

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

September 5, 2017
7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all 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 were: Barker, Lester, Clark, Hubler, Crawford and Rebbe. Hobler and Stunkel were absent.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Crawford approving the minutes from the August 21, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No action needed for the Treasurer's report.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Crawford to approve all special bills as submitted:

Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$12,488.50 for the Fire truck payment; Chase in the amount of \$204,232.60 for Commercial loan payment; Hurst-Rosche in the amount of \$1,750.00 for Bridge Inspection; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$3,274.32 for street lights; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$6,473.76 for Chip Mix; Amie LeDuc in the amount of \$4,744.00 for TIF Reimbursement for replacement of roof at Bright Beginnings Pre-school & Daycare; Wehrle Properties in the amount of \$3,250.00 for TIF Reimbursement for work on building at 1705 Veterans Ave; Brian Stout for the amount of \$15,940.63 for TIF Reimbursement on 523 W Orchard St; U.S. Bancorp in the amount of \$14,781.19 for Water meter contract payments; HS Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$7,816.64 for supplies; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$7,696.09 for Chemicals; Hawkins Inc. in the amount of \$5,628.04 for Sodium Permanganate. Motion carried.

TRICK-OR-TREAT
NIGHT SET:

The City's annual Trick-or-Treat Night has been set for Saturday, October 28, 2017, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Sixth grade and under. LaTisha will be getting something out to the media.

Clark made a motion and Barker seconded to approve the date. Motion carried.

LAKE LOT #702
TRANSFER FROM THE
CITY OF VANDALIA TO
RAD WEHRLE, VANDALIA

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Barker approving the transfer of Lake Lot #702 from the City of Vandalia to Rad Wehrle, Vandalia. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-9-5-A
AUTHORIZING CLOSURE OF
GALLATIN STREET FOR
OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Clark to approve Resolution 2017-9-5-A to close Gallatin Street for the Olde Tyme Christmas on Friday November 10, 2017 from 1:00-10:00pm. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2017-9-5-B:
AUTHORIZING CLOSURE OF
GALLATIN STREET FOR
HALLOWEEN PARADE

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2017-9-5-B to close Gallatin Street for the Lion's Club Halloween Parade on Thursday October 26, 2017 from 6:30-9:30pm. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT FOR 2019
BICENTENNIAL BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Barker to approve 2019 Bicentennial Board of Directors. Cassie Beesley, President; Andrea Meadows, Vice President; LaTisha Paslay, Secretary; Mike Radliff, Treasurer; Todd Stapleton, Board member; Jennifer Richards, Board member; Kelly Washburn, Board member; Kim Lake, Board member; Ricky Gottman, Board member. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

Mayor Gottman says that since we were just approved of the Bicentennial Board of Directors, they have had a group meet for the first time several weeks ago, which was Mayor Gottman, Mike Radliff, LaTisha Paslay, Todd Stapleton and a Representative from the First National Bank, John Goldsmith. They talked about the 200th anniversary. And they had another meeting to talk about the by-laws because we are going to fall under the Old Capital Foundation for being non for profit to raise money to pay for the event.

Mayor Gottman also said that David Zimmerman did a great job on the video about the Statehouse for the Bicentennial for the State of Illinois.

Mayor Gottman encourages everyone to look at the City Parking Lot behind the First National Bank and see what the Beautification

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Committee has done with the plants. He is pleased with what all they have done. Also on Gallatin and Kennedy Blvd, they have put in flower pots and improved the looks of Vandalia. They are also working around the Tourist Information Center to trim the bushes and plant trees this fall.

Mayor Gottman said that he is trying to get a meeting with IDOT to talk about some of the Interchanges to get them mowed down next year.

A motion was made to let the Art group use the Chamber of Commerce building by Barker and seconded by Crawford. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman said that he was making a trip to Springfield next week to meet with the Legislative's assistants to see what's going on for the next upcoming session in the State Capitol.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT:

LaTisha Paslay said that Marlin Filer wanted her to remind everyone about the road oilings and the Media has been made aware and has published the map.

LaTisha Paslay said that the Homecoming Parade will be Friday September 29, 2017 starting at 2:30pm and it will be taking the same route as last year around the school. No road closure is needed.

CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:

The Code Official's Report is in the packet. Mayor Gottman said that the Code Official is working to get 2 houses on 5th Street and

1 house on Rock Island demoed this fall.

Mayor Gottman said that he is impressed with what Zac Kopp is doing.

STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS:

Dorothy Crawford reported that the Sewer Plant will be sending out for bids for a Stand Pipe on a Pump that has been there since 1986 and that he is taking one of the trucks to Pana to get fixed. The Water Plant has some Pump repairs coming up and he is going to get everything together for the next meeting.

Andy Lester asked about the work on the Tourist Information Center and Mayor Gottman said to get the budget numbers to LaTisha for the next meeting. Mayor Gottman said that him and Andy would look at the front windows at City Hall to get them replaced. Mayor Gottman said that him and Andy would get together for looking at a bid for the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Gottman said that there was a letter for the Lake Committee that was drafted by the Lake residents proposal back to us and has been forwarded to our Legal Council in Chicago.

Mayor Gottman said that the Memory Unit has broke ground at the site on Sunset. And there is a new Restaurant that is getting ready to open on Gallatin Street.

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And we may have another Restaurant open up in the Downtown area that would be an all service restaurant, they will have alcohol but it will not be a bar setting restaurant.

Mayor Gottman said for the Personnel, Finance and Insurance that we will be getting with the Union Reps to look at their Contracts.

Steve Barker with the Tourism Committee reported that they met earlier that day and discussed the Olde Tyme Christmas. Steve wanted to give Donnell Conaway a pat on the back for helping again this year. Steve also wanted to thank True Value (Walt & Paula Barenfanger) for donating lights to light up some trees at the State House during the Olde Tyme Christmas, if approved by the State.

Mayor Gottman stated that if we know of anyone that is a non-for profit Organization, that is wanting to sell goods at the Olde Tyme Christmas, get a hold of LaTisha or Brittany. He also said that Donnell was going to help this year with the characters and then offer to sell us the characters for next year. She is also donating 2 Christmas trees that will be put up on the empty lot and a live Nativity Scene.

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Mayor Gottman also wanted to let everyone know that the Vandalia Railroad Museum Foundation was having a fundraiser at McDonalds on Wednesday October 11, 2017 from 5:00-7:00pm, this is the group that is restoring the caboose.

AUDIENCE:

Steve Kerber with Discount Tobacco addressed the Council to have them revisit his request for a liquor license so he can obtain a Class J liquor license which would allow for video gaming. He had applied in November 2016 and the matter died for lack of motion.

Mayor Gottman suggested that he take his application and look it over to make any changes and send it back and then we will have a first reading at the next meeting. And it can be voted on at the first meeting in October.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT
8:00 PM:

A motion was made by Crawford and seconded by Barker to move into Executive Session at 8:00 pm under 5ILCS120/2 sale or acquisition of land or the purchase of property.

Roll call: Barker, yea; Clark, yea; Lester, yea; Crawford, yea; Hubler, yea; Rebbe, yea. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS
AT 8:04 PM:

Executive Session ended at 8:04 pm.

REGULAR SESSION
RECONVENES AT 8:06 PM:

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular Council Meeting at 8:06 pm with a roll call: Barker, yea; Clark, yea; Lester, yea; Crawford, yea; Hubler, yea; Rebbe, yea.

NO ACTION FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no action taken from Executive Session.

ADJUORNMENT:

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Barker to adjourn at 8:08pm. Motion carried.

DEPUTY CLERK