

CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

February 3, 2020  
7:30 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:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the January 20, 2020 meeting 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 Crawford approving all Special Bills as submitted: Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,259.57 for street lights; Brubaker Interiors in the amount of \$8,500.00 for remodel job at the Public Safety Building; U.S. Bancorp in the amount of \$14,781.19 for contract on water meters; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$4,968.40 for chemicals; Hawkins in the amount of \$9,213.35 for activated carbon. Motion carried.

MAYOR GOTTMAN PRESENTS GIFT  
TO CONAWAY-HAMPTON-HUHN:

Mayor Gottman presented a picture of Gallatin Street in the holiday lighting season to Donelle Conaway who has been very instrumental for many years with Olde Time Christmas.

Mayor Gottman also presented a picture of Gallatin Street in holiday lighting to Jessica Hampton, Tourism Director and Carla Huhn who helped chair the Olde Tyme Christmas making this past Christmas season a total success.

The photos were taken by Megan Frazier.

ORDINANCE #2020-2-03-A:  
AMENDING THE VANDALIA  
MUNICIPAL CODE AT TITLE V  
BUSINESS LICENSES AND  
REGULATIONS AT SECTION  
5.08.070 NUMBER OF LICENSES

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker Amending Ordinance #2020-2-3-A, The Vandalia Municipal Code At Title V Business Licenses And Regulations At Section 5.08.070 Number of Licenses.

This is a Class L License for the Witness Distillery.

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WIL BE  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> :

Clerk Bowen stated that the next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> due to President's Day being observed on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Barker reported that the Public Works Department has been working on a few water leaks.

Stunkel mentioned that there has been a request for approval of a competition ski boat.

Stunkel announced that the Vandalia Crime Watchers are offering a \$500 reward through crime watchers for information leading to the individuals responsible for the graffiti out at the Vandalia Lake.

We will be hiring a part-time employee for lake patrol at the lake. Joe Kelly has retired.

Crawford said that they are continuing to gather information on the potential expansion of liquor sales and people's opinions in the community.

Crawford mentioned to the council that there is a poll being conducted on the Vandalia Economic Development Facebook page on the issue.

Stunkel asked about the possibility of having a referendum put on the ballot where the citizens of Vandalia could vote whether or not to expand liquor sales.

City Attorney, Ryan Connor said you would be able to get the issue on the November ballot but you would probably have a deadline of late June or early July to get that done.

Crawford said she would be hesitant to leave an economic development issue to a public vote.

Brosman asked if there would be cost involved in putting it on the ballot.

Mayor Gottman said that he is having City Administrator, Paslay check into that.

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF  
COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Gottman said that it was time to re-appoint committees in June. Mayor Gottman is asking for input, if there is a committee that you would like to sit on please let Mayor Gottman know. Mayor Gottman said, we are going to rotate it out. So everyone gets some experience.

**ALDERMANIC FORM OF  
GOVERNMENT:**

Attorney Connor gave a handout from the Illinois Municipal Handbook on a little housekeeping on the roll of Aldermanic-City form of government.

When it comes to employment matters, it is important that those things go through the City Administrator, LaTisha Paslay to move downward rather than two individual employees or to go upward from her.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

  
CITY CLERK