

CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

August 17, 2020  
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gottman called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vandalia City Council to order via teleconference at 6:30 p.m.

MEETING BEING CONDUCTED  
REMOTELY PURSUANT TO  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-07  
SIGNED BY GOV. PRITZKER:

"Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-07, the requirements of 5 ILCS 120.10 directing that a quorum of members of a public body must be physically present for meetings as well as those of 5ILCS 120/7 limiting the scope of electronic participation in meetings covered by that Act have been suspended. The City of Vandalia is providing the following remote participation mechanism for the August 17, 2020 City Council Meeting"

ROLL CALL:

Aldermen present for the remote participation were: Barker, Lester, Hubler, Crawford, Rebbe, Brosman and Hobler. Stunkel was absent from the meeting.

Others that were on the teleconference call were: Mayor Gottman; City Clerk, Peggy Bowen; City Administrator, LaTisha Paslay; City Attorney, Ryan Connor; Chief of Police Jeff Ray; Rich Bauer, Leader Union; Erica Foltz, WPMB/WKRV Radio; Lee Beckman, Milano & Grunloh Engineering; Dr. Glenn Skow, Medical Director for the ER at Fayette Co. Hospital.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR  
DONALD HOBLER & PAST IL.  
GOVERNOR JIM THOMPSON:

A moment of silence was observed for Donald Hobler, father of Alderman Mike Hobler and Past Illinois Governor Jim Thompson.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker approving the minutes from August 3, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman approving the Special Bills as presented: Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$15,691.44 for electric; Lightle Enterprises of Ohio in the amount of \$8,986.00 for school zone signs & flashers; Ennis-Flint, Inc. in the amount of \$2,112.16 for paint; Fay. Co. Sand & gravel in the amount of \$1,776.09 for pea gravel; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$7,604.31 for Seal Coat & CA6; South Central FS in the amount of \$5,476.52 for fuel; Core & Main in the amount of \$1,886.82 for powerseal; Vandalia City Garage in the amount of \$2,800.00 for gasoline & equipment repairs; Brenntag Mid-South Inc. in the amount of \$9,291.38 for robinfloc chlorine; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$4,866.88 for activated carbon; PDC Lab in the amount of \$1,751.00 for coliform; Kaskaskia Springs in the amount of \$2,950.37 for 5.597 million delivered and energy pass thru. Motion carried.

**COVID-19-DR. SKOW**

Dr. Skow, the medical director for the ER at Fayette Co. Hospital expressed his concern with the significant surge of cases recently in the county.

Dr. Skow said that we have the means to curve this right now. We do this by wearing masks and keeping our distance from others.

Up until now, we have encouraged the public and businesses to take measures against the virus instead regretting not doing enough when it is too late.

Dr. Skow took questions from the council and Mayor Gottman announced that Dr. Skow along with the Fayette Co. Health Dept. and a nurse will be at the September 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting to talk more on COVID 19.

Mayor Gottman reported that Fayette County has a total of 80 positive cases reported. The total number tested from the county is now 2,871 with 16 active cases, 62 recoveries and 3 deaths.

APPROVE OR REJECT  
RETIREMENT OF RANDY CARROLL  
FROM THE WATER PLANT:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lester approving the retirement of Randy Carroll from the Water Plant effective August 7, 2020. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #48  
FROM GARY PLUM, VANDALIA TO  
MARY ANN MIMMS,  
HENDERSONVILLE, TN.:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Crawford approving the transfer of Lake Lot 48 from Gary Plum to Mary Ann Mimms, Hendersonville, Tn. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #21  
FROM TAMARA & CHAD  
GELSINGER & PAYTON  
SCHREIER, EFFINGHAM, IL. TO  
MICHAEL & TANYA BOWLES,  
VANDALIA, IL:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Crawford approving the transfer of Lake Lot #21 from Tamara & Chad Gelsinger & Payton Schreier, Effingham, IL to Michael & Tanya Bowles, Vandalia, IL. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-8-17-A:  
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR  
GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
VANDALIA & SOUTH CENTRAL  
ILLINOIS REGIONAL PLANNING  
& DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler Approving Resolution #2020-8-17-A, An Agreement for Grant Management Services Between The City of Vandalia, Illinois and South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission.

The agreement is with South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission to provide grant management services for \$550,000 CDBG Public Infrastructure Improvement Grant on a sewer work project.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gottman reported on a stabbing that took place early Sunday morning in front of City Hall.

The stabbed victim lives in a downtown apartment. Chief Ray and Mayor Gottman met on the incident. Mayor Gottman said that he plans to talk with Dennis Grubaugh about the incident. This is not acceptable in our town. We have to put a stop to it pretty quick. We've got to screen these people who are coming in, I'm not trying to be mean about it but we had a business that closed downtown because it is too rough downtown. I think it's important that you all are aware of what's going on.

Chief Ray added that the police officers did a good job by making a quick arrest that night. Also, they provided medical assistance to the victim. The EMT's said, that they probably saved the man's life by the medical steps they took. So, Chief Ray wanted to give a shout out to them for that.

**CITY CLERK:**

Clerk Bowen reminded the council that the next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Paslay reported that she spoke with Andy Gelsinger, Water Plant Supervisor in reference to the applicants for the Water Plant. He felt that there were some applicants from the last interviews with a few new ones, if they haven't found a job they would like to move forward with those and meet with the Personnel Committee.

Andy Lester, Committee Chair for Personnel will call a meeting.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL:

Zach Kopp submitted a Code official Report from July 17, 2020-August 13, 2020.

COMPANY LOOKS AT TREES TO BE TAKEN OUT AT THE LAKE & CEMETERY:

Mayor Gottman reported that he along with Zac Kopp and Russ Stunkel met with a company to look at the trees at the lake and the cemetery. Mayor Gottman said that he should have a proposal by the end of the week. He does not log them. He marks and manages the process.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker reported that the Public Works Committee have been busy fixing water leaks. They also worked on a sewer project today.

The vac truck is being used daily.

Brosman reported that the Water Committee has two requests for adjustments.

No adjustment on the first due to no sewer portion on his bill, so no help on that one.

The second one will have an adjustment.

Brosman thanked the council for approving the retirement of Randy Carroll at the Water Plant. He hopes to have that position filled as soon as possible so we can cut down on the overtime in that department.

Hobler commended the Police Department on the handling of the incident early Sunday morning.

Crawford asked if there was an update on the exterior work going on at the Tourism Center.

Mayor Gottman, no not at this time. He said, that they plan to push that off till next year not knowing what revenues will be coming in.

Mayor Gottman said that it has a new roof on it. We need to weed eat.

Barker said that he didn't think that ramp would last till next year. We did some repairs to it last year and I don't think we can do that again. Barker said, it's going to end up to where if we don't do something before long, we are going to have to shut it down. I don't want to see that happen. Mayor Gottman said, I don't want to see that happen either. Mayor Gottman said that he was just up there and didn't see an issue.

Mayor Gottman suggested that he along with Lester and Andy Vaughan, Building Official meet there on Wednesday.

Barker suggested that we use some of the TIF money to do the repairs. Mayor Gottman said that we will have to take this to the TIF committee and Barker had no problem in doing so.

REPORT FROM VANDALIA FIRE  
DEPARTMENT:

A report from the Vandalia Fire Department for the month of July. Training hours were 160 and they had 6 calls that were none billable.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Brosman reported that there is a small water leak at Lincoln Park. There will be a minor repair, a shut off valve will have to be replaced.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

  
CITY CLERK