

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

March 16, 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:**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR JOHN ASHDOWN:**

A moment of silence was observed for John Ashdown. Ashdown formerly of Vandalia lived in Carson City, Nevada with his family. Ashdown was the Chief Executive Officer for the Fayette Co. YMCA while living in Vandalia. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the minutes from the March 2, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester approving the Special Bills as listed: Econo Signs in the amount of \$2,299.66 for signage for the street department. Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$16,638.63 for electric; Historical Vandalia, Inc. in the amount of \$3,242.29 for reimbursements; MB Construction LLC in the amount of \$10,600.00 for an EZ-Valve for Public Works Water; Kaskaskia Springs Water in the amount of \$2,560.40 for 6.401 million gallons of water; Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MFT MATERIAL  
LETTING FEBRUARY 27, 2020:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the MFT Material Letting for February 27, 2020 as submitted. Motion carried.

TRANSFERRING OF LAKE LOT  
#128 FROM KEITH DAUGHERTY,  
VANDALIA, IL TO JOSH BARTELS  
ST. ELMO:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the transfer of Lake Lot #128 from Keith Daugherty, Vandalia to Josh Bartels, St. Elmo, IL. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

VANDALIA TOURISM COMMISSION  
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 11,  
2020:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel approving the Vandalia Tourism Commission Minutes from February 11, 2020 as submitted. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS  
MEETING MINUTES-NOVEMBER 6,  
2019:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler approving the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman announced that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will be shutting down the state parks and also announced the closures that include fish and wildlife areas, recreational areas and historical sites effective immediately.

Mayor Gottman also announced changes to City Hall effective March 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

City Hall will be open regular hours, but will only be accepting customer payments at either the drive-up window on the east side of the building or at the former walk-up window on the Gallatin Street side.

For boat stickers, building permits they will need to send those by email.

For the time being, No one but firemen will be allowed in the Fire Department.

Mayor Gottman authorized to purchase two new computers for the two locations to be used for customer payments.

The City of Vandalia will be celebrating National Small Business Week May 3-9, 2020. Mayor Gottman encouraged everyone to fill out the small business award nomination form.

Winners will be awarded at City Hall during the May 4, 2020 City Council Meeting.

Nominees will be accepted through Friday, April 3, 2020, 5:00 P.M.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Barker said that the Vac truck is back in service.

They have been replacing some hydrants and some shut off valves to get ready for some big projects.

Barker encouraged everyone to support our local businesses that offer indoor dining.

The city is setting aside two parking spots for each downtown restaurant, and that the city has ordered signs for those spots.

Stunkel announced that they will keep the Vandalia Lake Marina campgrounds closed due to the coronavirus spread.

Stunkel said that the lake patrol is still one short due to Joe Kelly retiring.

Mayor Gottman said the city needs to put a freeze on hiring at this time.

He proceeded to say that we will be losing our revenues from the gaming and we will be losing sales tax with dine-in restaurants being closed so we will not be getting in as much revenues, so we have to be smart and do what's right to make sure we are able to operate the city efficiently.

We do need to fill the position at the Water Plant else we will be spending a lot of money.

City Administrator, Paslay said we will have to advertise for that position because the applicants that we have, have either declined or found another job.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

  
CITY CLERK