

CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

February 18, 2020  
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:

Lester, Brosman, Hobler, Stunkel, and Barker. Crawford, Huber & Rebbe were absent.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded Hobler approving the minutes from the February 3, 2020 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 listed: Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$17,613.77 for electric bill; Global Tech Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$7,534.67 for installation of radio equipment to the 2019 Dodge pickup; Dunn Company in the amount of \$2,047.50 for M-120 Premium pat; Arthur Young, Inc. in the amount of \$1,687.66 for repair work to Interstate Billing Services in the amount of \$1,604.75 for gear Chase in the amount of \$14,228.49 for Jr. Debt

GO Obligation Bond; Milano & Grunloh Engineering in the amount of \$10,000.00 miscellaneous services for water main replacement; SCIRP & DC in the amount of \$3,000.00 for CDBG grant for public infrastructure on water replacement improvements; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$4,796.23 for aqua ammonia drums; Kaskaskia Springs Water in the amount of \$2,585.20 for 6.463 million gals water; Motion carried.

**BEST PRACTICES:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Lester to begin following the Best Practices document for its Tax Increment Financing Program immediately instead of in two years. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT NOTICE OF AWARD FOR WATER MAIN PROJECT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the Notice of Award for the Water Main Replacement. The contract price of the awarded contract is \$710,754.80. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR DEMOLITION AT 1106 W. GALLATIN STREET:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Baker approving the bid from Gathe Farms in the amount of \$12,400.00 for demolition work at 1106 W. Gallatin St. Motion carried.

The city received Bids from the following:

Draege & Sons, LLC in the amount of \$15,900.00

Grubaugh Contracting in the amount of \$14,195.00

Smith Backhoe Service in the amount of \$21,500.00

COUNCIL TIF WORK SESSION  
MINUTES-FEBRUARY 3, 2020:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the Council TIF Work Session Minutes from February 3, 2020 as submitted. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF  
VANDALIA, FAY. CO. ILLINOIS  
AUTHORIZING TAX INCREMENT  
FINANCING ASSISTANCE IN  
CONNECTION WITH A  
REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT:

A TIF request from Tom & Eric Craycroft for a roof replacement project at their downtown storage location at 115 N. Fifth St.

The total cost of the project is \$20,625.00. They are asking for the City of Vandalia for a 50% reimbursement for the project in the amount of \$10,312.50.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Barker to approve 25% of the cost of the project.

A roll call vote was taken: Lester, nay; Brosman, nay; Hobler, yea; Stunkel, nay; Barker, yea; Crawford, Rebbe and Huber were absent. The request for 25% failed by a 3-2 vote.

FOURTH STREET ROAD CLOSURE  
REQUEST FOR FARMER'S MARKET:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the Fourth Street Road Closure for a Farmer's Market on Gallatin Street to Statehouse West Sidewalk from 7 am-2 pm on the following dates. Motion carried.

May 9<sup>th</sup> - June 13<sup>th</sup> - June 20<sup>th</sup>

July 11- August 8 - September 12<sup>th</sup>

**ANIMAL CONTROL:**

Merrill Collins member of the Fayette County Board spoke to the council about animal control.

Collins said that the first thing he did was to get the county right with the state on the rabies shots.

Collins said that the county is advertising for an administrator and an animal control warden.

Attorney Ryan Connors asked Collins to explain to the alderman what the county will provide and what they will not provide the city.

Connor said, that he has a law enforcement entity that needs to be able to take these dogs someplace. So, are you accepting animals caught by city officers at this time. Collins said, no we are not. Connors asked, if there is a line on the horizon as to when the county may be excepting animals again. Collins said that he has been invited to attend the Effingham County Board meeting in March. They are open to providing that kind of service county wide.

Collins said that he represents the county, each municipality has their own regulations. In the past where everybody tried to work together to chip in.

A recommendation from the Mayor was to have the City Attorney & the State's Attorney work out the details. The council was favor of the recommendation.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will make an important announcement here at City Hall tomorrow morning at 10:00 A.M.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be meeting with the warden from the Correctional Center on Friday.

The City of Vandalia will be celebrating National Small Business Week May 3-9<sup>th</sup>. The City will be recognizing their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Small Business Award Nominations. Please fill out a form and return to Amber Daulbaugh by Friday, April 3, 2020. Winners will be awarded at City Hall during the May 4<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

The County Clerk has asked each elected and appointed employee to fill out a Statement of Economic Interest Form. This is a requirement of the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Paslay announced that it is "Budget" time again. Hope to have all the paperwork to the department heads by the end of next week. Fiscal year begins May 1<sup>st</sup>.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mayor Gottman said they received the speed limit signs on Eighth Street for school safety.

Stunkel, Committee Chair for the Lake reported that the City hired Genesis Property Improvements to remove the graffiti from the Lions Club marquee at the Vandalia Lake.

Stunkel also reported that there are some four-wheelers going up the dam and rutting up the road.

Public Works Director Marlin Filer suggested that a fence be installed. Mayor Gottman said that was done a few years ago but didn't seem to help.

Mayor Gottman gave an overview account of the Vandalia Fire Department calls.

Training Hours for 2019 were 1,556 and 68 fire calls.

January 2020 they received 140 training hours and 2 calls.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

  
CITY CLERK