

**City Council**  
Regular Meeting

December 18, 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, Bowen, Hobler, Lewey, Stunkel, Barker and Hubler were present.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**  
A moment of silence was held for Carol DePaolo, former owner of Window Décor by Carol and grandmother of 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Fire Chief Tom DePaolo; Robert "Bob" Meadows, grandfather of Fire Chief Mark Meadows and father of former Fire Chief and Code Official Keith Meadows; and Doris Langston, former local business owner.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATED DECEMBER 4, 2023:**  
Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve City Council meeting minutes dated December 4, 2023. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**  
Treasurer's report for period ending November 30, 2023 was reviewed. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to file the Treasurer's report for audit. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**  
Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler 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: Sandberg Phoenix in the amount of \$5,136.10 for legal fees; Milano and Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$1,742.50 for engineering fees for ITEP design; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$2,306.56 for patch mix; Discover Downstate Illinois in the amount of \$1,650.00 for advertising fees; Nyhart in the amount of \$4,900.00 for actuary fees; Milano and Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$1,550.00 for dam inspection; Octochem, Inc., in the amount of \$130,062.33 for TIF Reimbursement; Vandalia Park District in the amount of \$35,000.00 for TIF reimbursement; KDSF Properties, LLC in the amount of \$148,439.25 for TIF Reimbursement; FNB Community Bank in the amount of \$94,182.47 for 120 acres; South Central FS in the amount of \$3,275.01 for gasoline; Milano and Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$2,025.00 for Randolph Street fees; Milano and Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$24,000.00 for engineering fees; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$21,755.60 for supplies; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$4,238.22 for water plant electric bill; Milano and Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$7,755.00 for engineering fees; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$7,796.82 for sewer plant electric bill. Motion carried.

Karen Sharp from This 'N That explained what her objectives were for the Pride event. Barker stated he spoke with neighboring businesses, and each of those owners had no issues with the street closure. Craig Hart from the audience spoke on behalf of the Pride festival, citing the number of

APPROVE OR REJECT ROAD  
CLOSURE REQUEST ON 5<sup>TH</sup>  
STREET FOR PRIDE EVENT -  
JUNE 1, 2023 FROM 12  
P.M. UNTIL 8 P.M.  
(SOUTHERN PROPERTY LINE  
OF THIS 'N THAT PROPERTY  
TO MADISON STREET) :

people a festival would bring to the City.

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Lester to vote on the request for road closure on 5<sup>th</sup> Street for a Pride event on June 1, 2023 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. (southern property line of This 'N That property to Madison Street).

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

APPROVE OR REJECT LEASE BIDS FOR CITY CAR:

Two sealed bids were submitted; one sealed bid was received prior to the deadline and the other was received after the deadline. Lester stated he felt the Council should not accept any bid that is submitted after the deadline.

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Stunkel to approve the bid submitted by Hosick Motors, Inc., in the amount of \$485.34 per month for 42 months.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT WORKMAN AS LAKE MANAGER/CAMP HOST:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the appointment of Scott Workman as Lake Manager/Camp Host. There were no objections. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-12-18-A:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2023 - APRIL 30, 2024:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to approve Ordinance 2023-12-18-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, yea. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - DECEMBER 14, 2023:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to accept the Water and Sewer Committee meeting minutes dated December 14, 2023. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH HIRING OUTSIDE CONSULTING FIRM FOR WATER TESTING:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve authorization to move forward with hiring an outside consulting firm for water testing.

RESOLUTION 2023-12-18-B: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA, ILLINOIS AND CIVIC SYSTEMS, LLC (PAY BILLS VIA ACH) :  
TABLED:

Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Lester to table Resolution 2023-12-18-B: A Resolution Approving a Service Agreement Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Civic Systems, LLC (Pay Bills via ACH). Huhn will reach out to the City's auditing company for their opinion before proceeding.

APPROVE OR REJECT TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #506 FROM JEREMY EMBRICH, MARISSA, ILLINOIS TO MATTHEW KELLY, BROWNSTOWN, ILLINOIS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve transfer of lake lot #506 from Jeremy Embrich, Marissa, Illinois, to Matthew Kelly, Brownstown, Illinois. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #48 FROM MARY ANN MIMMS, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, TO RODNEY AND CATHLEEN GARDNER, GOODLETTSVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve transfer of lake lot #48 from Mary Ann Mimms, St. Louis, Missouri, to Rodney and Cathleen Gardner, Goodlettsville, Tennessee. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONNEL,  
FINANCE AND INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES - DECEMBER 4,  
2023:

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Stunkel to accept the Personnel, Finance and Insurance Committee meeting minutes dated December 4, 2023. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lee Beckman provided an update on ongoing/pending City projects. Beckman is meeting with Paslay, Gottman, and James Jackson on December 19 regarding the Randolph Street project. Work will begin the first week of January (pending weather) on the Main Street lift station. The City is working with 120 Water on the lead service line replacement project. For the new water plant, Beckman anticipates the City will have a permit in January and can evaluate on bidding that project in January for hopefully a March opening.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported that he has been working with Intersect Illinois. He has been receiving complaints regarding CTI who is digging fiberoptic cables. Any complaints are to be directed to Gottman so that they can be brought to the attention of the CTI Manager. Gottman has asked Beckman to get a quote on geotechnical (testing of the soil) on the 120 acres. Gottman had a discussion with Dairy Queen headquarters after he received no response from the local owners. His concerns will be addressed by the Dairy Queen headquarters within the next week or two. He has reached out to a structural engineer in Marion, Illinois to look at the Clymer building. A controller needs to be replaced on the digital sign at the Tourism Center.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor reported that summons had been served to Carol Keiser-Long, one of the owners of the Keiser building. Gottman said he will be setting up a conference call with Connor and a third party who is interested in the Keiser property. Connor also noted that the beginnings of a Lake revocation will be coming up after the first of the year.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reported that stickers are now being issued for golf cart and non-highway vehicles.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paslay was not present for meeting.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Report provided in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Barker reported that the Street employees fixed a water leak on Gallatin Street. Ray stated a successful Shop with a Cop was held last week. Lewey reported a Cemetery meeting will be held on January 8 at 5 p.m. Lester looked into the trellis and gazebo roof at Lincoln Park. They both need replaced. He will get quotes on those. No active permits were found in the Interpretive Center, but there is termite damage to the building. DC Pest Control submitted a bid. Lester asked if the Council would consider reducing the number of licensed vehicles (including trailers) at a residential unit from 5 to 4. Connor stated if the City wished to move forward, it needs to go to the Planning Commission first. Discussion was held regarding Lake Lot 139 which was revoked earlier this year. Decision was made to have Kopp draw up specs to have the lot cleaned up.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS :**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT :**

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Lewey to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

City Clerk