

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

January 15, 2018
7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL:

Hubler, Rebbe, Lester, Stunkel, Crawford, Hobler and Barker. B. John Clark was absent.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving the minutes from the January 2, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the Special Bills as submitted: Civic Systems, LLC in the amount of \$5,576.00 for semi-annual support; SCIRP & DC in the amount of \$3,430.00 for technical outside services for the enterprise zone; ADS Electric Corp in the amount of \$8,255.00 for work on traffic signals; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$3,950.72 for service work at 219 S. Fifth St.; Triple S Tree Service in the amount of \$1,750.00 for technical outside

service; Mid Illinois Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$2,150.25 rebar & etc; Illinois EPA in the amount of \$22,787.56; U.S. Bancorp in the amount of \$14,781.19 for water meters; State of Illinois Treasurer in the amount of \$17,070.47 for Thrill Hill project; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$4,690.84 for chemicals; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$7,321.60 for chemicals; Kaskaskia Springs Water in the amount of \$1,984.00 for 4960 million gal of water; Direct Energy in the amount of \$15,939.37 for electric. Motion carried.

**GEORGE EVANS-KASKASKIA
COLLEGE INTERIM PRESIDENT:**

George Evans, the interim president of Kaskaskia College introduced himself to the city officials.

Evans gave a brief history of his career to introduce himself to the council.

He said that his goal is to get people jobs. Evans said that the cost of a degree that can get students such jobs is \$11,000.00.

Evans is interested in the role of full time college president with full support from Mayor Gottman.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #79 PUT
ON HOLD TILL NEXT MEETING:**

Hobler asked to have the transfer of Lake Lot 79 from the City of Vandalia to Justin Arndt, Ramsey tabled until the February 5th meeting. He would like to talk with Arndt about cleaning up the lot.

**FIRST READING OF LIQUOR
LICENSE CLASS E BLIND
SOCIETY (AMY GAFFNEY):**

The first reading of a request for a Class E liquor license for Blind Society, a restaurant that will be adjacent to Witness Distillery located at 330 W. Gallatin St.

Amy Gaffney is the owner of the restaurant. The council will vote on February 5th on whether to add a Class E liquor license.

**AUTHORIZATION TO SELL RESCUE
FIRE EQUIPMENT:**

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Barker authorizing the fire department to sell off some old rescue tools between \$4,000-\$5,000. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DONATE AIR
PACKS TO ANOTHER FIRE
DEPARTMENT:**

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Barker giving the fire department permission to donate the set of air packs formerly used by our fire department to another small department. Motion carried.

**TIF COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MINUTES FROM JANUARY 2,
2018:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the TIF Council Work Session Minutes from January 2, 2018 as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2018-1-15-A:
CITY OF VANDALIA AUTHORIZING
TIF ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION
WITH A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT
WITH MARK & ANDREA MEADOWS**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker adopting Ordinance #2018-1-15-A, Authorizing Tax Increment Financing Assistance In Connection With A Redevelopment Project with Mark & Andrea Meadows.

Mark & Andrea Meadows from ProWire is requesting assistance for 120 N. Sixth St. for a showroom for the company.

The City shall reimburse the developer the sum of \$54,581.12 upon receipt of paid invoices.

The project should be completed on or before September 16, 2018. Roll Call: Lester, nay; Rebbe, yea; Hobler, yea; Stunkel, yea; Crawford, yea; Barker, yea; Hubler, yea; B. John Clark, absent. Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM VANDALIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR TIF ASSISTANCE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROPERTY AT 224 S. SIXTH ST. :

The Vandalia Volunteer Fire Department requested TIF Assistance for improvements to the property located at 224 S. Sixth St, by renovation and remodel at this location.

Barker asked Fire Chief Keith Meadows what major expenses would be coming up in the near future, and Meadows said they plan to replace its turnout gear which is 14 years old. The cost of that is around \$52,000-\$53,000.

It was noted that the fire department currently has \$114,194.93 in the Hazel Kelly Fund.

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lester to amend the ordinance asking that all funds be taken out of the Hazel Kelly Account in the amount of \$21,470.00 for the replacement of windows and repair or replace certain roof edges to the building.

Roll Call vote: Lester, yea; Barker, Yea; Stunkle, yea; Rebbe, yea; Hobler, yea; Hubler, yea; Crawford, nay; Clark, absent. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman personally thanked Chief Jeff Ray for his leadership during the active shooter drill held last week at the Fayette County Hospital along with Vandalia Fire Department, Vandalia Police Department, the Fayette County Sheriff's Department, EMA of Fayette County, the Greenville Police Department and the Illinois State Police.

Mayor Gottman also thanked the Street Department for handling water line breaks and clearing roads during the recent bad weather.

Mayor Gottman reported that this afternoon a kickoff meeting on the new comprehensive plan with representatives of PGAV explaining to the council and to the department heads for the City of Vandalia ideas for the comprehensive plan.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Enterprise Application has been submitted. They hope to have a decision made by September.

Mayor Gottman said that the Holiday Inn Express is working on the third floor of the hotel at this time.

Several million dollars are being spent on this facility.

Guiseppes opened this past weekend with a huge turnout.

The Thrill Hill Bridge is moving along. Mayor Gottman thanked Rich Bauer, editor of the Vandalia Leader-Union for the article he wrote for the paper.

Mayor Gottman brought to the attention of the council the 2018 Commemorative Issue of the State of Illinois 200th Bicentennial.

Mayor Gottman mentioned to the council members that LaTisha has the list for the RV Show in St. Louis if you are interested in working it. The show is scheduled from February 1st-5th.

A list of the 2018 Zoning Board Meeting Schedule & Planning Commission Meetings were included in your packets.

LaTisha Paslay told the council that the Vandalia Bicentennial Board of Directors is holding contests for two logos that will be used during the city's 200th birthday party next year.

There will be two logo contests, one for younger children and one for high school and adults.

Entries must be submitted by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 31st to City Administrator LaTisha Paslay.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

The Vandalia Police Car that was damaged a couple of weeks ago is in the process of repair.

Mayor Gottman announced that Wednesday evening he along with Dale Timmermann will be meeting with the Vandalia Volunteer Fire Department to review the Hazel Kelly Fund and also look at the budget.

Stunkel announced that the Personnel, Finance & Insurance Committee will meet prior to the Council Meeting On February 5th at 6:30 p.m. to look over the fees set by the municipality.

Barker announced that within the next two weeks the Tourism Committee will meet to discuss upcoming events for 2018.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:03 P.M.:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to move into Executive Session at 8:03 P.M. under 5ILCS120/2 for personnel negotiations of union contracts.

Roll Call: Stunkel, yea; Barker, yea; Rebbe, yea; Hubler, yea; Lester, yea; Hobler, yea; Crawford, yea. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:10 P.M.:

Executive Session ended at 8:10 P.M.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT 8:12 P.M.:

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:12 P.M. with a roll call: Hobler, yea; Stunkel, yea; Rebbe, yea; Hubler, yea; Crawford, yea; Lester, yea; Barker, yea.

**FOP & DISPATCHERS AGREE TO A
2/2/2/2 PERCENT INCREASE IN
CONTRACT:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford accepting a four year contract with a 2 percent increase each year.

The FOP & Dispatchers both agreed to give up their flex spending account and dependent care.

A roll call was taken: Lester, yea; Barker, yea; Rebbe, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hobler, yea; Crawford, yea; Hubler, yea. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

CITY CLERK

