

City Council
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2025
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 Lester, Hubler, Brosman, Barker, Lewey, Stunkel and Bowen were present. Hobler was absent.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
MARCH 3, 2025:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to approve City Council meeting minutes dated March 3, 2025. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel 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 presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the special bills as presented:
Sandberg Phoenix in the amount of \$3,035.00 for legal fees; Durbin Redirect Services in the amount of \$1,573.00 for PD building maintenance; South Central FS in the amount of \$4,070.00 for herbicides; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,846.59 for electric bill; Roger Clark Welding in the amount of \$3,225.00 for welding frame for mural; Vaughn's General Contractors in the amount of \$4,275.66 for

repair work at Interpretive Center; Historical Vandalia, Inc. in the amount of \$5,454.12 for reimbursement; Compass Minerals America in the amount of \$8,724.60 for rock salt; OKAW Area Vocational Center in the amount of \$1,800.00 for picnic tables at the Lake; South Central FS in the amount of \$1,643.64 for gasoline; Kaskaskia Springs Water Company in the amount of \$1,796.87 for 2.963 million gallons of water; Vandevanter Engineer, Inc., in the amount of \$16,151.00 for annual maintenance. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Lee Beckman provided a status update on pending and ongoing projects. Construction for the Randolph Street upgrades project will begin this summer. Beckman stated that the City needs to make a decision in the next 30 to 60 days on how to proceed with the Lake Dam upgrades. Postcards were sent out for the lead service line replacement. Bids are due for vacing out the lines on April 14 by 10 a.m. Construction for Safe Routes to School will begin next week. Construction for the water plant is set to begin in June. Bid opening for the raw water main and pressure reducing station has been set for April 14 at 10:30 a.m. Bid opening for the City Hall water main replacement will be on April 14 at 10:15 a.m. ITEP project construction will begin this Fall. OSLAD Grant construction at the Lake will begin in approximately 2 weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lester stated he would like to table discussion on the Veterans Park wall repair.

ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC
SAFETY MEETING MINUTES -
MARCH 10, 2025:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to accept the Public Safety Meeting minutes dated March 10, 2025. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF
RETIREMENT FROM MELINDA
GARRISON - CITY CLERK'S
OFFICE:

Gottman announced that Melinda Garrison has submitted her letter of resignation effective May 30, 2025. Bowen asked if the Council would be agreeable to him, Paslay, Huhn and/or Danielle Miller performing the interviews.

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to accept the letter of retirement from Melinda Garrison in the City Clerk's office effective May 30, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve advertising the position that will be available in the Clerk's office. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT 89
FROM SHANNON PETERSON,
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS TO
ALEX DUDEK, VANDALIA,
ILLINOIS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve the transfer of Lake Lot 89 from Shannon Peterson, Vandalia, Illinois, to Alex Dudek, Vandalia, Illinois. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF TOURISM
COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES - FEBRUARY 12,
2025:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Stunkel to accept the Tourism Commission Meeting minutes dated February 12, 2025. Motion carried.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING
EXTENSION REQUEST FROM
TODD AND TINA KINGERY:

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Barker to approve the Tax Increment Financing extension request from Todd and Tina Kingery until June 17, 2025. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES - MARCH 12,
2025:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to accept the Planning Commission Meeting minutes dated March 12, 2025. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2025-3-17-A:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 17 OF THE
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE
- ADDING PUBLIC
VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL
SCHOOLS TO LIGHT
INDUSTRIAL ZONING
DISTRICT:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2025-3-17-A: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 of the Vandalia Municipal Code - Adding Public Vocational/Technical Schools to Light Industrial Zoning District.

Roll call: Hubler, nay; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea; Bowen, yea; Barker, yea; Lewey, yea; Lester, yea. Hobler was absent. Motion carried 6-1.

ORDINANCE 2025-3-17-B:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE CITY OF VANDALIA
ZONING DISTRICT MAP -
REZONING OF 401 N.
FOURTH STREET:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve Ordinance 2025-3-17-B: An Ordinance Amending the City of Vandalia Zoning District Map - Rezoning of 401 N. Fourth Street.

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

ORDINANCE 2025-3-17-C:
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING
THE ADOPTION BY VOTE
CERTIFICATION FOR CMS
ROCK SALT SURVEY:

Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Brosman to approve Ordinance 2025-3-17-C: An Ordinance Approving the Adoption by Vote Certification for CMS Rock Salt Survey.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS
FOR VETERANS MEMORIAL
PARK WALL REPAIR:
(TABLED) :

Tabled until next Council meeting.
No action was taken.

ORDINANCE 3025-3-17-D:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE VANDALIA REVENUE AND
FINANCE ORDINANCE AT
SECTION 3.08.010 -
CONTRACTS OVER
\$10,000.00:

Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 3025-3-17-D: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Revenue and Finance Ordinance at Section 3.08.010 - Contracts over \$10,000.00.

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

ORDINANCE 2025-3-17-E:
AN ORDINANCE DECLARING
SURPLUS PROPERTY AND
AUTHORIZING SALE - TWO
PARCELS OF PROPERTY:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2025-3-17-E: An Ordinance Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing Sale - Two Parcels of Property. The properties are located at 1319 W. St. Louis Avenue and the other property is located at 1607 W. Jefferson Street. Paslay stated she had an interested citizen in one of the properties inquire about paying the publication fees as written in the Ordinance in addition to closing costs.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT
ADDENDUM TO PERSONNEL
POLICY - EMPLOYMENT OF
RELATIVES:

After discussion, it was decided to refer this matter to the Personnel Committee. A Personnel Committee meeting has been set for Monday, March 24 at 5 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2025-3-17-F:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A
GRANT MANAGEMENT
SERVICES AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS AND
SOUTH CENTRAL ILLINOIS
REGIONAL PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lewey to approve Resolution 2025-3-17-F: A Resolution Approving a Grant Management Services Agreement Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported Connor delivered a check in the amount of \$10,000 for legal fees in the Keiser case which was paid for by Keiser. He noted that the Public Safety committee organized to discuss EMS services in the County and City has been disbanded and a new group comprised of Fayette County Board members and Police Chiefs has been formed. Recommendations will be made from this new committee. He stated that there have been several roof contractors in the area after the storms that passed through over the weekend.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reported she is working on getting packets ready for liquor and gaming license renewal.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Report provided in Council packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Jackson stated Streets have been doing some concrete work in addition to picking up debris from the recent

storms. Lester reported work at the Interpretive Center has been completed. Stunkel stated there was a fire at a camping lot on the North side of the Lake. Workman stated cornhole boards, volleyball poles, volleyball nets and birdhouses have been ordered for the Lake.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
CONCERNS:**

Dennis Grubaugh stated he talked to Lester about the Veterans Park wall. He stated the EIFS only goes down so far on the building. He wanted to know if they need to look at a different avenue to keep the water from entering the building. Lester suggested putting a sidewalk along the building to keep the water somewhat away from that building.

Gottman stated he has received complaints about roofing contractors going door to door without a City issued solicitor's license. Justin Gordon from Central Roofing addressed the Council. He asked if the Council would consider a one time fee instead of a daily fee. Question was raised regarding the required background checks and the time it takes to get those results. Gordon stated they are technically not selling anything as they are offering free estimates. Connor said a Solicitor's license would be required in that case also. Gottman reminded that roofing permits are required by the City. After discussion, it was decided the current Solicitor's Ordinance will remain in place without revision.

Casey Victor from York Public Adjusting introduced himself to the Council. He stated his company offers adjusting services for those insured who have claims.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT
7:31 P.M.:

Gottman announced Council would be moving into Executive Session. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to move into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2 to discuss a personnel matter and sale or acquisition of land.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS
AT 7:41 P.M.:

Executive Session ends at 7:41 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION
RECONVENED AT 7:43 P.M.

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular Council meeting at 7:43 p.m. with a roll call: Hubler, yea; Barker, yea; Stunkel, yea; Lester, yea; Brosman, yea; Bowen, yea; Lewey, yea. Hobler was absent. Motion carried.

Gottman reported that Dan Barenfanger will join the City as the Building Code Official effective Monday, March 24, 2025. He will work 12 hours per week at \$30.00 an hour.

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Dan Barenfanger as the Building Code official as outlined above.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Caula J. Hubler
City Clerk