

City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 2, 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 Knebel called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vandalia City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Aldermen Brosman, Barker, Hubler, Bowen, Lewey, Lester, Hobler and Stunkel were present.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
AUGUST 18, 2025:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve City Council meeting minutes dated August 18, 2025. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report.

REGULAR BILLS:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve the regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

Paslay stated she would like to add a bill in the amount of \$190,186.57 for the OSLAD grant. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the special bills as amended: McKellar, Robertson, McCarty and Click Insurance in the amount of \$4,451.00 for insurance; Johannes Construction in the amount of \$66,110.00 for Veterans Memorial Park wall; CivicPlus, LLC in the amount of \$1,706.67 for Municode; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,615.00 for street sweeper; Triple S Tree Service in the amount of \$2,500.00 for cutting down trees; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$10,285.00

for fire truck; Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$23,814.75 for Randolph Street project; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$3,891.64 for supplies; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$3,584.50 for patch mix; Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$5,079.25 for engineering fees; Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$6,031.25 for sidewalk project; Edwards Plumbing and Septic in the amount of \$1,831.10 for maintenance; Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$2,864.21 for inspection of water plant; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$16,512.65 for supplies; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$1,797.04 for supplies. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Stunkel said he asked people what they liked best about Vandalia. Answers ranged from Charters Patio, the Lake, safety of a small community, schools, Safe Routes to School, the Y to Festival of Lights. Andy Lester said he would like to look at the current verbiage regarding Nuisances - Inoperable and Abandoned Vehicles. A work session with Code Enforcement has been set for September 22 at 5 p.m. Brosman said he was approached by a sales representative from Tick Tock Energy regarding solar incentive programs. He will reach out to the representative to see if he would be interested in making a presentation to the Council.

David Dyer introduced himself to the Council. He said he is thankful for the elimination of deteriorated homes. He would like to see review of the Ordinances to see if it is possible to be more proactive. He

suggested the need to maintain the lower quality homes if possible. He also stated he is the President of the Senior Citizens of Fayette County. He asked the City to consider painting the exterior of their building. Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Stunkel to obtain bids to have the building power washed and painted. Motion carried.

Adrienne Wright, Secretary for the Senior Citizens Board, said September is National Senior Citizens Month and asked the City for a proclamation. Knebel said a proclamation will be drawn up.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Lee Beckman will be at next meeting.

ORDINANCE 2025-9-2-A: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM DIRECTOR AND THE EXECUTION OF AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hubler to approve Ordinance 2025-9-2-A: An Ordinance Authorizing the Hiring of an Economic Development and Tourism Director and the Execution of an Employment Contract.

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

ORDINANCE 2025-9-2-B: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2025 - APRIL 30, 2026 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM DIRECTOR:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hubler to approve Ordinance 2025-9-2-B: An Ordinance Amending Salaries for Fiscal Year May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026 - Economic Development and Tourism Director.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3 FOR OSLAD GRANT AT VANDALIA LAKE - (\$190,186.57):

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Pay Estimate No. 3 for OSLAD Grant at Vandalia Lake - \$190,186.57. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR VETERANS AVENUE SIDEWALK:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to approve bid submitted by Precision Concrete in the amount of \$62,800 for Veterans Avenue Sidewalk. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE VACCING:

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Stunkel to approve bid submitted by Korte & Luitjohn in the amount of \$68,750 for Lead Service Line Vaccing. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2025-9-2-C: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING DEVELOPMENT IN FLOOD PLAIN AREAS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Bowen to approve Ordinance 2025-9-2-C: An Ordinance Regulating Development in Flood Plain Areas.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR CDBG WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT - JEFFERSON STREET FIRST THROUGH FIFTH STREETS (TABLED LAST MEETING):

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve bid submitted by Korte and Luitjohn in the amount of \$1,993,409.50 for CDBG watermain replacement. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT (+\$361,232.70):

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Stunkel to approve Change Order No. 3 for Water Plant Treatment Plant project (+\$361,232.70). Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2025-9-2-D: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE AT TITLE 11 LAKE ORDINANCE AT SECTION 11.18.020 CAMPING FEES:

Pasley stated this Ordinance was passed at the August 4 meeting. After the meeting, it was discovered there was some language that needed to be removed. This Ordinance reflects that change.

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2025-9-2-D: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title 11 Lake Ordinance at Section 11.08.020 Camping Fees.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DATED AUGUST 25, 2025:

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Stunkel to accept the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting minutes dated August 25, 2025. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DATED AUGUST 25, 2025:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to accept the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting minutes dated August 25, 2025. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF STREETS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES DATED AUGUST 26, 2025:

Barker stated that James Jackson met with the homeowner on the alley in question and they came up with a plan. Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lewey to accept the Streets Committee Meeting minutes dated August 26, 2025. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE ADDENDUM TO CITY PERSONNEL POLICY - RETURN TO WORK PROGRAM:

Pasley stated this is required by IML/RMA. This policy has been in place but the Addendum formalizes it. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to authorize Addendum to City Personnel Policy - Return to Work Program. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lester said work on the Veterans Wall has paused due to waiting on the crane service company to reach out to him on their availability to set the mural. Knebel said the comprehensive plan will be reviewed

with the Economic Development Director and the Economic Development Commission members.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Knebel asked the Council's consideration to move the September 15 Council meeting to September 22. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to move the September 15 Council meeting to September 22. Motion carried. Knebel said he is excited that Amber Daulbaugh will be officially joining the City on September 9. Kaskaskia College is hosting a celebration on September 27 at 10:00 a.m. and the Council is invited to that. SBLFCH will be doing a critical assessment survey and is asking the community for feedback.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor reported that he has procured a court date on October 6 for all of the outstanding properties set for demo that were discussed at the last Council meeting.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reported she and Danielle Caruso are looking at new software for utility payments that will help digitize City Hall. Of interest, in 2024 utility payments via PSN were \$472,521.57; ACH payments were \$628,989.03 and cash and check payments were \$2,148,570.92.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Pasley reported the boat races are this weekend at Vandalia Lake. She and Scott Workman visited the boat races at Centralia Lake last week. She has 2 food trucks lined up for the event.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL:

Report will be provided in next packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Barker reported that Streets meeting went well. We are waiting on core

testing on the Randolph Street project. The contractors are done. Lester reported that the East exterior of the Senior Citizens building holds water. He recommended packing that with CA-6. Stunkel reported that a Lake Committee was held earlier. The Lake residents want the Lake siltation situation resolved, and cited lack of no action for many years. This has now become a priority. Hobler reported there was a Public Safety meeting earlier to discuss the current Solicitor's Ordinance. Recommended changes will be presented to the Council at the next Council meeting. Of note, one recommendation was to change the fee from \$100.00 per day per person to \$100.00 per person for 90 days.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:23
P.M.:

Knebel announced that the Council would be moving into Executive Session. Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to move into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2 to discuss personnel matters.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT
7:45 P.M.:

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REGULAR SESSION
RECONVENED AT 7:46 P.M.:

Regular session reconvened at 7:46 p.m. with a roll call: Lewey, yea; Bowen, yea; Hobler, yea; Lester, yea; Brosman, yea; Hubler, yea; Barker, yea; Stunkel, yea. Motion carried.

Knebel reported there was nothing to report out of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Hobler to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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City Clerk