

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 2, 2017
7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by those present.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gottman called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vandalia City Council to order at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Aldermen present: B. John Clark, Rebbe, Hubler, Stunkel, Lester and Barker. Crawford & Hobler were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VICTIMS OF THE LAS VEGAS MASS SHOOTING:

A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the Las Vegas mass shooting.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the minutes from the September 18, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Barker approving the Special Bills as listed: Axon Enterprises in the amount of \$2,193.93 for cartridge, battery pack, Blackhawk holster; Fayette County Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$2,640.75 for fourth quarter animal control; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of

\$12,488.50 for payment of fire truck; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$91,155.72 for HFE 3, chip mix & chip truck; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$4,646.29 for gasoline; Schulte Supply in the amount of \$15,185.01 for EZ valve Installation; U.S. Bancorp in the amount of \$14,781.19 for water meters; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$6,777.65 for chemicals; Hach Company in the amount of \$4,781.00 for Field Instrument Evaluation Visit; Turb Sensor, Controller, Bench Plus DR2800. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #703
FROM CITY OF VANDALIA TO
DOUG CORRIDORI, VANDALIA:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the transfer of Lake Lot #703 from the City of Vandalia to Doug Corridori, Vandalia, IL. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #700
FROM THE CITY OF VANDALIA TO
SHAMEEM COPPOTELLI,
COLLINSVILLE, IL:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the transfer of Lake Lot #700 from the City of Vandalia To Shameem Coppotelli, Collinsville, IL All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2017-10-2-A:
AMENDING THE VANDALIA
MUNICIPAL CODE AT TITLE V
BUSINESS LICENSES AND
REGULATIONS AT SECTION
5.08.070 NUMBER OF LICENSES
(CLASS J)**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving a Class J liquor License for Discount Tobacco. A Class J liquor license is a pour only license where they plan to add a gaming section to its location at 629 W. Gallatin St.

Roll Call Vote: Stunkel, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Rebbe, yea; Hubler, nay; Barker, yea; Lester, yea; Crawford & Hobler were absent. Motion carried. 5 yea & 1 nay.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Gottman reported that the Vandalia Volunteer Fire Department golf outing had a sold out crowd and was a success.

The Wine & Ale with Abe event hosted by the Vandalia Historical Society was a huge success.

Mayor Gottman attended the IML Meeting in Springfield.

He reported that all elected officials along with the City Administrator, Fire Chief and Police Chief are required to complete the National Incident Management Service (NIMS) training.

Mayor Gottman also reported that he along with the City Clerk, City Administrator, Chief of Police and the Police Secretary need to complete the Freedom of Information Act on-line training for 2017.

Mayor Gottman reported that he went to Springfield last week to meet with the Comptroller's Office in regards to the VCC water & sewer bills.

Mayor Gottman reported that hopefully there is some relief coming.

In two weeks there will be a representative from the Comptroller's Office that will meet with the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Gottman and the Economic Development team for the City of Vandalia.

**ATTORNEY GIVES UPDATE ON
DEMOLISHING THREE NUISANCE
PROPERTIES:**

Attorney Ryan Connor told the council that the city is close to finalizing legal paperwork in order to take possession and demolish the dilapidated properties at 307 N. Rock Island, 312 N. Fifth St. and 308 N. Fifth St.

Attorney Connor said he hopes to see the buildings on North Fifth Street demolished sometime around Thanksgiving or worse case, maybe before Christmas.

He stated that the city is required to go through certain steps before taking possession of a property and demolishing a building.

Connor said that one of the pieces of property on N. Fifth St. is in a severe state of decay.

Mayor Gottman said that the property on N. Rock Island has started to fall down and is infested with rodents.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator, LaTisha Paslay reported that she & Public Works Director, Marlin Filer will be attending the preconstruction conference at IDOT's Office in Effingham for the Thrill Hill Project.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Mayor Gottman reported that the new squad car has been ordered.

Stunkel asked what's the update on the juvenile destruction at the cemetery. Mayor Gottman said that two have been arrested. It is in the courts hands at this time.

Lester asked the status on the front window? Mayor Gottman said that he will follow up on the estimates tomorrow.

Also, asked the status on the Tourist Information Center repairs.

LaTisha will get a list of repairs that will be taken care of by the city crew.

Mayor Gottman reported that the City Council reviewed two TIF applications prior the council meeting.

Mayor Gottman said that the city is working with a developer and two investors out of state. It still is in the works.

Stunkel announced that a meeting will be set for November to review and update the different fees for the City of Vandalia.

Barker reported that there was a Tourism Meeting last week to talk about the Olde Tyme Christmas coming up on November 10th & 11th. Another meeting is scheduled for this Friday, October 6th.

Mayor Gottman reported that "Caboose Night" will be held at McDonald's in Vandalia on Wednesday, October 11th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit the restoration of the Vandalia Little Red Caboose.

Mayor Gottman announced a Public Hearing will be held on October 11th at 5:00 pm in the Vandalia City Hall to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed Vandalia/Fayette County

Enterprise Zone Application.

**CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL
MEMBERS:**

Lester said as a taxpayer he would like the city to review its process and procedures for TIF assistance. He said he had a lot of people approach him lately about the TIF program, and he along with Steve Barker would like to educate the council as well as the public on criteria of how TIF works.

Mayor Gottman asked Lester are you asking for the attorney from Chicago who is the TIF expert explain the process. I want you to know that this will be several thousand dollars. Mayor Gottman said that he would contact her to see what the cost would be and report back.

Mayor Gottman said that we have had Keith Moran out here twice to explain the procedure of TIF applications.

Stunkel praised the Vandalia Police Department for their efforts in supervising the Homecoming Parade last Friday.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to adjourn. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK

