

City Council
Regular Meeting
August 3, 2026
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, Lester, Stunkel, Barker, Hubler, Hobler and Lewey were present. Bowen was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Lester suggested the Council consider whether the homeowners in the cove affected by the installation of the dry dams should be responsible for a portion of the project costs or responsible for maintenance of the dry dams. Workman noted the Council had previously voted to proceed with the project, and at no time during those discussions was there any mention of assessing a portion of the cost to the homeowners.

Bill Overton, owner of Quality Diesel, stated they have moved into their new building. He expressed his appreciation to the City in assisting with the process.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Lee Beckman will be at the next Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: City Council meeting minutes dated July 20, 2026; Public Hearing meeting minutes dated July 20, 2026; Regular Bills for period ending August 3,

2026; Special Bills as follows: IML in the amount of \$41,141.86 for insurance; Chandler Brothers in the amount of \$1,606.50 for removing and replacing sidewalk in front of Murray's Restaurant; Precision Concrete in the amount of \$3,614.00 for sidewalk improvements on Veterans Avenue; Fayette County Extension in the amount of \$5,018.75 for sidewalk in front of Extension Center building; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,615.00 for street sweeper; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$10,285.00 for fire truck; Tim Lynn in the amount of \$2,000.00 for car show; Unfiltered Travel in the amount of \$2,000.00 for travel voucher; Ameren in the amount of \$6,009.49 for electric bill at Lake; Birkey's in the amount of \$1,925.29 for supplies; Haier Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$11,942.52 for City Hall watermain replacement project; Grunloh Building, Inc., in the amount of \$1,734,279.88 for new water plant project; Grunloh Building, Inc., in the amount of \$2,147,155.20 for new water plant project; Core and Main in the amount of \$1,700.00 for equipment maintenance; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$3,720.00 for supplies; USA Bluebook, Inc., in the amount of \$1,705.40 for supplies; Ameren in the amount of \$2,647.60 for electric bill at water plant; WRT WRX Services in the amount of \$7,800.00 for diving inspection; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,153.29 for electric bill at sewer plant; Treasurer's Report for period ending July 31, 2026; Transfer of Lake Lot #140 from Paul Don Kimbrill, Troy, Illinois, to Tracy Seibert, St. Elmo, Illinois; Transfer of Lake Lot #137 from James

Goetter, Collinsville, Illinois to Angela Click, Ramsey, Illinois. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF
RESIGNATION FROM LOGAN
FRAILEY AT STREET
DEPARTMENT:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to accept letter of resignation from Logan Frailey at Street Department. Motion carried.

Paslay stated she will advertise the opening in-house and then post it if there is no interest.

ACCEPTANCE OF
TELECOMMUNICATOR EMMA
WARNER MOVING FROM PART-
TIME TO FULL-TIME
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 21, 2026
DUE TO RETIREMENT OF
AUDREY TURNER:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hubler to accept Telecommunicator Emma Warner moving from part-time to full-time effective August 21, 2026, due to retirement of Audrey Turner. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2026-8-3-A: AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE
AT TITLE 11 LAKE
ORDINANCE:

Paslay stated that the Ordinance presented primarily cleaned up language in the Lake Ordinance and that no major changes were made. She explained that, once the Ordinance is adopted, she will compile all Ordinances and Resolutions approved since the City's last codification and submit them to Muni-Code for codification. Muni-Code will then update the City's code books and online code accordingly.

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to approve Ordinance 2026-8-3-A: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title 11 Lake Ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE 2026-8-3-B: AN
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL
PROPERTY (SURPLUS ITEMS):**

Paslay stated the surplus property list was mainly items from City Hall.

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Stunkel to approve Ordinance 2026-8-3-B: An Ordinance Authorizing Disposal of Personal Property (surplus items).

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

POLICE RADIOS:

Chief Ray stated that new police radios were included in the budget and that these new radios would be encrypted.

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler to accept the bid submitted by Global Technical Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$23,353.60 for police radios. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Knebel stated Jim Arndt from Arndt Municipal Support will present the final Strategic Plan report at the August 17, 2026 Council meeting. Paslay is working on updating the Personnel Policy handbook. She also reported she will be sending out specs for hail damage repair on City buildings next week.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Knebel reported that Senator Jason Plummer will be the guest speaker at the Chamber meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2026 at 12 Noon. The next meeting of the Vandalia Civic Advancement Association will be on Wednesday after the Chamber meeting. They are working on community strategic plan mapping. Community meetings will begin in October. Knebel attended the Fayette County

Ambulance Oversight Committee meeting last week. The local Mayors will be meeting with Ryan Scott, EMA Director, on Thursday, to discuss City input. Knebel will report back after that meeting. He also mentioned that the City and Amber Daulbaugh were recognized in this month's edition of IML Magazine.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor reported that the City has no current legal matters other than routine ordinance violations and a few tax-related cleanup issues involving demolished properties. Brosman asked about the status of the boat slip lease agreement with Allen Tucker. Connor responded that the agreement is not yet complete but that he intends to provide it to Paslay later this week.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reported petition circulation for the April 6, 2027 Consolidated Election will begin on August 25. Petition filing period will be November 16 through November 23, 2026.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paslay reported that IDOT has notified the City of upcoming road resurfacing projects. In June 2027, IDOT plans to resurface Kennedy Boulevard from Imco Drive to the Kaskaskia River Bridge. In 2028, IDOT will resurface Veterans Avenue from Kennedy Boulevard to Hillsboro Road/Sunset Drive. The City's share of the cost for side street approaches is estimated at \$95,000 for the 2027 project and \$46,000 for the 2028 project. She continues to work on the City website and City mobile app. She hopes to have it ready for the City Council to view at the next meeting. Lester asked Paslay what it would take to change the turning radius at Kennedy and

Gallatin. Knebel also said the intersection at Veterans and Sunset has the same issue with the turning radius. Paslay will talk with her contact at IDOT. Discussion was also held regarding traveling west on Fillmore and turning onto Sunset. Knebel and Paslay had a phone call with the geothermal group today. They will begin going door-to-door on September 1. They have been issued Solicitor licenses approved by the City.

Lester suggested the City consider widening Rock Island Avenue near the YMCA. This will be discussed with Lee Beckman at the next Council meeting.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL:

Report will be provided in next Council packet.

**STANDING COMMITTEES
REPORT:**

Barker reported the Streets Department has been busy mowing in addition to doing regular duties. A Streets Department meeting has been scheduled for August 17 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss target areas for future work.

Knebel and Brosman toured the City to review drainage concerns. Knebel noted that a City-wide drainage study has been discussed previously but would be very costly. Huhn will work with Brosman to schedule a Water/Sewer Committee meeting to discuss a water bill issue.

Paslay reported that a Public Safety Committee meeting needs to be scheduled to discuss specifications for the Fire Department's next truck. She will coordinate with Hobler to schedule the meeting.

Paslay reported that Cemetery mapping continues to progress.

Stunkel reported on the Lake Committee meeting held prior to the Council meeting. The Lake Committee recommended freezing the annual camping lot fees for one year while focusing on maintenance improvements on the Northside. Paslay stated she will present an Ordinance reflecting that recommendation at the next Council meeting.

Workman reported IDOT installed camping signs along the new road at the campground.

Workman also reported that the Lake crew participated in a demonstration to repair joints on the Dam using a sealant, mesh tape, and a second sealant coat to evaluate whether the work could be completed in-house. He noted the process is labor-intensive. Lester stated that Scott Justice would like to pressure wash the Dam now. He explained that completing the pressure washing now would help expedite the repair process since coordinating the work has been challenging. Workman added that more than half of the original repair bid was attributed to grinding out the cracks, which is now being accomplished with pressure washing. The contractor will provide a revised estimate.

Stunkel reported that Northside campground residents have requested monthly mowing, trimming of tree limbs, installation of speed bumps, and cleanup and utilization of the former Girl Scout camp.

Paslay reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on

August 19 to review the preliminary plat and a sign variance request for the RaceTrac development. A Special Council Meeting has been scheduled for August 24 to consider approval of the preliminary plat. Following that approval, the City will proceed through the final plat process, including another Planning and Zoning meeting and final Council consideration. Daulbaugh reviewed the ED/Tourism report for July. There is a Business Succession Training seminar on Friday, August 7 at City Hall. The next Farmer's Market is Saturday, August 8. Paslay reported that she has been notified by Risk Management that due to large dollar amount claims, the City will owe \$41,000 this year and approximately \$60,000 in 2027.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Barker to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried.



City Clerk