

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 21, 2019
6:30 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 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Aldermen present were: Brosman, Barker, Stunkel, Hobler, Lester, Hubler, Rebbe & Crawford.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the October 7, 2019 meeting 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: Illinois Municipal League in the amount of \$162,603.87 for the 2020 Min/Max contribution; Sportsmen's Boutique in the amount of \$1,511.67 for buoys & dock edging; County Materials Corp. in the amount of \$ 1,556.00 for sanitary manholes; Vandalia City Garage in the amount of \$6,501.00 for maintenance to equipment; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$5,194.16 for activated carbon; Centraz Industries in the amount of \$3,420.00 for sewer solvent; Missouri Machinery in the amount of \$4,363.58 for Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the Treasurer's Report to put on file for audit. Motion carried.

OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS UPDATE:

Jessica Hampton, Tourism Director gave an update on the Olde Tyme Christmas.

Hampton said, that they have tried to rebrand the event hoping that the additions to the holiday schedule will increase holiday shopping in the community.

One of the biggest additions is Santa's Cottage. Hampton said Santa's Cottage will be located at the vacant lot at the northwest corner of Fifth & Gallatin streets. Hampton said that Dave & Esther Hill, owners of Ma & Pa's have donated a shed that will be used as Santa's home on both Friday and Saturday of Olde Tyme Christmas along with other weekends prior to Christmas.

The electricity for Santa's Cottage will come from a nearby building owned by Dennis Grubaugh, who has agreed to host the New Switzerland Railroad Co. display in one of his buildings.

Hampton said that maps indicating where everything will be during Olde Tyme Christmas will be available and signs at intersections will help direct downtown visitors.

ORDINANCE #2019-10-21-A:
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF
THE IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM
CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT FOR
2020

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler Approving Ordinance #2019-10-21-A, Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement for 2020 Min/Max Contribution in the amount of \$162,603.87.

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

APPROVAL OF LAKE LOT #40
FROM ANN EMERICK, VANDALIA
TO TRACY & RANDY CEARLOCK,
VANDALIA:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the Transfer of Lake Lot #40 from Ann Emerick, Vandalia to Tracy & Randy Cearlock, Vandalia. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2019-10-21-B: AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY
OF VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE
AT CHAPTER 9, PUBLIC PEACE,
MORALS AND WELFARE AT
SECTION 9.12.060 BURNING
WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker Approving the change in Ordinance #2019-10-21-B, Amending The City Of Vandalia Municipal Code At Chapter 9, *Public Peace, Morals And Welfare* At Section 9.12.060 Burning Within The City Limits.

E. Potential amendments to the burn time may be done on a case by case basis. Any and all requests shall be made in writing to the city council prior to a city council meeting so that it may be placed on the council agenda. Said property owner shall then attend the following meeting and a vote will take place at that time. Things taken in consideration may include, but are not limited to: Public input, input from Illinois Department of Transportation if located near State route, neighboring businesses and residents in the area of the requested burn site.

Alderman Hubler brought up concerns that the city could potentially be in trouble with the EPA. City Attorney Ryan Connor said that would be the responsibility of the property owner. This change just allows the request to be submitted. Mike Wehrle was in

contact IDOT and the EPA before coming back to the council to make his request.

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

JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING
MINUTES-JUNE 19, 2019:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the Joint Review Board Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2019 as submitted. Motion carried.

JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING
MINUTES-AUGUST 28, 2019:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving the Joint Review Board Meeting Minutes from August 28, 2019 as submitted. Motion carried.

COUNCIL TIF WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES-OCTOBER 7,
2019:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the Council TIF Work Session Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2019 as submitted. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2019-10-21-C:
AUTHORIZING TAX INCREMENT
FINANCING ASSISTANCE IN
CONNECTION WITH A
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT
(LESKERA LAW FIRM-PHASE II)

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker Adopting Ordinance #2019-10-21-C, Authorizing A Tax Increment Financing Assistance In Connection With A Redevelopment Project for Leskera Law Firm-Phase II.

The City will reimburse the Developer the sum of \$22,685.26 which is 25% of the project.

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

RESOLUTION #2019-10-21-D:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN
THE CITY OF VANDALIA, IL AND
MILANO & GRUNLOH ENGINEERS,
LLC

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel Approving Resolution #2019-10-21-D, Approving An Agreement For Engineering Services Between The City of Vandalia, Il And Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC.

This agreement allows Milano & Grunloh to provide engineering services associated with the Watermain Replacement with regards to the CDBG Grant received in the amount of \$500,000. Motion carried.

PROJECT UPDATES- LEE
BECKMAN, MILANO & GRUNLOH
ENGINEERS

Lee Beckman gave an update on upcoming projects for the City of Vandalia.

Safe Routes to School- This was funded at \$200,000 with a project estimate of \$424,865. There was a walk through with IDOT with some minor modifications to the project. This project is set for construction in late 2020.

Watermain Replacement- The City received a \$500,000 grant to replace the watermain from Gouchenour to the south side of I-70 along 8th Street along with a few other areas.

Water Treatment Plant- This is a large project. The estimate is for \$21,099,000. This project has been submitted to Rural Development and the Illinois EPA for funding. Because this project includes construction of a new intake in the Kaskaskia River, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers requires that a wetlands delineation be completed.

Payne Road & Wagner Street (Octochem) - This project is to reconstruct Payne Road and Wagner Street. Octochem is planning an expansion which opens up

the potential for grant funds. The project estimate is \$1,144,164. The EDP funds in the amount of \$605,693 have been secured. The city has applied for DCEO funding in the amount of \$400,000 and will be applying for TARP funding in the amount of \$54,400 when the solicitation period is opened. There is a sewer relocation estimated at \$56,100 and a watermain relocation estimated at \$167,100.

Vandalia Lake Siltation - Lee said that they contacted NRCS and they stated that there are three potential programs the city could apply for. We will look at this project later on.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Congratulations to Chase Laack who finished his golf year tying for 16th place in the IHSA Class 1A State Golf Tournament over the weekend.

Congratulations to the Vandalia Vandals. They are undefeated at this time. This Friday evening Vandalia will play Greenville at Greenville. Greenville is 7-1.

Mayor Gottman said that he received an email from Matt Hortenstine in regard to the lake lots. He is still working on that project.

Mayor Gottman called an Economic Development Meeting for November 16th at 2:00 p.m. to talk about the alcohol beverages.

On November 4th at 5:30 p.m. there will be a meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan. The Illinois Realtors, The Planning Commission, Building & Zoning Officials will all be present for the meeting.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

Clerk Bowen reported that she attended the Illinois Municipal Clerk's Conference in Springfield last week.

Some of the things that were talked about was legalized cannabis, the 2020 census, video gaming the increase in video terminals.

We were told that Gov. Pritzker gave an executive order in the amount of \$29 million to prepare and execute the census in Illinois.

The Cannabis Regulation & Tax Act-Municipalities may want to look at their personnel policies. To make it a strict 0 tolerance policy for use of marijuana in the workplace. Also, the union contracts they will need to have something worded about a 0 tolerance with cannabis as well as alcohol.

They also spoke on the Illinois Human Rights Act. In January 2020 all employees will need a class on sexual harassment. It will be an annual training. It was suggested that the municipality's city attorney give the class.

In January 2020 all public restrooms with one stall will need to be marked as "All Gender Restrooms".

A simulation experience on poverty which was designed to help clerks who participated to understand what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month. It made me think of the 20% increase on property taxes the county is trying to pass. How difficult it is for the families barely making it now.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker reported that the street department placed a manhole up on Burtschi. A couple water lines were also replaced this week. The street department will be getting ready for the overlay on Sixth street.

Brosman said that the Water & Sewer Committee have one water & sewer complaint form to review for an adjustment.

Stunkel reported that Mark Augenstein had a hip replacement today in Effingham. He is hoping to come tomorrow.

Stunkel announced that the Vandalia Lake is closed for the season.

Stunkel announced that he will meet with City Administrator Paslay in changes to the fees at Vandalia Lake in 2020.

Mayor Gottman told the council that our personnel policy is being updated by our personnel attorney in St. Louis.

Dennis Grubaugh gave an update on the former Vandalia Furniture Store.

Grubaugh will be leasing the building to an individual interested in refurbishing furniture.

Mike Wehrle also addressed the council saying he has been in contact with the Secretary of State's Office as they are looking at moving from their current location and relocate to one of Wehrle's buildings on Veterans Avenue.

The Secretary of State's Office may look to expand to include CDL (Commercial Driver's License) testing. Wehrle said they would need a larger concrete pad area for the testing for that. The agency would need to have a 30'x 90' concrete pad for motorcycle testing, but a 60' by 260' pad for CDL testing. Wehrle says he is not interested in putting in the pad himself but was told by the Secretary of State contact that if the city could pay for half of the cost of the larger pad they would pay for the other half.

Wehrle said that the cost would be between \$55,000 and \$60,000. Wehrle said that he was not trying to sell it, he just wanted to notify the council of the opportunity because he thought there was a possibility that it could bring a lot of traffic to the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler to adjourn. Motion carried.


CITY CLERK