

City Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 6, 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, Lewey, Hobler, Lester, and Stunkel were present. Bowen arrived to the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve City Council meeting minutes dated September 22, 2025. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF WORK SESSION
MINUTES DATED SEPTEMBER
22, 2025:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Work Session minutes dated September 22, 2025. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report.

REGULAR BILLS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler 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: Ritchey Painting in the amount of \$2,975.00 for painting at the PD; Global Tech Systems in the amount of \$12,678.74 for supplies; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,615.00 for street sweeper; ADS Electric in the amount of \$3,384.98 for maintenance; Mid-Illinois Concrete, Inc., in the amount of \$1,793.00 for supplies;

Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,789.65 for electric bill; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$10,285.00 for fire truck; Vandalia Liberty Theatre Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for star Walk of Fame; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$3,245.31 for patch mix; Braun Plumbing, Inc., in the amount of \$1,763.04 for supplies; SCIRP&DC in the amount of \$5,000.00 for DCEO Regional Site Readiness Grant; Vandalia Country Club in the amount of \$6,955.13 for tower lease; Core and Main in the amount of \$6,393.20 for supplies; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$14,704.65 for supplies; USA Bluebook, Inc., in the amount of \$1,815.00 for supplies; Peoples State Bank in the amount of \$8,000.00 for processing fee for loan; CedarChem, LLC in the amount of \$21,210.00 for supplies; Vandevanter Engineer, Inc., in the amount of \$10,350.00 for maintenance to equipment. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Stunkel pointed out that upcoming City events were listed on the back of all of the water bills that were sent out recently. Huhn said this will be done more frequently in the future.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Lee Beckman will be present at the next meeting.

CEO PRESENTATION:

Pat Click spoke briefly on the current CEO class. Keelan Speagle, Bailee Booher, Brynn Swyers and Kaylee Tompkins spoke about their class business and about their individual businesses.

RESOLUTION 2025-10-6-A: A RESOLUTION OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR ILLINOIS

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lewey to approve Resolution 2025-10-6-A: A Resolution

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
GRANT PROGRAM - CYCLE
2025:

of Financial Commitment for Illinois Safe Routes to School Grant Program - Cycle 2025.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT CHANGE
ORDER #3 FOR RANDOLPH
STREET PROJECT (DEDUCT OF
\$27,574.94):

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lewey to approve Change Order #3 for Randolph Street Project (Deduct of \$27,574.94). Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT PAY
ESTIMATE #4 FOR RANDOLPH
STREET PROJECT -
\$164,036.80:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester to approve Pay Estimate #4 for Randolph Street Project (\$164,036.80). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-10-6-B: A
RESOLUTION COMMITTING
LOCAL FUNDS (CDBG GRANT -
JEFFERSON STREET):

Paslay said this is the grant the City was approved for in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for the watermain replacement project on Jefferson Street from 1st to 4th Streets. After the bids came in, the total project is going to be \$1,900,000.00. DCEO required another public hearing which was held earlier today. This Resolution is correcting the amount of what the City will put into the project.

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2025-10-6-B: A Resolution Committing Local Funds (CDBG Grant - Jefferson Street).

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

ACCEPTANCE OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING MINUTES DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2025:

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Stunkel to accept the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting minutes dated September 24, 2025. Motion carried.

ACCEPT OR REJECT TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #67 FROM DOUGLAS GARRETT, GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS, TO BRETT HEINZMAN, MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to accept the transfer of Lake Lot #67 from Douglas Garrett, Granite City, Illinois, to Brett Heinzman, Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Motion carried.

ACCEPT OR REJECT TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #6 FROM ROGER BOKER, VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, TO JASON ROBERTSON, COWDEN, ILLINOIS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to accept the transfer of Lake Lot #6 from Roger Boker, Vandalia, Illinois, to Jason Robertson, Cowden, Illinois. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2025-10-6-C: AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SOLICITORS WITHIN SECTION 5.28:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2025-10-6-C: An Ordinance Modifying Solicitors Within Section 5.28.

Lester asked that the Ordinance presented be amended to state that soliciting hours are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

An amended motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the amended Ordinance 2025-10-6-C: An Ordinance Modifying Solicitors Within Section 5.28.

Roll call: Hubler, yea; Brosman, nay; Stunkel, yea; Hobler, nay; Barker, yea; Lewey, yea. Lester, yea. Bowen was absent. Motion carried 5-2.

RESOLUTION 2025-10-6-D: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 2025 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK CEREMONY AND PARADE:

Pasley stated she had notified the American Legion that the City would need a certificate of insurance naming IDOT and the City as additional insured. The Legion does

not have insurance and asked if the City would be willing to host the parade on November 8. IML/RMA said it was up to the City but highly recommended that somebody with the City be involved with planning and day of management.

Barker said the Legion should be able to buy a one-day event license. Connor said the City would have to keep a close eye on what the City is approving for the activity that is going on for the road to be closed. He said the City will have to have control over the areas where people will be going. He said it will be like an event that the City operates (Farmer's Market, etc.). Barker suggested that the City meet with the Legion to get more details on the logistics. Paslay will reach out to Commander Braswell tomorrow.

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lewey to approve Resolution 2025-10-6-D: A Resolution Authorizing Road Closure for the 2025 Veterans Memorial Park Ceremony and Parade.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Knebel said at the first EDC meeting, the comprehensive plan will be discussed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Knebel commended law enforcement on their handling of the bomb threat received at the High School last week. He said the Fayette County Y has addressed issues of parking along Rock Island Avenue. Additional

parking is available at the Kaskaskia College parking lot.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor reported that he has not received any response from Donato's attorneys. He is hoping that gets worked out with the actual people on the ground with Donato who are working with Paslay. Demolition has begun on 2 houses on Fourth Street.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reported that her office continues to receive pictures from LRS of trash not being picked up due to not being compliant with the guidelines. She has created guidelines that will be mailed out with water bills. Terry Robbins asked what can be done for those individuals who are elderly or disabled who cannot get their trash cans to the curb. Connor is going to research what other communities do in these situations.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paslay reported the last Farmer's Market of the season will be this weekend. Downtown Trick or Treat will be on Saturday, October 25. She stated she is busy working with insurance related to the recent oiling of the roads.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL:

Report will be in next packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Barker said that 70% of the roads that Streets committed to oil have been done. He said oiling is 100% done for the season. They have been busy with mowing and working on water leaks. Brosman reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new water plant was held last week. Paslay reported the Fire Department is going to be going to schools and daycares on Wednesday for Fire Prevention. Lester said we are waiting on ADS Electric for lighting

of the Veterans Memorial Park wall. Stunkel thanked Lester for doing a lot of research on repairing the Dam. The last Lake Committee meeting of the season was held earlier. He said since background checks are required for solicitors, then why would the City possibly let a family move in to the North side and never vet them? Connor asked if the City wants to get into that business prior to a lease being transferred. Connor said we have statutory authority to regulate the conduct of solicitation. With regard to whom the City can lease, the analysis is different. He will begin taking a look at what the City can and cannot do. Workman said Trick or Treat at the Campground is October 24 from 5 until 8 p.m. The Marina is closed for the year. The campgrounds will close on October 26. Knebel stated Matt Kabbes looked at a cove last week. He will be at the next meeting. Kabbes will file for permits on behalf of the City and his company. He said this is going to be a Spring project. Stunkel said if we get the 319 grant, we would have contributed \$200,000.00 for that same cove. Barker said this will take care of the dredging and the silt. Workman said the City needs to find out property ownership before proceeding. He said Kabbes walked along the properties in question. The watershed grant application is being worked on. Paslay said there is a plan in place for Dustin Murray's road. Stunkel handed out pictures of the Lake Dam which showed trees growing out of the Dam and concrete with exposed rebar at the bottom. Lester said the vegetation needs to be removed first. He said there is about 4' of concrete exposed at the bottom. Bob

Zerussen of White Cap submitted a bid for the material that was priced to fill the cracks. He has two products that will help address the cracks and elevation changes in the concrete due to shifting. To remove the asphalt would be costly. Jackson said his employees could use the material that is used on the City streets. Lester stated Paslay purchased a hopper and the Street employees can walk the Dam and fill the voids that were filled with asphalt in the past. If the hopper works, he would like to authorize Paslay to purchase 3 or 4 more of them. Lester said he would like to do a test area using the materials from White Cap to see how well it works. Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Lester to proceed with doing a test patch on the Dam. Workman will contact the dive team to see if they would be interested in diving in that area to give the City an idea of what it looks like. Hubler stated he went to the Kinmundy Log Cabin Village. He picked up several vendor cards and will give those to Daulbaugh. Steve Barker said he visited Nashville, Illinois and they were holding a Fall Festival. This will be discussed at the Tourism meeting on Wednesday, October 8. Daulbaugh reported she is working on Olde Tyme Christmas and Festival of Lights, both of which will kick off on November 14. She also made a new account for the City with Illinois EDC (formerly Intersect Illinois). They have a database where you can upload buildings and properties to developers. Knebel said the fundraising event for the former Liberty Theater was a big success.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Lester to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried.

Carla Huhn

City Clerk