

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 5, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

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 October 5, 2020 City Council Meeting."

ROLL CALL:

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

Others that were on the teleconference call were: Mayor Gottman, City Clerk, Peggy Bowen; City Administrator, LaTisha Paslay; City Attorney, Ryan Connor; Jeff Ray, Chief of Police; Erica Foltz, WPMB/WKRV Radio; Rich Bauer, Leader Union; Connor Wood, Centralia Sentinel.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker approving the corrected minutes from the September 21, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving the Special Bills as listed: Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$14,884.07 for electric; Timmermann & Company, Ltd. in the amount of \$31,000.00 for audit of the city; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac payment; Nick DePaolo in the amount of \$1,900.00 for removal of tree leaning on power lines; Historical Vandalia Inc. in the amount of \$2,332.13 for salary reimbursement for Fayette County Museum employee; Beelman Trucking in the amount of \$3,317.27 for hauling CA6B dry; Fayette County Treasurer in the amount of \$38,903.30 for real estate taxes; Kirks, Inc. in the amount of \$4,150.00 for repair to the LED light at the Tourist Information Center; Snap-On Inc. in the amount of \$2,500.00 for 1 Apollo w/pre-activated Euro; Kamadulski Excavating in the amount of \$54,280.49, \$54,280.49 was paid with grant money and the city's portion is \$1,881.31 which was paid from Capitol Improvement; Vandalia Country Club in the amount of \$6,546.25 for tower rental; Coe Equipment in the amount of \$1,782.22 for aluminum weldment; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. in the amount of \$9,397.37 for lime hydrated; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$4,063.12 for activated carbon;

Hach Company in the amount of \$5,268.00 for maintenance contract; Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$16,856.37 for pump repair to the flygt from the terminal lift station. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT PAY ESTIMATE #5 FOR WATERMAIN PROJECT:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler approving Pay Estimate #5 for the Watermain Project. \$54,280.49 was paid from a grant & \$1,881.31 was paid from Capitol Improvement; Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT PURCHASE OF THERMAL CAMERAS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Crawford approving the purchase of thermal cameras for the Vandalia Fire Department using funds from the Hazel Simma Kelly fund and the Scarpaci Fund. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR A PUMP TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to seek bids for a pumper truck for the Vandalia Fire Department. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #603 FROM JAMES MEYER, SHOBNONIER, IL TO WILL BALDOCK, VANDALIA, IL

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the transfer of Lake Lot #603 from James Meyer, Shobonier, Il to Will Baldock, Vandalia. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2020-10-5-A: AMENDING TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF VANDALIA

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel Amending Ordinance #2020-10-5-A, Amending Title 2, Administration & Personnel Of The Municipal Code Of Vandalia On Salaries.

The council was in favor of the salary set for the Mayor and the City Clerk but some discussion came up on the salary for aldermen.

Alderwoman Crawford expressed that she felt it would be irresponsible of the council to give themselves a raise at this time. Hobler said it depends on what committee your on. Stunkel said, I don't know how many hours you put in but the lake does enough for two people. Barker expressed that several of the aldermen are putting in a lot of hours in their wards and they have not given themselves a raise in several years.

Crawford said we've got people losing their homes, we've got people losing their jobs we are going to take revenue that is not guaranteed from the state to give ourselves more money. I don't think there is any way we can justify that. What are we going to do come six or maybe eight months from now if we have to lay people off when we just gave ourselves a raise.

Hobler said, we are talking about a 2% raise per year which comes to approximately \$92.00 for the first year which breaks down to \$7.50 a month.

Hobler said, we need to keep the pay up to get qualified people interested in the job as aldermen. Stunkel agreed with Hobler. It's been like 12-15 years since there has been an increase.

Alderman Barker said that if any layoffs were brought up as being needed he would donate his whole salary back to the city and Hobler said, I believe we did that before when the city faced tough situations.

A roll call vote was taken: Hubler, yea; Barker, yea; Stunkel, yea; Rebbe, yea; Hobler, yea; Crawford, nay; Brosman, yea. Motion carried. 6 yea & 1 nay. Lester was absent.

RESOLUTION #2020-10-5-B:
RATIFICATION OF RESOLUTION
OF SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT OF
LOCAL FUNDS

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker approving Resolution #2020-10-5-B Ratification Of Resolution Of Support And Commitment Of Local Funds.

The City of Vandalia is applying to the State of Illinois for a Community Block Grant.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO UPDATE
MUNICIPAL CODE (PRINT &
ONLINE) \$5,750.98:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker authorizing the updating to the Municipal Code both in print and online in the amount of \$5,750.98. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman reported that the individual has been out to mark the trees at the Cemetery and the Lake. So, he will take the next steps on that situation.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker announced that the time capsule has been buried.

Barker commended the Street Department for the good job they are doing.

Stunkel reported that Rob Schukar received a letter from Jon Rinderer Bass Fishing Coach with the McKendree University Bass Fishing Team.

They wished to thank him along with the City of Vandalia for there continued cooperation in allowing the McKendree Bass team to hold both a practice event and the McKendree University Fall invitational on Vandalia Lake.

Stunkel is working with Schukar on the Vandalia Halloween Festival event to be held on October 24th at Vandalia Lake.

Stunkel reported that inspections were done on the northside of the lake.

Crawford reminded everyone of the Farmer's market that will take place this Saturday, October 10th. Volunteers are needed.

Mayor Gottman noted also in Amber's report is a sign that this company has recommended. Mayor Gottman said that he thought it would be a good idea to have these in windows that are vacant buildings. They could call the city if interested and we can try and get those buildings filled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On Thursday, October 15th at 1:00 pm there will be a ribbon cutting for the new business Kanata Blanket at the former Land O' Lakes/Purina building on Veterans Avenue.

Mayor Gottman did report that at this time we will have our next council meeting on October 19th in person.

We have some items to discuss in Executive Session such as land acquisition and a couple other things to talk about.

We will also have Brian Corrigan with Corrigan-Jones Investing and Nick Meggos our Actuary with Nyhart Services for Police Pension here to talk with the council about the pension. That meeting will be held at 5:30 pm.

Crawford publicly congratulated Mayor Gottman who on September 26th became the Illinois Municipal League president. The term is September 2020-September 2021. Congratulations Mayor Gottman.

There is a press release that will be coming out shortly.

Brosman said, that he hoped during next year's budget that we could find the money to be able to have the aldermen come up to Chicago and support you as president of the IML.

2020 FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE
TAX RECEIVED:

Mayor Gottman announced that the Vandalia Volunteer Fire Department received their 2% Foreign Fire Insurance Tax for 2020 today in the amount of \$19,179.60.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Barker and seconded by Crawford to adjourn. Motion carried.


CITY CLERK