount of \$31,155.50 for sidewalk replacement; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac; ADS Electric Corporation in the amount of \$2,238.89 for maintenance; Mac's Fire and Safety in the amount of \$4,554.27 for fire equipment; Joe and Lorin Kirk in the amount of \$70,329.25 for TIF reimbursement; 120Water, Inc., in the amount of \$15,300.00 for annual subscription; Centraz Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$4,921.50 for supplies; Brenntag Mid South, Inc., in the amount of \$21,822.31 for supplies; Hach Company in the amount of \$2,039.72 for supplies; Cedarchem, LLC in the amount of \$18,487.92 for supplies. Motion carried.

**ACCEPT OR REJECT TIF
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES - APRIL
27, 2023:**

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Hobler to accept the TIF Advisory Committee meeting minutes dated April 27, 2023. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2023-5-1-A: AN
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, FAYETTE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AUTHORIZING TAX
INCREMENT FINANCING
ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION
WITH A REDEVELOPMENT
PROJECT - EVANS PUBLIC
LIBRARY DISTRICT:**

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Lester to approve Ordinance 2023-5-1-A: An Ordinance of the City of Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois, Authorizing Tax Increment Financing Assistance in Connection with a Redevelopment Project - Evans Public Library District.

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

**RESOLUTION 2023-5-1-B: A
RESOLUTION AMENDING
RESOLUTION 2021-7-6-A
DESIGNATING
EMPLOYEE/OFFICERS/
MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF
VANDALIA TO RECEIVE
TRAINING MANDATED BY 5
ILCS 120/1.05 (FOIA AND
OMA TRAINING):**

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2023-5-1-B: A Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-7-6-A Designating Employee/Officers/Members of the City of Vandalia to Receive Training Mandated by 5 ILCS 120/1.05 (FOIA and IMA Training).

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF WATER AND
SEWER COMMITTEE WORK
SESSION MINUTES - APRIL
17, 2023:**

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Lewey to accept the Water and Sewer Committee Work Session minutes dated April 17, 2023. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT
120WATER BID FOR MAILERS
AND TEST KITS:**

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Barker to approve 120Water Bid for Mailers and Test Kits. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT BID
FROM J&M DISPLAYS FOR
FIREWORKS DISPLAY:**

Paslay reviewed the plans for Summer Fest 2023 that will take place near the beach at the Lake on Sunday, July 2, 2023. Activities include local music acts, a beer

garden by the Moose Lodge, activities for the kids, and food trucks. Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Hubler to approve bid submitted from J&M Displays for fireworks display in the amount of \$13,000.00. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT
APPOINTMENT OF ROB
THOMPSON TO POLICE
PENSION BOARD:**

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Barker to approve the appointment of Rob Thompson to Police Pension Board. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2023-5-1-C: A
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY
OF VANDALIA, ILLINOIS
ADOPTING CIVILITY
PLEDGE:**

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Lewey to approve Resolution 2023-5-1-C: A Resolution of the City of Vandalia, Illinois Adopting Civility Pledge.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Follow up items were reviewed. Gottman reported that he has received 3 inquiries and a letter from an individual interested in the Economic Development position. Gottman stated he would like to begin the interview process in 60 days and have them hired within 120 days. He is working with the Mayor of Greenville to schedule a meeting regarding the Madison County Transit. He has met with individuals regarding the 120 acres the City owns with plans to meet with those interested parties again. He will meet with Joe Kirk regarding the blue window coverings surrounding the City Clerk's office. Gottman did talk with the owner of the old Kroger building. He will continue working with the owner. Gottman will be in

Springfield tomorrow and will meet with IDOT regarding downtown lighting. Connor made contact with Pilot regarding outstanding Ordinance violations. The revocation of Lake Lot 139 is temporarily on hold for 30 days with follow up set for May 30, 2023. Lester said he would like Council to consider disallowing wood burners inside City limits. Connor said wood burners are currently allowed under City ordinance. Gottman will put a committee together consisting of Lester, Barker and Bowen to look at this issue with a final decision within 60 days. Huhn reported that the cost of stuffing envelopes with golf cart surveys would cost approximately \$1470.00. Ray said it was his opinion that the Council vote on it and move on. It was decided that formal action will be taken at the next Council meeting. Paslay will email the Council golf cart and motorized bicycle ordinances that are in place at area municipalities. Ray asked Connor if there was a way to limit motorized bicycles. Connor said he would look into it. Ray said if it was up to him, he would vote against golf carts and motorized bicycles within City limits. Huhn reported she and Gottman are looking into ordinances of area municipalities regarding requiring licenses to sell tobacco. Gottman will set up a meeting with Discover Downstate Illinois. Paslay, Gottman, Dugan and Stunkel will check into getting security cameras at the Lake. Paslay reported the City received the plans for Michel's Feed Store on Friday. They also have a TIF application out so she is waiting

on what they are going to do. She is working with Connor to amend the easements as needed for Safe Routes to School. ProWire is working on the digital sign at the Tourism Center. She is ordering a sign for the cemetery shed. She is working on the job description for the Camp Host. She is setting up a meeting with Building and Grounds committee to address closing up the West basement door to City Hall and also an ordinance addressing downtown facades. She is waiting on 1 more person so she can schedule a meeting with the City, Township and County engineers. She emailed the Aldermen information regarding the 319 Grant. She will work with Hubler on scheduling a Downtown Strategies meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported that Old Capitol Foundation had their annual meeting tonight. Hazel Simma Kelly left restricted money to the Fire Department, Cemetery and Park District. The amount of restricted money given to the Fire Department was \$47,300 and the Cemetery was given \$47,300. Next year the City will be required to submit what the money will be used for. The SCIRP and DC Economic Development Strategy survey was handed out to the Council. Gottman would like those surveys turned in to Paslay by Noon on Friday, May 5, 2023.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor reviewed the City's organizational chart with the Council. Connor encouraged the Council to follow the organizational chart and reminded the Council that Paslay is responsible for the day to day operations.

He also reviewed the Alderman versus Commissioner form of government. The City is a non-home rule unit of government. The City is also an Aldermanic City form of government and not a commissioner form of government. The Council is the legislative body and makes decisions. For day to day operations, they are to contact Paslay. Connor strongly encouraged Council members to read through the IML Handbook, specifically pages 6, 7 and 8. He also reminded Council to keep their communications through City email addresses. He also reminded Council to keep in mind FOIA and OMA trainings. Any City business discussed on personal devices are subject to FOIA or some other type of discovery request.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Summer Fest information was discussed. First Farmer's Market is June 10. Planning meeting for OTC later this month. Two new promotional videos are done for the City and she will have those launched in a week or so.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL:

Report provided in previous meeting's packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Filer updated the Council on City projects. He said sidewalks are being replaced that were on the list. He will be sending out a new list of sidewalks soon. Clean Up Week is May 8 through 12. Gottman met with the individual who owns property adjacent to where the City is looking to build the water plant. Gottman will meet with him again to discuss acquiring the property. Kerr reported the cemetery is back to full staff.

Lester reported that he will be holding a couple of committee meetings and will schedule those with Paslay. Gottman commended the Lake employees on the great work they have done. Hubler thanked Paslay on her work for Summer Fest. Shelly's Burger Station has opened and they have been extremely busy. Gottman scheduled a Special Meeting for Monday, May 8 at 4:00 p.m. Dam upgrades are in the Engineer's hands. Paslay will follow up with Lee Beckman. Connor will get together a better picture of properties the City has to sell. Barker said there was a list of US grants on the City site and he stated there was money available for a bike trail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

None.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 P.M.:

Gottman announced that the council would be moving to Executive Session. A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lester to move into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2 for the sale or acquisition of land. Gottman reported there will be nothing to report out of Executive Session.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:04 P.M.:

Executive Session ended at 8:04 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION

RECONVENED AT 8:05 P.M.:

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular Council meeting at 8:05 p.m. with a roll call: Hubler, yea; Bowen, yea; Hobler, yea; Lewey, yea; Lester, yea; Barker, yea. Brosman and Stunkel were absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being nothing to report out of Executive Session, motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Hubler to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

City Clerk