

CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

November 2, 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 November 2, 2020 City Council Meeting."

ROLL CALL:

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

Others that were on the teleconference call were: Mayor Gottman, City Clerk, Peggy Bowen; City Administrator, LaTisha Paslay; Economic Development Director, Amber Daulbaugh; City Attorney, Ryan Connor; Chief of Police Jeff Ray; WPMB/WKRV, Erica Foltz, Vandalia Leader, Rich Bauer.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR BETTY  
BERRY, CARROLL HAYNES, WANDA  
HOUSTON & CHUCK BOGGS:

A moment of silence was observed for Betty Berry, former crossing guard; Carroll Haynes, former business owner of Nedra's Printing; Wanda Houston, mother-in-law of Tom Henrichsmeyer, Assistant Public Works Director and Chuck Boggs, owner and operator of Chuck's Auto Repair.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the October 19, 2020 meeting as presented. Roll call: Brosman, yea; Barker, yea; Lester, yea; Hobler, yea; Hubler, yea; Crawford, yea; Stunkel, yea. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving the regular bills as presented. Roll call: Stunkel, yea; Barker, yea; Hubler, yea; Crawford, yea; Lester, yea; Brosman, yea; Hobler, yea; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report will be put on file for audit.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving the Special Bills as listed: Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$1,958.85 for street lights; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac payment; Stombaugh Heating & Air in the amount of \$2,558.00 for replaced evaporator coil for dispatch area at the Public Safety Building; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$10,518.72 for chip mix; IMCO Utility Supply in the amount of \$2,031.00 for MJ Accessory kits & restrained Joint Accessory kits; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. in the amount of \$15,199.83 chemicals; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount

of \$6,075.51 for activated carbon; Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$12,728.06 for pump repair to the flygt from the sludge station; Cedarchem in the amount of \$12,607.64 for 40,000 lbs. of cedarclear; Municipal Equipment Company in the amount of \$1,647.00 for ARB 10/60 washer, nylon 1.75 1D x .03. Roll call: Crawford, yea; Hobler, yea; Lester, yea; Hubler, yea; Barker, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea. Motion carried.

BUSINESS INCENTIVES  
AGREEMENT-KANATA BLANKET  
COMPANY:

The City of Vandalia approved a business incentives agreement with Kanata Blanket that recently opened a business in the former Purina Building.

The city plans to issue revolving loan funds to Kanata for permanent work to the building. They plan to replace the heating and cooling and a new roof on the building.

Kanata will be awarded revolving loan funds in the amount of \$100,000.

Mayor Gottman said that there is a little over \$350,000 in the City of Vandalia revolving loan funds.

Economic Development Director Amber Daulbaugh said they met with Kanata last week and Kanata is already looking at possible future expansion of facility and workforce.

A motion was made by Crawford and seconded by Stunkel approving the \$100,000 in revolving loan funds to Kanata as soon as the application has been filed with the city.

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

RESOLUTION #2020-11-2-A:  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF  
SUPPORT FOR DOWNSTATE SMALL  
BUSINESS STABILIZATION  
PROGRAM

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel approving Resolution #2020-11-2-A, Downstate Small Business Stabilization Program.

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

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

APPROVE OR REJECT PAY  
ESTIMATE 1 FOR SANITARY  
SEWER REPLACEMENT:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel authorizing Pay Estimate #1 in the amount of \$46,873.84 for the Vandalia Sanitary Sewer Replacement. Roll call: Barker, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hobler, yea; Lester, yea; Hubler, yea; Crawford, yea. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman reported that he put a hold on two pay estimates that were to be issued to Kamadulski & Grading for the Watermain Replacement Project. Mayor Gottman said that he along with Public Works Director, Marlin Filer, Administrator, Latisha Paslay, and the engineering firm will meet with the contractor to discuss how they are going to take care of this. They have not replaced the concrete that was taken out. There are many things that are not satisfactory. People are very unhappy with this and Mayor Gottman said that he is not happy with it either. They need to be held accountable and finish the job as it was bided out.

Mayor Gottman said that he is excited about Kanata Blanket and Atlas 46 coming to Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman announced that H & R Block relocated to the former Noise Music & Sound building at 512 W. Gallatin St.

Something Special Florist owned by Donelle Conaway is for sale. She is having a "going out business sale". She has decided to retire.

Included in your packet is information from the IML. The 2020 Resolutions: Preview & Discussion of the IML 2021 State Legislative Agenda along with a Report on Police Reform and Racial Justice.

Mayor Gottman reported that Governor Pritzker has put our Region in a partial close down.

There will be blood drive sponsored by Vandalia Rotary at the Vandalia Moose Lodge on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Just a reminder tomorrow is Election Day, please vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Barker reported that the Public Works Department is working hard on getting ready for Olde Tyme Christmas on November 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gottman thanked the Public Works Department for moving the storage building to the Old State Burial Grounds.

Brosman announced that the Water & Sewer Committee will meet on Wednesday at 3:30 pm in council chambers.

Stunkel reported that the Halloween Festival was a huge success at the Vandalia Lake.

Mayor Gottman asked for a Tourism Update from Tourism Director, Jessica Hampton. This gives you the opportunity to see what is going on.

Mayor Gottman said that he attended the Halloween Festival at the lake. It was very well attended. Mayor Gottman said that he followed up on the cleaning up and everyone seemed to be satisfied with the clean-up.

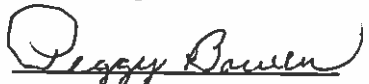
Economic Development Director, Amber Daulbaugh reported that she sent an email to businesses inviting them to participate and promote the Shop Small Bingo Virtual Event for Small Business Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup>, participants are asked to complete the actions (see bingo card) to create a vertical, horizontal or diagonal bingo and then post a picture of themselves with their winning Bingo card utilizing the hashtag#ShopSmallBingo.

Mayor Gottman announced that we are moving forward with the Olde Tyme Christmas.

Mayor Gottman announced that in December he will be attending the Illinois Municipal League's Director's Meeting in Chicago.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn. Roll Call: Hobler, yea; Crawford, yea; Hubler, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea; Lester, yea; Barker, yea. Motion carried.



**CITY CLERK**