

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

March 4, 2019
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:

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR JAMES
"TODD" MCKELLAR:

A moment of silence was observed for local business owner James "Todd" McKellar who passed away suddenly last week.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the regular minutes from the February 19, 2019 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 Stunkel and seconded by Rebbe approving the Special Bills as presented: Burnside, Johnston, Connor in the amount of \$2,749.00 for small cases & retainer fees; McCarty Auto Body in the amount of \$1,966.81 for repairs to Bowling's 2013 Chev. Impala; Nu-Way Concrete Forms in the amount of \$2,129.50 for a welding chipping hammer with shock reduction grip & a Vibra-strike II power screed handlebar type 4-stroke

eng (bicycle handle; Dunn Company in the amount of \$2,690.00 for 2 loads of M-120 premium patch; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$3,114.80 for street lights; Land Of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$9,990.79 for payment on fire truck; Global Tech Systems in the amount of \$2,046.00 to replace a light in light-bar & 3 Kenwood VHF Digital Portable Radio Kit; Key Equipment/Supply in the amount of \$2,995.62 for an exten rubber, deflector weight, hydraulic cylinder, conv weld & other parts; U.S. Bancorp in the amount of \$14,781.19 for water meters; Ditch Witch Sales in the amount of \$2,313.00 for a subsite utility locating system; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$5,328.96 for chemicals; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$5,318.24 for activated carbon. Motion carried.

**DOROTHY DONLEY-OLD STATE
BURIAL GROUND:**

Dorothy Donley addressed the City Council for approval and support to revitalize the Old State Burial Grounds on the south side of town.

Dorothy approached the council in September of 2016, for approval to start a cleanup at the burial grounds. She said that they have been busy for two and a half years.

Dorothy has been instrumental in working, restoring and remapping the Old State Burial Grounds down by the Moose Lodge.

Dorothy gave a list of projects that have been completed since September 2016.

Dorothy asked the council if the city would install a 15' x 6' concrete slab in front of the flag pole in the Old State Burial Ground. The slab would

be divided into ninety 12" squares. In the center of each square they would attach a 9" x 6" black granite, engraved marker, one for each of the 81 veterans buried in the Old State Burial Grounds.

The granite markers would be made by a company in Texas, *Mark Every Grave* and would have four inscribed lines with the veteran's name, date of birth, date of death and his rank and the war in which he fought.

The cost of a 3-line engraved marker is \$29.99; however the company has agreed to do the 81 markers for \$25.99 each which includes a 4th line and free shipping.

They plan to conduct an "Honor A Vet" fundraiser wherein a \$25.00 donation would provide one of the 81 veteran's markers needed. A donor has already offered to match each \$25.00 donation with .99 to cover the total cost of \$25.99.

The council approved the labor and to cover the expense of the 15' x 6' slab of concrete for the OSBG.

Dorothy also asked that donors be able to make their checks out to The City of Vandalia due to not having a 501(c)(3) or tax-exempt status?

The mayor & council were in agreement to do so.

Dorothy also mentioned that there are 1099 marked burials in the Old State Burial Ground, less than 100 of those have ever been recorded. Over the past 2 ½ years every burial has been located & recorded, and every headstone photographed.

The Old State Burial Ground has been divided into nine sections, and each headstone within the sections, has been given a number.

At the present time, the dividing lines for each section are marked by six large trees. We would like to create and install more permanent section markers. Square metal sign posts that a small metal sign could be bolted to similar to the OSBG sign in the garden.

Dorothy said that, they are only asking permission to move forward with the project. They will need to find the materials needed for the section signs, and either raise the funds or have them donated.

Mayor Gottman and the council gave their blessing to move forward with the project.

TRANSFERRING OF LAKE LOT
#131 FROM JIMMY WARREN,
RAMSEY, IL TO KENNETH & MARY
DUNAWAY, COLLINSVILLE:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the transfer of Lake Lot #131 from Jimmy Warren, Ramsey, IL. to Kenneth & Mary Dunaway, Collinsville, IL. Motion carried. All necessary fees have been paid.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #21
FROM LES & LEE MILLER,
MOWEAQUA TO TAMARA & CHAD
GELSINGER & PAYTON SCHREIER:

The transfer of Lake Lot #21 was tabled until further information is found.

RESOLUTION #2019-3-4-A:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
TECHNICAL SERVICES &
ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE CITY
OF VANDALIA, IL & TIMMERMAN
& COMPANY, LTD.

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel approving Resolution #2019-3-4-A, Approving An Agreement For Technical Services & Assistance Between The City of Vandalia, IL and Timmerman ^ Company, LTD.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman had three members of the Fayette County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) students introduced themselves to the council.

They were, J'Amy Jackson, Blake Barth and Blake Morrison.

They explained what they are learning through the program and thanked the council for their financial support.

Mayor Gottman reported that he along with City Administrator, LaTisha Paslay are working on a job description for a part-time tourism director for the City of Vandalia. Mayor Gottman said that tourism money will pay the salary for the director.

There are four artists set up in the Tourist Information Center to help keep the center open and promote the City of Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman mentioned that the city received a very nice "thank you" from Chandler Sasse who finished his Eagle Scout project at the Vandalia Community Garden. Thanking the city for their support with the project.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Paslay announced that a photo day is set for March 30th in downtown Vandalia as part of the Bicentennial. A rain date has been set for April 6th.

They are taking orders for the Vandalia Bicentennial Commemorative Book. They are \$30.00 each. If you wish to have them shipped there is an additional \$5.00 shipping charge. Orders will be taken until May 15, 2019 for \$30.00 after that date they will be \$35.00.

Another fund-raiser the Bicentennial Committee is having a ½ chicken drive-thru dinner on Friday, April 26th from 4:00-6:00 pm. A catering company that will come in. It will be at the drive up here at City Hall. You must have a ticket in advance, you cannot buy them at the event. The tickets are \$10.00 each.

Paslay had a request come in this afternoon where the American Legion does their annual Armed Forces Day event at the Legion on May 17th & 18th are asking permission to close Edwards Street between Seventh & Eighth Street between 10:00 A.M. on Friday until 7:00 P.M. Saturday evening.

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Barker giving them permission to do so. Motion carried.

Paslay announced that a Tourism Commission Meeting on March 19th at 4:00 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Mayor Gottman reported that the Public Works Department were out again due to water leaks and the inclement weather.

Crawford reported that a pipe broke on Thrill Hill tower but was able to get it repaired.

Andy Gelsingier took his tests last week and waiting for the results.

Hubler reported that he will be meeting with Sam Kerr, sexton at the cemetery to see what his concerns are for the spring & summer months and come back with a report to the council.

Mayor Gottman mentioned the City of Vandalia Small Business Award nomination Form. Please get your nominees to Amber Daulbaugh by Friday, April 5th. The winners will be awarded at City Hall during the May 6th City Council Meeting.

The Vandalia Railroads Museum Foundation will be doing a fundraiser "Dinner In The Diner II at Denny's in Vandalia on Thursday, April 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The City of Vandalia Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on March 20th at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:06 P.M.:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to move into Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. for the sale or inquiry of land and possible pending litigation under Section 5/ILCS120/2.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:34 P.M.:

Executive Session ended at 8:34 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT 8:35 P.M.:

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:35 p.m. with a roll call: Hobler, yea; Barker yea; Lester, yea; Crawford, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hubler, yea; Rebbe, yea.

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving an agreement that gives Dennis Grubaugh \$100,000.00 in TIF monies (Tax Increment Financing Funds) to remediate the exterior wall on a downtown building and to also purchase the three lots from Grubaugh with an easement that would allow Grubaugh access to the remainder parts of his building. The cost of the three lots is \$25,000.00. Upon receiving a clear deed and title policy of that property a check will be issued for those three lots. First we will act on the three lots.

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

A motion was made by Crawford and seconded by Barker when the City of Vandalia receives a clear deed to the property that shows that it is clear from any liens that the council gives Mayor Gottman authorization to sign a check for \$25,000.00 which will give the city ownership of the property.

Mayor Gottman noted that the \$100,000.00 is not payable until the work is to our satisfaction. Mr. Grubaugh has agreed to this.

The project is to be completed by June 1, 2019 or placed in a condition that the parties find mutually agreeable, safe and appealing in advance of the commencement of Bicentennial celebration events in June.

The council was in agreement with following through with the project with Mr. Grubaugh.

Mayor Gottman thanked Mr. Grubaugh for working with the city to get an agreement done after such a long journey.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to bring before the council, a motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hubler to adjourn. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK