

# City Council

## Regular Meeting

November 16, 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 November 16, 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, Hobler, Rebbe & Crawford. Brosman was 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; Economic Director Amber Daulbaugh; Connor Woods, Centralia Sentinel.

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A moment of silence was observed for Juanita Koonce, mother of Police Pension Board member Mike Koonce.

### **MINUTES:**

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

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving the Treasurer's Report as presented and put on file for audit.

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

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

Roll Call: Barker, yea; Crawford, yea; Hobler, yea; Hubler, yea; Lester, yea; Rebbe, yea; Stunkel, yea; Brosman was 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 \$14,604.50 for electric; Bahrns Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$26,500.00 forklift; Burnside, Johnston & Connor in the amount of \$1950.00 for monthly retainer fees and small cases; Core & Main in the amount of \$2,306.67 for water meters & lids; Hach Company in the amount of \$1,614.87 for Tensette Pipet, Porphyrin, Copper Masking, Ascorbic Acid; Hawkins in the amount of \$7,434.24 for Activated Carbon; Historical Vandalia in the amount of \$1,707.14 for reimbursement for the Fayette County Museum; Haier Plumbing & Heating Company in the amount of \$46,873.84 for Sanitary Sewer Replacement; Hosick Motors in the amount of \$49,887.00 for Cemetery and Water Plant vehicles; Kaskaskia Springs Water in the amount of \$3,056.40 for 7.641 million gallons of water; Kevin & Jessica Satterthwaite in the amount of \$7,754.61 for TIF Reimbursement; Sloan Implement Company in the amount of \$32,738.85 for TIF Reimbursement for Vandalia Facility; South Central FS in the amount of \$2,159.50 for tires for dump truck; Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$6,023.85 for Safe Routes to School projects and Octochem sewer re-routing Construction Engineering; PDC Laboratories in the amount of \$1,894.60 for Coliform and E. Coli Presence, Microcystins/Nodularins, Nitrate, TOC and

Field Alkalinity, Fluoride; Vandevanter Engineer in the amount of \$1786.80 for pump repairs.

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

**KANATA BLANKET INCENTIVES AGREEMENT:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving the Kanata Blanket Incentives Agreement.

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

**TAX LEVY DISCUSSION:**

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel approving the Tax Levy option A of keeping it the same as last year. The City would be required to contribute at least \$12,361 from the General Fund to meet pension fund contribution requirements. We currently have \$54,000 budgeted.

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

This will be prepared and will be voted on at the next meeting on the recommendation the was just voted on.

**APPROVAL OF 2021 COUNCIL MEETING DATES:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving the 2021 Council Meeting dates.

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

**APPROVAL OF 2021 HOLIDAYS OBSERVANCE DATES:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving the 2021 Holidays Observance dates.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gottman wanted to thank everyone that helped out with the Olde Tyme Christmas, especially the City workers and all the volunteers. It was a successful event.

Mayor Gottman said that there was an email sent to the Aldermen about IML press release and there is a statement from Mayor Gottman as the Mayor of Vandalia and the President of the Illinois Municipal League group.

Mayor Gottman encourages everyone, the public and the businesses, to follow the CDC guidelines. Six foot distancing, wash your hands and wear masks, if possible.

Mayor Gottman wanted to wish everyone and their families a Happy Thanksgiving.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

City Administrator Paslay stated the OSHA had paid a visit to the Water Plant, Sewer Plant and the Garage back in August. One item of Sewer Plant, we sought an extension. It will benefit us as we have now received reports for Water Plant and Garage. One written plan will suffice all 3 locations.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Barker reported that the guys have been working on a lot of water breaks. They will be working on replacing valves this week. Barker stated that Marlin said that the Leaf Vac will be back out next week.

Mayor Gottman stated that he talked to the Engineering firm and Marlin today. He said that he, Marlin and LaTisha were putting together a list that they have with the Water Main Replacement. There are several issues that have not been fixed, such as sidewalks haven't been replaced, pins missing from markers in yards, dirt piled in various areas across town. If anyone has any concerns, please get those to LaTisha. They will try to meet this week with Lee and go through everything.

Brosman stated that there was a Water Committee meeting that was called to request the Field of Dreams, who had several high water bills that was due to the watering the grass. Brosman said there were 2 other requests for adjustments to the sewer, which the water did not enter the sewer and he recommends approval.

Mayor Gottman said that the new truck for the Water Plant is in and the Cemetery truck should be in this week. We will get them into service by the end of the week or next week.

Mayor Gottman and Chief Ray met with the contractor in regards to the deterioration of the front of the Police Department. He will be getting us some information.

Crawford stated that there was a Vandalia Railroad Museum meeting. Crawford stated that they said they have been behind because of lack of fundraising. Andy Craig was elected as director again this year. They are also looking at fundraising for next year for restoration of the caboose.

Crawford said that there will be a blood drive in Ramsey on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and in Vandalia on next Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Crawford encourages everyone to give blood.

Mayor Gottman stated that the Animal Control log sheet is in the packet. There is also an IML statement briefing in the packet. There will be a Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm at City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to adjourn at 7:00pm. Motion carried.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Danielle Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Deputy Clerk