

CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

January 18, 2021  
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 January 18, 2021 City Council Meeting."

ROLL CALL:

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

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, Erica Foltz, Vandalia Leader, Rich Bauer; Lester Kretzer, Hoyleton, Il.; Lee Beckman, Engineer for Milano & Grunloh and Mike Wehrle, business owner.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the minutes from the January 4, 2021 meeting as presented.

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the Special Bills as listed: Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$20,173.16 for electric; Civic Systems, LLC in the amount of \$5,925.00 for semi-annual support fees; Julie, Inc. in the amount of \$2,404.22 for annual transmissions; Roepke & Niemerg in the amount of \$3,367.50 for 1<sup>st</sup> payment on logging consultant contract, marking timber, writing the plan and presenting the check; Illinois EPA in the amount of \$22,787.56 for Drinking Water Project; Milano & Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$8,615.75 for Octochem Street Design; Kamadulski Excavating in the amount of \$29,967.56 for payment #7 for Water Main Replacement Project; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc. in the amount of \$5,126.65 for chemicals; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$5,575.68 for activated carbon; Kaskaskia Springs Water Co. in the amount of \$2,548.40 for 6.371 million gals delivered;

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

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

APPROVE OR REJECT TIF  
AGREEMENT EXTENSION REQUEST  
FROM VANDALIA CAPITOL, LLC  
(DMV & DOLLAR GENERAL)

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker approving the extension of the TIF Grant for Old Capitol Center.

Amber Daulbaugh, Director of Economic Development received a letter from Brad Bowman, CCIM for First Federal Properties, Inc. giving an update on the progress of the work on the Driver's License Facility & Dollar General.

It was noted that the HVAC units were replaced in September. The flooring in the Driver's License Office was tested for Asbestos and it came back negative. The Kroger floor was also tested and a small area came back positive, but that did not affect the Driver's License office. The flooring was replaced in November.

Bowman stated that the roofing was scheduled to be completed in December. He is planning on having that done the end of January, but it would depend on the weather.

Bowman requested that the TIF agreement be extended till April 4, 2021.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT BID FOR  
DUMP BED FOR CEMETERY TRUCK:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel approving the bid from Higgs Welding, LLC, Dieterich, IL to purchase an 8' Dumper Dog Steel in the amount of \$3,205.00. The city received one other bid from Woody's Municipal Supply Co. in Edwardsville, IL in the amount of \$4,079.00 for a mild steel delivered.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT CHANGE  
ORDER 4A FOR WATERMAIN  
PROJECT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel approving the Change Order 4A for Watermain Project in the amount of a decrease of \$8,409.69 on the Water Main Replacement.

Lee Beckman, Engineer for Milano & Grunloh Engineers stated that this is the change order on the balancing of quantities for the contractor for Section 4A to adjust the contract for the actual work completed except seeding and mulching. The only thing left in the contract besides clean-up is seeding and mulching and addressing any outstanding items.

Brosman remarked that there was a lot of grading done before seeding and with that concern being addressed a vote was taken.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT CHANGE  
ORDER 4B FOR WATERMAIN  
PROJECT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel approving the increase in the Change Order 4B in the amount of \$37,691.29 for the balancing of quantities on work completed on the Water Main Project.

Lee Beckman explained that this is the section on the north end of town. There were some meters that were not known to be attached to the water main replacing so they needed to be added in the contract and one other item, the water main that wasn't connected so that needed to be tied in.

The leveling and grading will have to be done prior to the seeding and mulching.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT PAY  
ESTIMATE #7 FOR WATERMAIN  
PROJECT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel approving the Pay Estimate #7 in the amount of \$29,967.56 for the Water Main Project.

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

AUTHORIZATION OF HIRE FOR  
WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman approving the hiring of Jeff Elder for the position at the Water Treatment Plant.

Lester, Chair of the Personnel Committee said that the Personnel, Finance & Insurance Committee met this afternoon to conduct interviews for the opening at the Water Treatment Plant. Lester told the council members the interviews went well and the recommendation to hire Jeff Elder for the position was unanimously approved by the committee.

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

FIRST READING FOR CLASS H LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM KRETZ, INC-GAMING PARLOR REQUEST:

A first reading of a Class H liquor license request from Lester Kretzer DBA Kretz, Inc. for a new gaming parlor as "Lucky Larry's Slots", which is proposed to be located at 1611 Veterans Ave, Suite G, Vandalia.

The council will act on this request at the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

THE ANNUAL JOINT REVIEW BOARD TIF MEETING MINUTES- NOVEMBER 16, 2020:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman accepting the Annual Joint Review Board TIF Meeting Minutes from the November 16, 2020 as submitted.

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

THE JOINT REVIEW BOARD FOLLOW-UP TIF MEETING MINUTES-DECEMBER 23, 2020:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman accepting the Joint Review Board Follow-Up TIF Meeting Minutes from December 23, 2020 as submitted.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO EXTEND  
LISTING CONTRACTS WITH  
FAYETTE COUNTY REAL ESTATE -  
610 S. SIXTH ST. & 414 W.  
JEFFERSON ST.:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to extend listing the contracts with Fayette County Real Estate. The expiration date will change from January 20, 2021 to April 20, 2021 if approved.

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

LEE BECKMAN WITH MILANO &  
GRUNLOH - UPDATE ON  
PROJECTS:

Lee Beckman gave an update on the projects taking place in Vandalia.

He did mention the lake study that the Fayette County Soil and Water will update a plan that was previously completed in August 2002 at no charge.

Stunkel mentioned if they did a lake study in 2002 and are willing to do another at no charge I think we do so.

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman allowing the Fayette County Soil & Water to do a lake study at no charge to the city.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman said as you all know the city authorized the Fire Department to go out for bid for a new truck. Budgeted figures are a little over \$600,000. The city received one bid that is still sealed and the other company asked for an extension of thirty days.

Fire Chief, Mark Meadows called the company today and they informed him they could not go less than thirty days.

City Attorney, Ryan Connor felt given this type of expenditure, he would recommend more than one bid at any moment in time. He did not recommend going with a single bid.

Brosman expressed his opinion by saying we do not need to be in a rush and agreed with City Attorney Connor's recommendation that we wait for more bids.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Lester to hold off till we receive another bid.

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

Mayor Gottman stated that the Illinois Department of Public Health has moved us to Pier I of Phase 4 under the Covid-19.

Mayor Gottman also spoke on the policing bill brought before the legislators in lame duck session did pass. IML was able to preserve immunity for the police officers.

Mayor Gottman announced at the February 1<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting we will have three attorney's in our chamber. We will be meeting in person due to Executive Session.

Mayor Gottman announced that Little Caesar's has closed in Vandalia. They have already removed the inventory inside the building.



STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker reported that the Street Department is doing repairs to Sixth Street.

The sidewalk between Seventh and Eighth Street on Edwards Street is almost complete other than seeding and grading.

Brosman said that the Water & Sewer Committee had a very productive meeting.

Brosman wished to welcome our new employee Jeff Elder to the Water Treatment Plant.

Brosman also gave a shout out to the Water Department for keeping this going while we are short staffed and controlling the overtime the best they can.

Chief of Police, Jeff Ray said that he advertised for a part-time telecommunicator.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

  
CITY CLERK