

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

December 7, 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 December 7, 2020 City Council Meeting."

ROLL CALL:

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

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; WPMB/WKRV, Todd Stapleton, Vandalia Leader, Rich Bauer; Centralia Sentinel, Addison Applegate; Members of the CEO Class, Abrielle Bunker, Josie Strauch, Matthew Lay and Class Facilitator, Debbie Hobbie; Lee Beckman, Engineer for Milano &

Grunloh.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MARY
ENGELBREKTSON; LARRY CABLE;
TIMOTHY GOVER; CAROLYN
HORTENSTINE:

A moment of silence was observed for Mary Engelbrektson, mother of Water Plant Operator Dan Engelbrektson; Larry Cable, the longest serving Alderman (40 years) for the City of Vandalia; Timothy Gover, Mayor of Mattoon, IL and Carolyn Hortensine, mother of Lake Attorney Matt Hortensine.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the corrected minutes from the November 16, 2020 meeting as presented. Brosman joined the meeting on November 16th at 6:36 pm.

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

REGULAR BILLS:

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

Roll call: Stunkel, yea; Barker, yea; Hubler, yea; Crawford, yea; Rebbe, 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 Barker approving the Special Bills as listed: Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,112.36 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 \$10,263.00 for roof-top unit replacement for offices & drive through area; Fayette County Sand and

Gravel in the amount of \$2,366.41 for pea gravel; Global Tech Systems in the amount of \$1,797.00 for a Kenwood VHF Digital Portable Radio; Illinois South Tourism in the amount of \$2,385.00 for 2nd quarter advertising; Taylor Law Offices in the amount of \$7,485.00 for legal fees from the Vandalia Lake; Allen R. Hunter in the amount of \$2,341.11 for TIF reimbursement; Vandalia Community High School in the amount of \$80,000.00 for TIF reimbursement; Vandalia Park District in the amount of \$35,000 for TIF reimbursement; Wait Land Trust in the amount of \$8,750.76 for TIF reimbursement; South Central FS Effingham, IL in the amount of \$86,836.39 for payment 4 & 5 on TIF reimbursement; Bahrns Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$ 1,521.54 for a lift-master boom & forklift hitch; SCIRP &DC in the amount of \$6,500.00 for assistant with the city for advertising; 1500 Veterans Ave., LLC in the amount of \$100,000.00 for a Business Improvement Incentive Agreement to Kanata Blanket; Wolfe Restoration Inc. in the amount of \$5,493.90 for Water Restoration (Sewer mitigation); Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$6,065.40 for chemicals; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$5,575.68 for activated carbon; Kaskaskia Springs in the amount of \$3,552.40 for water delivered; Liberty Process Equipment in the amount of \$2,248.49 for equipment at WWTP; Roll call: Crawford, yea; Rebbe, yea; Hobler, yea; Lester, yea; Hubler, yea; Barker, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT CHANGE
ORDER #3 FOR THE WATERMAIN
REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving Payment on Change Order 3A in the amount of \$6,528.00 for additional time &

maintenance for work on Carlyle Road for the Water Main Replacement Project.

Barker said that there has been \$34,098.25 in the last three change orders.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT PAY ESTIMATE #6 FOR THE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker authorizing Pay Estimate #6 for the Watermain Replacement Project in the amount of \$131,292.38.

Brosman expressed his displeasure with the delay in landscaping work related to the recent water line project.

Mayor Gottman said that he along with Paslay, Public Works Director Marlin Filer are also upset that the landscaping work at some residences and businesses has not been completed and that they are continuing to work on getting it taken care of.

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

TRANSFERRING OF LAKE LOT #46 FROM RANDY PRYOR, VANDALIA TO RANDY & MARY MASON, BROWNSTOWN, IL:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving the transfer of Lake Lot #46 from Randy Pryor, Vandalia to Randy & Mary Mason, Brownstown, IL. All necessary fees have been paid in full.

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

FAYETTE COUNTY CEO REQUEST
FOR CLOSURE OF 4TH STREET
FEBRUARY 5-7, 2021:

The Fayette County CEO asked for permission from the City Council to host an ice-skating event the weekend of February 5th-7th. The time would be about 7-11 pm on Friday night, 12-8 on Saturday and a few hours on Sunday, possibly 12-3 or just a longer day Saturday and no Sunday hours.

With concerns of Covid rising and possible complete shutdown they hope to have a backup weekend in April. We have a plan in effect to help increase business downtown.

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel approving the request from the CEO group.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR
RAILING WORK AT WATER PLANT-
OSHA REQUIRED \$7,880.00:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded Hubler approving the bid from SMAW Inc. Roger Clark & Walter Pearson in the amount of \$7,800.00 for Railing Work at the Water Plant.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR
SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AT 8TH &
EDWARDS STREETS:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel approving the bid from Horst Enterprises in the amount of \$12,176.00 for Sidewalk Replacement at 8th & Edwards St.

The City received one other bid from Milano & Grunloh, Effingham, Il. in the amount of \$15,710.00.

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

ORDINANCE #2020-12-7-A:
MAKING THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING ON MAY 1, 2020
ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler Adopting Ordinance #2020-12-7-A, Making The Annual Tax Levy For The Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2020 and Ending April 30, 2021.

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

APPROVAL OF WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel approving the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2020 as submitted.

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

ZONING BOARD MEETING
MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the Zoning Board Meeting Minutes from December 2, 2020 as submitted.

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

COVID-19 DISCUSSION:

Mayor Gottman enclosed in your packets a statement from Mayor Gottman, urging citizens to continue extreme caution with COVID measures.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Illinois Department of Public Health and other experts tell us daily that gatherings of people outside your household present a high risk of

spreading infection. In our current situation, with the drastic rise in the positive cases, attending even small gatherings that mix households, or traveling to areas that are experiencing high rates of positivity, it not advised and is potentially dangerous. Mayor Gottman continues to urge those who choose to be social to please wear masks and maintain social distancing as much as possible.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman reported that the City Garage employees completed their OSHA Training by the Illinois Risk Management Association.

The necessary paper work will be submitted to OSHA for their records.

Mayor Gottman will be attending the IML Annual Meeting in Springfield on Friday, December 11, 2020.

Mayor Gottman thanked Whitey Willms for the donation of the City's Christmas tree this year.

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked all of those who were involved in the decorating for Olde Tyme Christmas.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Peggy Bowen announced that Monday, December 14th will be the first day to file for the Consolidated Election to be held on April 6, 2021.

Due to COVID pandemic candidates should bring their paperwork to the front window on Gallatin Street to file.

Those that have picked up petitions for the election:

Mayor: Ricky Gottman and Alex Sasse

City Clerk: Barri Forehand, Kara Metzger, Cinde Carroll & Carla Huhn

Aldermen: Ward I : Steve Barker
Ward II: Kenny Lewey
Ward III: Mike Hobler
Ward IV: Andy Lester
Jeremy Curll

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker reported that the City Crew has had several water leaks the past two weeks.

Barker mentioned that the Mayor along with the Council Members received a very nice letter from Ron & Judy Wilson on how good of a job was done on the downtown area.

Brosman wished to reiterate from the minutes from the Water & Sewer Committee that we need to add to our long-term plans dredging of the lagoons at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Brosman stated that we need to seriously plan on replacing the #1 lift station.

We need to take some action in the near future about increasing the rates that we charge the businesses that dump tank fulls of septic system clean-outs. I think we are way under market on that. Maybe, we can look at that in the near future.

Mayor Gottman said, I know there has been some concerns come up in regards to police presence here in our community. Mayor Gottman said that he along with Alderman Stunkel spoke with Chief Ray about this last Friday. Mayor Gottman said, I think our police officers are doing what they can to make their appearance everywhere. They

can't be everyplace, every time at every minute.

The Fire Department has added back a firefighter who has left and another who has come on.

Mayor Gottman reported that the Cemetery & Water Plant received their new trucks.

Mayor Gottman wished to thank the Foundations and the people who made donations to the Cemetery.

Fire Chief, Mark Meadows has put out for bid for a water truck for the Fire Department. No other details on that at this time.

Chief of Police Jeff Ray and Mayor Gottman met with Joe Kirk in reference to the front of the Public Safety Building. Kirk said that the front of the building is deteriorating basically years of salt accumulating on the sidewalks in the winter time and rain and snow on the building. He will be making repairs to the building.

Stunkel reported that a minor repair had to be made at the loading dock at the Vandalia Lake.

Mayor Gottman reported on the company who bought L & M Antiques they have started demolition on that building. They are excited to start their renovations.

Gallatin Street Grille is getting new windows in the front.

The Kanata Blanket has submitted all their paperwork for the revolving loan.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Peggy Bowen