

City Council

Regular Meeting

September 8, 2020

6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER:

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

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 5 ILCS 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 September 8, 2020 City Council Meeting"

Mayor Gottman also stated that because of the teleconference, there must be a roll call for all items listed on the agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all that were present.

ROLL CALL:

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

Others that were on the teleconference call were: Mayor Gottman; City Administrator LaTisha Paslay; Deputy Clerk Danielle Miller; City Attorney Ryan Connor; Erica Foltz, WPMB/WKRV Radio; Rich Bauer, Leader Union.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for David Kayser, father in law of Alderman Russ Stunkel, Betty Miller, mother of City Garage employee Ted Miller, and Joan Hendrickson, mother of Mayor Ricky Gottman.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the minutes from the August 17, 2020 meeting as presented.

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

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester approving the regular bills as presented.

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Crawford approving the special bills as presented: Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$23,096.31 for electric; Beelman Logistics in the amount of \$37,484.64 for Sealcoat; Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$7,812.96 for Chip mix; Taylor Law Office in the amount of \$9,550.00 for Legal Fees; Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Training Program in the amount of \$1,520.00 for Educational/Training; Peckham, Guyton, Albers and Viets in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Professional Services; Ford & Harrison LLP on the amount of \$1,997.50 for Legal Fees; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for Sewer Vac Truck payment; Radliff Properties in the amount of \$55,811.65 for TIF Reimbursement; Leskera Law Firm in the amount of \$21,379.01 for TIF Reimbursement; Outdoor Power Sales in the amount of \$1,774.62 for Equipment Accessories for Fire Dept; Map-n-Tour in the amount of \$1,764.00 for Advertising & Marketing; Milano & Grunloh Engineering in the amount of \$11,900.58 for Surveying & Engineering; US Bancorp in the amount of \$14,781.19 for Water Meters Contract; IMCO Utility Supply in the amount of \$5,123.86 for Supplies; Core & Main in the amount of \$1,596.69 for Supplies; Coe Equipment in the amount of \$1,667.94 for Toolbox, mount & Supplies; Brenntag Mid South in the amount of \$6,176.40 for Robinfloc, Chlorine; Hawkins in the amount of \$4,796.23 for Activated Carbon; Fabick Tractor in the amount of \$7,220.22 for Pump Repairs.

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

KENDRA CRAIG FROM THE FAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Kendra Craig from the Fayette County Health Department gave an update on the COVID-19 cases in Fayette County. Craig stated that there are 65 active cases. Craig said that there has been a total of 214 positive cases and 3 deaths in Fayette County.

**APPROVE OR REJECT THRILL HILL
BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving the Thrill Hill Bridge Inspection Report.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-9-8-A
AMENDING CHAPTER 10 VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC AT 10.04.030 STOP
INTERSECTIONS:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving Ordinance 2020-9-8-A, Amending Chapter 10 Vehicles and Traffic at 10.04.030 Stop Intersections. Alderman Lester stated that he had someone call him and explained that she was traveling south on Rock Island and almost got hit by traffic heading west on Saint Clair and was asking for a yield sign, but after talking with Marlin Filer, a stop sign would be more effective. Mayor Gottman stated that the stop sign would be located on each side of Rock Island on Saint Clair Street.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-9-8-B
PERTAINING TO THE LOCAL CURE
PROGRAM:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester approving Ordinance 2020-9-8-B, Pertaining to the Local Cure Program.

Mayor Gottman stated that this we are eligible for reimbursement of funds through the Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency Support Program from the Federal Government.

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

**APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR
MOWER AT WATER PLANT:**

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lester approving the low bid of \$12,500.00 at Bluff Equipment for Mower at the Water Plant.

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

**APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR
UTILITY TRAILER FOR WATER PLANT:**

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lester approving Utility Trailer from Mid-State Campers for \$1760.00 for the Water Plant.

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

**TRANSFERRING OF LAKE LOT #44
FROM KYLE & HEATHER BLACKERBY,
HERRICK TO NELSON DONALDSON,
ALTAMONT:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving Transfer of Lake Lot #44 from Kyle & Heather Blackerby, Herrick to Nelson Donaldson, Altamont. All necessary fees have been paid.

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

SET TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT:

Alderman Brosman recommends that setting Trick or Treat Night be tabled. Mayor Gottman said that it would be tabled based on waiting for word from Illinois Municipal League, who is seeking guidance from Governor's Office. Mayor Gottman also stated that the Halloween Parade has been canceled by the Lions Club.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ROAD CLOSURE
FOR OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS:**

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel approving Resolution 2020-9-8-C, Road Closure for Olde Tyme Christmas on Friday November 13, 2020 from 3pm-10pm.

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

**APPROVE OR REJECT BID FOR CAR
LEASE:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving bid for Car Lease at Hosick Motors for \$493.23/month for a 39 month lease.

Mayor Gottman stated that we had already approved a car lease with Arthur Young, but GM no longer does car leases. Gottman then said that he directed Paslay to work with Hosick Motors.

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

RESOLUTION 2020-9-8-D APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, AND ROEPKE AND NIEMERG TREE AND CONSERVATION SERVICE:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel approving Resolution 2020-9-8-D, an Agreement for Engineering Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Roepke and Niemerg Tree and Conservation Service. Mayor Gottman stated that this is for the trees at the Vandalia Lake and at Fairlawn Cemetery. And this company will oversee the bidding, oversee the marking of the trees, review all of the bids and bring back a recommendation to the governing body. The company will also work with the loggers. Mayor Gottman said that they would determine if the tree is harvestable or not. Mayor Gottman also said that the pine trees are not in the agreement.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve the bid of \$60,962.32 by Haier Plumbing & Heating for Sanitary Sewer Replacement by Octochem.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT WATER PLANT HIRE:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester approving the hiring of Cody Meyer at the Water Plant. Mayor Gottman said that after the committee met, they were moving forward to hiring Meyer due to the Water Plant being shorthanded. After passing his drug test and background check, Meyer was hired to start his training.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT 2019 LAKE DAM INSPECTION REPORT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Lester to approve the 2019 Lake Dam Inspection Report.

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

ORDINANCE 2020-9-8-E AMENDING THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve Ordinance 2020-9-8E Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code. Mayor Gottman stated that this is about the fines. Currently today the fine is a minimum of \$75.00 and a maximum of \$500.00. It is recommended by Attorney

Connor to raise the fines to a minimum of \$150.00 to a maximum of \$750.00.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman wanted to thank everyone who made donations or came to the funeral of his mother, it was very appreciated.

Mayor Gottman stated that the oiling of the streets have been completed for this year.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker stated that the North End Water Project watermain lines are in and they are starting to tap into the houses and when that is complete, they will shut off the old lines. Then they will begin the clean up of the individual yards.

Brosman stated that there were seven requests for sewer adjustments for customers that had breaks in the water supply line from the meter to the house.

Mayor Gottman stated that the Garage, Water Plant and Sewer Plant received an unexpected OSHA visit. We have not received the report back yet. They come in and tell you things that are wrong and then you have to fix them. If those things are not fixed, they can fine you. It was a very good meeting with Mayor Gottman, City Administrator Paslay and all the Department heads that were affected by it. They will be coming back to do City Hall and the Fire Department.

Mayor Gottman said that the building at the Tourism Center needs to be replaced. The plan is to budget for the replacement in the future.

Stunkel said that there was a very big crowd at Vandalia Lake over the weekend and everything was good.

Mayor Gottman said that there have been several concerts at the Patio with a good turn out. He wanted to encourage everyone to thank John Willms for everything that he has done for the community.

Mayor Gottman said that this Saturday September 12th is the Farmers Market. Prairie Farms will be handing out boxes again. There is a map of what is going to be there. It has

been very successful so far. They have done a great job of putting it together.

Mayor Gottman stated that they are working out a plan for social distancing to meet the requirements during Olde Tyme Christmas.

Mayor Gottman said that there will be a Blood Drive on Tuesday September 15, 2020 at the Vandalia Moose Lodge.

Mayor Gottman said that there was a COVID-19 update from the Illinois Municipal League.

Mayor Gottman also stated that there was a letter that was sent to him in regards to the Sewer Plant being nominated for an award for "Best Operated Wastewater Treatment Works" by Illinois Association of Water Pollution Control Operators (IAWPCO).

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to adjourn at 7:25pm. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Mizeu". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Deputy Clerk