

City Council
Regular Meeting

May 6, 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A Moment of Silence was held for Larry Johnson, former owner of Larry's Barber Shop; John Truitt, Jr., former owner of The Depot; and Gerald "Jerry" Gable, father of Alderman Mike Hobler.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
APRIL 15, 2024:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve City Council meeting minutes dated April 15, 2024. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DATED APRIL 22, 2024:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes dated April 22, 2024. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report for period ending April 30, 2024 was reviewed. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to file the Treasurer's report for audit. Motion carried.

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 Hubler to approve the special bills as presented: Ritchey Painting in the amount of \$2,900.00 for maintenance to building; Online Solutions in the amount of \$2,400.00 for code enforcement; J & M Displays, Inc., in the amount of \$13,000.00 for fireworks; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac; Vandalia Asphalt Services in the amount of \$5,181.35 for patch mix; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,440.76 for electric bill; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$10,285.00 for fire truck; CBT Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$19,985.06 for roof at Lake Marina; W. J. Scott Company, Inc., in the amount of \$2,116.07 for supplies; Dennis Grubaugh in the amount of \$25,722.50 for TIF reimbursement; Core and Main in the amount of \$3,291.58 for supplies; Brenntag Mid South, Inc., in the amount of \$14,287.91 for supplies; USA Bluebook, Inc., in the amount of \$2,302.55 for supplies; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$4,116.22 for electric bill; Sidener Environmental Services in the amount of \$3,777.52 for supplies; Vandalia Electric Motor, Inc., in the amount of \$2,239.66 for maintenance to equipment; Hach Company in the amount of \$14,893.36 for supplies; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$7,323.09 for electric bill. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-5-6-A: A
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF AN
EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA AND ANDREW
GELSINGER:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Bowen to approve Resolution 2024-5-6-A: A Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Employment Contract Between the City of Vandalia and Andrew Gelsinger.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE
PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND
INSURANCE MEETING
MINUTES - APRIL 22,
2024:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to accept the Personnel, Finance and Insurance meeting minutes dated April 22, 2024. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT
CHEMICAL BIDS FOR WATER
PLANT AND SEWER PLANT:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the chemical bids submitted by Hawkins, Inc., and Brenntag for the water plant and bids submitted by Hawkins, Inc., for the sewer plant. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2024-5-6-B: AN
ORDINANCE APPROVING A
CERTAIN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, AND
FRATERNAL ORDER OF
POLICE VANDALIA LODGE
NO. 111 ILLINOIS
FRATERNAL ORDER OF
POLICE LABOR COUNCIL
05/06/2024 - 04/30/2030:**

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Bowen to approve Ordinance 2024-5-6-B: An Ordinance Approving a Certain Agreement Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois, and Fraternal Order of Police Vandalia Lodge No. 111 Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council 05/06/2024 - 04/30/2030. Gottman stated that Paslay was involved in negotiations. Bowen said that future negotiations need to include members of the Council.

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

LAKE TRUCK BIDS:

Stunkel stated the Lake needs a truck that can pull a tandem and a tractor. Two bids were received. Lake Committee recommended to accept the bid submitted by Hosick Motors in the amount of \$27,068.00. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to accept the bid submitted by Hosick Motors.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK AND APPARATUS - BIDS RECEIVED TO BE OPENED DURING COUNCIL MEETING:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve the bid submitted by the Brownstown Fire Protection District in the amount of \$30,283.00 for a fire department truck and apparatus. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF LETTER FROM JOHN HARRELL: (TABLED):

Letter received from John Harrell was discussed. The letter raised concerns regarding the need for stoplights at the intersection of 8th and Randolph Streets. Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Hobler to table the matter until the new library opens. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-5-6-C: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 816 N. BURTSCHI STREET WITHIN THE CITY OF VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, A PUBLIC NUISANCE:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Bowen to approve Resolution 2024-5-6-C: A Resolution Declaring the Property Located at 816 N. Burtschi Street Within the City of Vandalia, Illinois, a Public Nuisance.

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

APPROVAL FOR BUILDING MATERIAL FOR NEW TRELLIS AT LINCOLN PARK - NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000.00:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to approve building material for new trellis at Lincoln Park, not to exceed \$4,000.00. Kaskaskia College Welding Class will construct the trellis. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2024-5-6-D: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ROAD CLOSURE FOR CHARTERS PATIO EVENT - RUBY LEIGH:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler to approve Resolution 2024-5-6-D: A Resolution Authorizing Road Closure for Charters Patio Event - Ruby Leigh.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None. Lee Beckman will be at the next meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reviewed the IML Lobby Day packet that was included in the Council packet.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Bowen asked Connor the number of pieces of property the City is in control of currently. Connor said he is actively working on at least 6 at this time. Bowen asked if any of those were ready to be put out to the community for purchase. Connor said that at least 2 are ready for declaration of surplus and sale. Connor stated assuming everything goes correctly, he would like to open bids on June 17 which would allow enough time to meet the publishing requirements.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reported that the renewal process of liquor and gaming licenses is underway. Current licenses expire on June 30, 2024.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paslay reported first Farmer's Market will be held on June 8. She continues to work on the band lineup for SummerFest. She is looking for suggestions for kids' activities for this year's event.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Report provided in last meeting's packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

James Jackson has the specs ready for bid for the new street sweeper. Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to put it out for bid. No objections. Motion

carried. Lester reported that the partition has been removed behind Council chambers. A wall will be built and the mural that is currently in the former Council chambers will be hung on the wall. Stunkel stated a Lake Committee meeting was held earlier in the day. Workman stated the beach house is getting a facelift. He is looking for organizations and groups to sell concessions at the beach house on the weekends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Hubler said he has received complaints of 2 County police officers stalking bars. He would like this brought to the attention of the Sheriff. Bowen asked if the City contracted with Agracel and Gottman replied yes it was for marketing the 120 acres that Todd Thoman is helping the City market. Bowen stated he didn't recall this being talked about with Council. Huhn will search the minutes for clarification. Paslay will schedule a meeting with Beckman, Jackson and Barker at the 120 acre site to talk about roads and an entrance for the new business that will be locating there. Rick Radliff asked where the vacancy for the Economic Development Director will be posted and what kind of timeline the City is looking at. Bowen stated he, Brosman and Paslay will meet next Monday to try to broaden reach and include some sources that possibly were not included before. Radliff asked about the residency requirements for the position of Economic Development Director. Gottman said the City requires Department Heads to live within the City limits. Radliff said the requirement seems fairly restrictive and after 2 years of searching, trying to cast a wider

net might be advised. Hobler stated the requirement could be changed if the Council wishes as the residency requirements were broadened for the Police. Lester asked for clarification for the Agracel proposal. Gottman said there was no signature needed. Lester said he doesn't recall any such discussions.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT
7:08 P.M.:

Gottman announced Council would be moving into Executive Session. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler to move into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2 to discuss possible litigation and a personnel matter.

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

Gottman stated there was nothing to report out of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

City Clerk