

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

August 5, 2019
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gottman called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vandalia City Council to order at 6:30 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 & Brosman. Crawford was absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Ron Robinson who served on the City of Vandalia Zoning Board of Assessments Committee. Also, a moment of silence was observed for the victims of the mass shootings over the weekend in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. Our thoughts & prayers to the families left behind.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the regular minutes from the July 15, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the Special Bills as presented: Burnside, Johnston & Connor in the amount of \$4,112.00 for legal fees; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$3,400.68 for street lighting; Nick DePaolo in the amount of \$1,745.00 for cutting

three trees on 8th Street & St. Louis Ave.; Fayette County Treasurer in the amount of \$39,060.70 for Real Estate Taxes for 2018; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$2,226.00 for patch mix; Link Holdings LLC, in the amount of \$53,900.00 for TIF reimbursement for the event center; U.S. Bancorp in the amount of \$14,781.19 for water meters; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$14,982.28 for chemicals; Hanfland Painting Con in the amount of \$3,466.00 for painting on water tower; Hawkins in the amount of \$8,726.84 for activated carbon; Cedarchem, LLC in the amount of \$12,457.40 for cedarclear. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2019-8-5-A:
AMENDING THE VANDALIA
MUNICIPAL CODE AT CHAPTER 2
ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL
FEE SCHEDULE FOR FIRE
DEPARTMENT CALLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman Adopting Ordinance #2019-8-5-A, Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code At Chapter 2 Administration and Personnel. Section 2.40 Fire Department Fee Schedule.

The fee schedule will offset costs of fires outside the city limits of Vandalia.

The fee schedule is as follows:
\$250.00/hour per vehicle
\$70.00/hour per fireman

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS-
JUNE 19, 2019:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the minutes from the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting as submitted from June 19, 2019. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS-
JULY 11, 2019:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler approving the minutes from the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting from July 11, 2019. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS-
JULY 17, 2019:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting from July 17, 2019. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS-
JULY 29, 2019:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting from July 29, 2019. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT
APPOINTMENT TO POLICE
PENSION BOARD:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker endorsing the appointment of Mark Burnam to the City of Vandalia Police Pension Board for a four (4) year term. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE
NEW EMAIL SERVER & REQUIRED
LICENSES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker authorizing the purchase of a new Email Server & Required Licenses. The city will go with 55 licenses. Server Installed & 55 licenses in the amount of \$11,674.36. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2019-8-5-B:
CONCERNING THE GRANTING OF A
FRANCHISE TO LIBERTY
UTILITIES

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler Approving Ordinance #2019-8-5-B, An Agreement with Liberty Utilities through which the city will receive natural gas service free of charge.

Brosman said that he heard that the size of the natural gas line was not large enough to accommodate some expansion projects, and was told that Liberty is willing to go with a larger line for any expansion projects, but that it doesn't do so based solely on speculation.

Mayor Gottman said that this is a thirty (30) year agreement.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker authorizing to seek bids for sidewalk/curbs/handicapped ramps for nineteen locations.

Sealed bids will be received until 9:00 a.m. Friday, August 30, 2019. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman enclosed in the aldermen's packet information from the Illinois Municipal league, dealing with the legalization of marijuana by the State of Illinois and some changes that the IML is proposing.

Mayor Gottman said that he would like to form a task force to look into the issues for the community in dealing with legalization of marijuana by the State of Illinois.

Mayor Gottman said that he will hold off the task force until after the fall veto session.

Mayor Gottman did say that the closest community to our area that has said they want a license is Mt. Vernon.

Mayor Gottman said that the big decision would be whether or not the City of Vandalia wants to apply for a license to potentially have a dispensary, or storefront, in the community.

Mayor Gottman pointed out that just because you apply does not mean you would be awarded a storefront. Communities that have medical marijuana dispensaries now, such as Effingham, might be in a better position to receive a storefront.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Works Director, Marlin Filer said that the public works department has been dealing with several water leaks and sewer problems the past couple of weeks.

Mayor Gottman reported that the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program will change some. It will go from the elementary school on Fletcher Street to Railroad Street then over to Fillmore Street.

Hubler announced that the Cemetery & Landfill Committee held a meeting on Monday, July 29th to discuss the closing of FAYCO's recycling operation. David Doty, Doty Sanitation along with Kim Taylor, Fayco Enterprises' said, it wasn't feasible to continue the recycling program.

Stunkel said that the dam inspection will take place sometime this month.

Stunkel said that are mowing & weed eating out at the lake.

Stunkel suggested that we sell the Marathon Sign out by the Marina while it's still in good condition.

Mayor Gottman suggested that the city put it on ebay.

Stunkel said that the number 1 complaint out at the lake on the north side is the ATV's.

Stunkel suggested that the city look at an idea of a nice restaurant out at the lake. His thinking was, "what a nice destination restaurant." Something to think about.

Mayor Gottman reported that two businesses will be opening in the downtown area.

City Administrator, LaTisha Paslay announced that on August 31st will be Vandalia Night at the Gateway Grizzlies ballpark. The first 200 people will get a young Abraham Lincoln bobblehead.

The city will be purchasing additional bobble heads that will be available for purchase at Iya's & Friends after August 31st. Mayor Gottman will be throwing out the first pitch.

Jessica Hampton, Tourism Director is back from her deployment.

A Tourism Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday of this week.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to adjourn. Motion carried.


CITY CLERK