

**City Council**  
Regular Meeting

April 1, 2024  
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, Barker, Stunkel, Hobler, and Hubler were present. Lewey was absent.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES DATED  
MARCH 18, 2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve City Council meeting minutes dated March 18, 2024. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer's report for period ending March 31, 2024 was reviewed. No action needed.

**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 Hobler to approve the special bills as presented: Precise Construction in the amount of \$8,340.00 for concrete repair work; Grubaugh Contracting in the amount of \$8,200.00 for demolition costs; Chandler Brothers Construction in the amount of \$8,216.00 for sidewalk replacement; Dinges Fire Company in the amount of \$2,016.98 for supplies; Mac's Fire and Safety, Inc., in the amount of \$1,738.00 for supplies; Midwest Tractor Sales, Inc., in the amount of \$7,500.00 for Lake tractor leases; Jada's Barn,

LLC in the amount of \$4,000.00 for restocking of Lake; Precise Construction Services in the amount of \$39,592.00 for filling in of stairwell at City Hall; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$1,847.50 for supplies. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING OF LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM MURRAY'S RESTAURANT, LLC, D/B/A MURRAY'S - SEEKING CLASS E LIQUOR LICENSE:**

First reading of Liquor License request submitted by Murray's Restaurant, LLC, D/B/A Murray's - Seeking Class E Liquor License was done. Dagon Murray shared plans with the Council for the former Howie's on Main Street building. Since this is the first reading, no action will be taken until the April 15 meeting.

**FIRST READING OF VIDEO GAMING LICENSE APPLICATION FROM MURRAY'S RESTAURANT, LLC, D/B/A MURRAY'S:**

First reading of the Video Gaming license application submitted by Murray's Restaurant, LLC, D/B/A Murray's was done. Action will be taken at the April 15 Council meeting.

**ORDINANCE 2024-4-1-A: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE AT TITLE V BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS AT SECTION 5.08.070 NUMBER OF LICENSES (INCREASE CLASS M TO 1 - HARRY'S 66 GAMING):**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2024-4-1-A: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title V Business Licenses and Regulations at Section 5.08.070 Number of Licenses (Increase Class M to 1 - Harry's 66 Gaming).

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

**APPROVE OR REJECT GURU  
KRUPA, III D/B/A HARRY'S  
66 GAMING VIDEO GAMING  
LICENSE APPLICATION:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the Video Gaming license application submitted by Guru Krupa, III D/B/A Harry's 66 Gaming.

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-4-1-B: AN  
ORDINANCE APPROVING THE  
ADOPTION BY VOTE  
CERTIFICATION FOR CMS  
ROCK SALT SURVEY:**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to approve Ordinance 2024-4-1-B: An Ordinance Approving the Adoption by Vote Certification for CMS Rock Salt Survey.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-4-1-C: A  
RESOLUTION FOR  
MAINTENANCE UNDER THE  
ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE  
(AMENDING ANNUAL MFT  
RESOLUTION):**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2024-4-1-C: A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (Amending Annual MFT Resolution). Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT  
MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO  
THE TOURISM COMMISSION:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to approve the Mayoral appointments of Haley Tompkins and Rick Radliff to the Tourism Commission. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT 59  
FROM STEPHEN FRIEDEL,  
BLOOMINGTON, IL TO JULIE  
AND PAUL ANDERSON, WOOD  
RIVER, IL:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the transfer of Lake lot 59 from Stephen Friedel, Bloomington, IL to Julie and Paul Anderson, Wood River, IL. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT 45  
FROM BRENT AND ABBY  
BAYLES, VANDALIA, TO  
MARK BURGESS, EFFINGHAM,  
IL:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the transfer of Lake lot 45 from Brent and Abby Bayles, Vandalia, to Mark Burgess, Effingham, IL. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS  
FOR LOT NUMBER SIGNS -  
NORTH SIDE CAMPING:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve the bid submitted by Bowen Signs and Designs in the amount of \$7,980.00 for Lake lot number signs. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-4-1-D: A  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE  
2024 VANDALIA LIONS CLUB  
HALLOWEEN PARADE -  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31,  
2024:**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to approve Resolution 2024-4-1-D: A Resolution Authorizing Road Closure for the 2024 Vandalia Lions Club Halloween Parade - Thursday, October 31, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-4-1-E: A  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE  
2024 WINE AND ALE WITH  
ABE STREET FEST -  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28,  
2024:**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to approve Resolution 2024-4-1-E: A Resolution Authorizing Road Closure for the 2024 Wine and Ale with Abe Street Fest - Saturday, September 28, 2024.

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

**RESOLUTION 2024-4-1-F: A  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE  
2024 OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS  
EVENT - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER  
15, 2024:**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to approve Resolution 2024-4-1-F: A Resolution Authorizing Road Closure for the 2024 Olde Tyme Christmas Event - Friday, November 15, 2024.

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-4-1-G: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING RESIDENTIAL USE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2024-4-1-G: An Ordinance Prohibiting Residential Use of Recreational Vehicles.

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

**ORDINANCE 2024-4-1-H: AN ORDINANCE CREATING A LAKE COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION SYSTEM:**

Stunkel stated this Ordinance would enable the Lake staff to enforce the rules at the Lake. Between April through October, the Lake Committee will be meeting the first Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. to conduct Lake hearings. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester to approve Ordinance 2024-4-1-H: An Ordinance Creating a Lake Committee Administrative Adjudication System.

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

**DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT / CITYWIDE TRICK OR TREAT:**

Gottman announced that downtown Trick or Treat will be Saturday, October 26. Citywide Trick or Treat will be October 26 from 6 until 8 p.m. Motion made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve those dates. No objections. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Lee Beckman will be at the next meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Gottman reported that the sale of the former Purina property is moving forward. There is a contract on the property located at Sunset and Veterans. County Market received 3 bids; one bid was withdrawn. OKAW Center project continues to move forward. Budget will be presented at the April 15 Council meeting. Meeting to review the Personnel Policy book has been scheduled for April 22 at 12 Noon. Gottman discussed the possibility of installing electric charging stations downtown, which could possibly attract tourists to the downtown area. The trellis at Lincoln Park needs to be replaced, so Kaskaskia College welding class will provide an estimate to do this work.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Connor reported that Cathy Silva's trial is set for Tuesday, April 2. Chris Keiser status update has been set for Wednesday, April 3.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

Nothing to report.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Paslay reported the Job Fair that was held last week attracted 14 participants, and 23 people attended. The first Farmers Market is scheduled for June 8. Summer Fest at the Lake is scheduled for July 5 and 6 with the fireworks being on July 6.

**SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:**

Report provided in previous meeting packet.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Barker stated Michel's Feed Store project will be completed in the next couple of weeks. Public Safety meeting was held on April 1, 2024. Another meeting will be scheduled to continue discussion. Gottman reported there is a large mural that

has been located in the Police Department since City Hall moved to its current location. A wall will be built directly behind the Council table where the mural will be located. The soffit will be extended and the pictures of the past Mayors will be placed along the soffit. Lester obtained costs. There were no objections to moving forward with the project. Stunkel reported that letters have been sent out to those on the lake lot list to give them the opportunity to bid on Lake Lot 139. Gottman has signed the OSLAD grant agreement. The City is waiting on the signed agreement from the State. Lester will meet with Scott Workman regarding repairing the beach house at the Lake. Hubler stated an interview was done for the Economic Development Director position. Paslay will set up an in-person meeting with the IC Railroad before the next Council meeting. Bowen stated that the proposed street closing application has been sent to the Aldermen for review.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS :**

None.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:25 P.M.**

Gottman announced Council would be moving into Executive Session. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to move into Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2 to discuss sale or acquisition of land and a personnel matter.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:08 P.M.:**

Executive Session ends at 8:08 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION**  
**RECONVENED AT 8:10 P.M.:**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular Council meeting at 8:10 p.m. with a roll call: Hubler, yea; Lester, yea; Bowen, yea; Hobler, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea; Barker, yea. Lewey was absent. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2024-4-1-I: AN**  
**ORDINANCE DECLARING**  
**SURPLUS REAL ESTATE**  
**AVAILABLE FOR SALE:**

Gottman stated the City will be selling approximately 3.3 acres of the 120 acres to Tucker Willms, who owns Arrow Valley Landscaping. Willms reported he will be moving his headquarters to this site. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve Ordinance 2024-4-1-I: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Real Estate Available for Sale.

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

Connor reported the City has a dangerous and unsafe building downtown (the former Abe Clymer property). The proposition would be transfer of that property to Dennis Grubaugh subject to specific conditions that would involve him performing the work. He will submit a TIF application for dumpsters and landfill fees. Once that is approved, Grubaugh will bring the building down at his cost, and the property will become his in exchange for the work. Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to move forward.

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



**ADJOURNMENT :**

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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City Clerk