

CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

January 6, 2020  
6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by those 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:

Barker, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, absent; Hobler, absent; Lester, yea; Hubler, yea; Rebbe, yea; Crawford, yea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker approving the minutes from the December 2, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker approving the minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Brosman to confirm to move forward with the approval of regular bills from the December 16, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman approving the regular bills from January 6, 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A copy of the Treasurer's Report has been filed for audit.

SPECIAL COUNCIL BILLS:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Crawford to confirm to move forward with the approval of Special Council Bills from December 16, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Crawford approving the Special Bills from January 6, 2020 as presented: Kaskaskia Supply & Rental in the amount of \$2,640.00 for Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$5,779.90 for CA6; Kathleen Field Orr & Associates in the amount of \$1,683.00 for professional services; South Central FS in the amount of \$1,650.17 for gasoline; Milano & Grunloh Engineering in the amount \$13,071 for design work on the Water Plant; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$6,129.40 for chemicals; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$5,146.23 for activated carbon; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$14,932.55 for electric; Kaskaskia Springs in the amount of \$2,413.60 for 6.034 million gals of water; Cedarchem, LLC in the amount of \$12,601.38 for cedarclear; Draege & Sons, LLC in the amount of \$9,826.00 for demolition at 610 S. Sixth St.; U.S. Bancorp in the amount of \$14,781.19 for the water meters; Illinois EPA in the amount of \$22,787.56 for the Water Revolving Fund for the drinking water project; Coe Equipment in the amount of \$9,625.00 for equipment rental on a vac truck; County Materials Corp. in the amount of \$1,924.16 for water meter frames & etc. Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$10,150.73 for chemicals; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$6,075.51 for activated carbon; Omnisite corp. in the amount of \$3,969.00 for work on

the lift stations. Motion carried.

2019 BICENTENNIAL REPORT:

Cassie Beesley who served as the Bicentennial Board President reported to the council that the board ended up with excess money of \$21,000 and wanted to give that money to the City for the Tourism Commission to use for a two day event. She said they found that the musical entertainment was popular with many individuals. The council accepted the donation and Beesley said that City Administrator LaTisha Paslay will set up a special account for the money.

ORDINANCE #2019-12-16-A:  
AMENDING ORDINANCE #2019-10-17-C  
WITH REGARD TO OCTOCHEM, INC.  
REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Brosman to recodify Ordinance #2019-12-16-A, Amending Ordinance 2019-10-17-C With Regard to Octochem, Inc. Redevelopment Agreement. The only change being the date change due to the weather.

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

VANDALIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY-WINE  
& ALE WITH ABE STREETFEST:

Susan Williams, president of the Vandalia Historical Society, reported that the 2019 Wine & Ale with Abe was a big success with around 1200 people attending. They would like permission to again close some downtown streets for the 2020 event.

The council was in favor in doing so again for 2020.

She said that the proceeds from this years event would go toward needed work on the Little Brick House, including a new roof and new heating and cooling system.

APPROVE OR REJECT RETIREMENT OF  
MARK AUGENSTEIN AS  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWER PLANT  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 24, 2020:

Brosman said, "With Deep Regret", Brosman made the motion and Barker seconded the motion to approve the retirement of Mark Augenstein effective April 24, 2020. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SEWER PLANT  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 25, 2020:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lester approving the appointment of Mike Anderson as the new Sewer Plant Superintendent effective April 25, 2020. Mayor Gottman said that Anderson would be paid \$60,000 a year. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE WITHIN THE  
ACCORDANCE OF THE CONTRACT:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman authorizing the hiring of a replacement for Mike Anderson. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman reported on the IML meeting that was held in Chicago.

The General Assembly took action to address the public safety pension fund reform & consolidation.

Mayor Gottman said that one of the next items the legislators will be addressing is lead pipes.

The IML will have this on their agenda to discuss as well.

The IML will be leasing a spot at the trade show in Las Vegas.

Mayor Gottman told them that the one we need to be involved with is the one in Chicago.

A copy of the building permits that were issued in 2019 were 181 which totaled \$14,780.79 with a value of improvements for permits issued at \$5,461,062.80.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Vandalia Police Department received their new truck today. It will be paid out of the DUI Fund.

Mayor Gottman pointed out the stop sign that was installed at Fifth & Gallatin Streets with the flashing lights on the sign to make it easier to see. He also said that he would like to see a permanent speed monitor to be placed on Eighth Street near the Vandalia schools. Mayor Gottman says he believes people drive too fast thru that area and he believes that seeing your speed does help people become more aware. He would also like to see a speed monitor on Fletcher Street, as well, for school safety.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR CALEB LEWIS:**

A moment of silence was observed for one of our firemen, Caleb Lewis. Our thoughts & prayers to his family.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

City Administrator reported that the interior work at the Public Safety Building is scheduled to begin the middle or end of the month.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Barker reported that the City Crew finished taking down the Christmas lights & decorations.

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Crawford said that she would like to hold another meeting on the possible expansion of liquor sales. She said the first meeting, which could only be one hour due to the council meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. did not allow for enough discussion. Another meeting will be set to talk more about the sale of liquor. She said she calls that she received since the meeting have been 4 to 1 in favor.

Mike Wehrle spoke to the council about his plan for the cleared property near the former Wal-Mart Building.

Wehrle is thinking of breaking the piles up to make it much easier to burn during the hours of 8:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.

Due to the wet weather at this time it may be a little while before he can burn.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hubler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

  
CITY CLERK