

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

November 20, 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, Stunkel, Lester, Clark, Hubler, Crawford and Hobler. Rebbe was absent.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the November 6, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No action needed for the Treasurer's report.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Stunkel to approve all special bills as submitted:

Direct Energy in the amount of \$12,150.55 for Electric; Illinois Municipal League in the amount of \$163,413.00 for Annual Contributions; Due North Media in the amount of \$2,500.00 for Advertising & Marketing; Sheldon Schulte Construction in the amount of \$15,624.40 for Sidewalk Installations; Triple S Tree Service in the amount of \$3,900.00 for Tree Removals; Mid-Illinois Concrete in the amount of \$2,479.25 for Calcium Chloride; Dennis Grubaugh in the amount of \$32,040.00 for TIF Reimbursement; Octochem Inc. in the amount of \$98,919.73 for TIF Reimbursement; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$3,953.16 for chemicals; Hawkins Inc. in the amount of \$13,054.45 for Activated Carbon. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2018
COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

A Motion was made by Clark and seconded by Barker to approve the 2018 Council Meeting Dates List. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2018
HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE DATES:

A Motion was made Stunkel and seconded by Crawford to approve the 2018 Holiday Observance Dates List. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2017-11-20-A:
AMENDING THE VANDALIA
MUNICIPAL CODE AT TITLE
V BUSINESS LICENSES AND
REGULATIONS AT SECTION
5.08.070 NUMBER OF
LICENSES:

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance #2017-11-20-A, amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title V Business Licenses and Regulations at Section 5.08.070 Number of Licenses.

This is a Class E Liquor License that is for A Restaurant that will be going in on the Corner of Kennedy Blvd and Gallatin St.

This will be approved based on all Background checks coming back clear From the Illinois State Police.

Roll call: Stunkel, yea; Lester, yea; Hobler, yea; Hubler, yea; Clark, yea; Barker, yea; Crawford, yea; Rebbe, absent. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR
ANNUAL SIDEWALK
REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the low bid from Sheldon Schulte Construction for the Sidewalk replacements in the amount of \$37,520.00. Motion carried.

The City also received bids from Precise Construction in the amount of \$39,200.00 and from Austin Concrete & Excavation Inc in the amount of \$40,600.00.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

Mayor Gottman reported that Olde Tyme Christmas was a success for the temperature we had that evening.

Mayor Gottman stated that they are working on Comprehensive Plan and they will be having a work session in the near future.

Mayor Gottman stated that we are still working on the corner of Gochenour and 8th Street with Mike to hopefully land some business in there.

Mayor Gottman said that the Dementia/Alzheimers Unit on Sunset Drive is still planning on opening in early 2018.

Mayor Gottman said that a company is still looking at the 0-12year Daycare Center. They are still working on that.

Mayor Gottman stated that they had met with the TIF and know what's going on with that.

Mayor Gottman stated that we are waiting on a couple to get back in the County for the Enterprise Zone.

Mayor Gottman said that the Holiday Inn Express is under a major renovation.

Mayor Gottman stated that the restaurants Anthony's and Mama Antonio's Pizza will be opening.

Mayor Gottman stated that things are moving very well on the Witness Distillery.

The restaurant is still on schedule to open early 2018.

Mayor Gottman stated that there was a press release in regards to First Bank. The Vandalia, Greenville and Salem branches of First Bank are being sold to People's State Bank of Newton, IL. He will be setting up a meeting to talk to them.

Mayor Gottman said that Josh from the Illinois Comptrollers Office in Vandalia met with some business leaders in the community. Some of the businesses have received money from the Comptrollers Office and gave an update of what was going on.

Mayor Gottman wanted to remind everyone that the Vandalia Historical Society will have their Gala on December 2 that will help with the windows at the Capitol building.

Mayor Gottman stated that the Code Official is in the process of talking to four different bidders to tear down the house on the corner of Rock Island and Randolph Street. That has been approved by the courts to take the dwelling down and from there we will start putting our lien on the property and hopefully get the property with the taxes. Attorney Connor said that the initial notices for the other two properties on 5th street are out.

STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS:

Dorothy Crawford reported that the Water Department said that they will have some repairs that will need action on the next meeting.

Andy Lester said that he and Barker met with Chuck from Slack Glass and looked at some samples and discussed the situation and we are satisfied. Lester will bring the sample to Peggy so she can look at it. Mayor Gottman said that we need to maintain this building and would like the other windows in the building done next year.

Russ Stunkel said that we will try to have a meeting to go over the fees and review prior to the next meeting.

Steve Barker said that the Olde Tyme Christmas was a success on the first day. The second day was down so we need to come up with some other ideas for the second day to make it a better event.

Barker also stated that the Beautification Committee was maintaining the trees at the Tourism Center and that it is going to be an asset next summer.

Mayor Gottman said that Marlin was going to take the Little Capitol Building to the Correctional Center for them to work on it.

Mayor Gottman said he was going to be

calling a work session of all the Council

Members to talk about the things that are going to be put in the TIF requirements.

CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Andy Lester wanted to compliment Dennis Grubaugh for the concrete work on the corner of Gallatin and Kennedy.

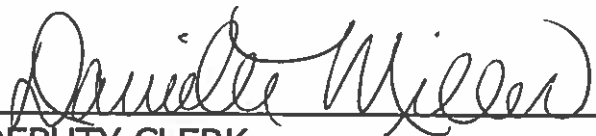
Mayor Gottman is working on getting the director to look at the street at that intersection.

AUDIENCE:

Dennis Grubaugh stated that the Beautification Committee is working to get some topsoil, shrubs or flowers to put in the planters at the corner of Kennedy & Gallatin.

ADJUORNMENT:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to adjourn at 7:50pm. Motion carried.


DEPUTY CLERK