

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

March 15, 2021
6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gottman called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vandalia City Council to order at 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hobler, yea; Lester, yea; Hubler, yea; Rebbe, yea; Crawford, yea; Barker, yea.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR CAROL
LEWIS, MOTHER OF 2ND ASSISTANT
FIRE CHIEF TOM DEPAOLO:

A moment of silence was observed for Carol Lewis, mother of 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Tom Depaolo. Our Deepest sympathy to her family.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving the minutes from the March 1, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Clerk Bowen was asked to review the minutes from the February 22, 2021 in comments supposedly said by Mayor Gottman. After review of the entire tape, Mayor Gottman did not make any remark about a closing business.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded Brosman approving the Treasurer's Report as submitted for audit. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the Special Council Bills as presented: Robert Simmons, LLC in the amount of \$1,850.00 for demolition work at 1319 W. Randolph St.; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,071.80 for street lights; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$34,966.74 for electric; Fayette County Clerk & Recorder in the amount of \$21,326.00 for animal control; Illinois South Tourism in the amount of \$3,005.00 for full page ad in Visitor's Guide; Interstate Billing Service in the amount of \$2,023.51 for supplies; Milano & Grunloh Engineering in the amount of \$3,225.48 for design engineering for Safe Routes to School & Octochem Street Project; Vandalia City Garage in the amount of \$3,818.00 for maintenance to equipment; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$4,897.80 for robinfloc; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$3,717.12 for activated carbon; Kaskaskia Springs Water in the amount of \$2,306.80 for 5.767 million gals water; Sidener Environmental Services in the amount of \$3,404.89 for annual maintenance on equipment. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT 4TH STREET
CLOSURE REQUEST FOR PRIVATE
EVENT-MAY 29TH:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker approving the request for a Street Closure on 4th Street for a Private Event on May 29th. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT APPOINTMENT OF
SALLY EMERICK TO THE POLICE
PENSION BOARD:**

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler approving the appointment of Sally Emerick to the Police Pension Board to replace Dean Black. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #57 FROM
CODY GOLDSBORO, VANDALIA TO JOHN
& AMBER MILLER, SHOBNIER:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the transfer of Lake Lot #57 from Cody Goldsboro, Vandalia to John & Amber Miller, Shobonier. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2021-3-15-A
APPROVING LAND LISTING AMENDMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA &
FAYETTE COUNTY REAL ESTATE:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lester Adopting Resolution #2021-3-15-A, Approving A Land Listing Amendment Between The City of Vandalia, Il and Fayette County Real Estate to sell the house and property located at 119 E. Jackson St.

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

RESOLUTION #2021-3-15-B
APPROVING LAND LISTING
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA & WEICHERT REALTORS
HEART & HOME:

A motion was made Hobler and seconded by Brosman Adopting Resolution #2021-3-15-B, Approving A Land Listing Agreement Between The City of Vandalia, Il And Weichert, Realtors Heart & Home to sell a lot located at 1026 W. St. Louis, Ave.

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

APPROVAL OF FARMERS' MARKET
MEETING MINUTES FOR 2/4/21 &
2/18/21:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel approving the Farmers' Market Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2021 & February 18, 2021. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #302 FROM
JUSTIN "RUNT" MANLEY, RAMSEY TO
DONNA FITZWATER, VANDALIA:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the transfer of lake Lot #302 from Justin "Runt" Manley, Ramsey to Donna Fitzwater, Vandalia. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #303 FROM
KENT MANLEY, RAMSEY TO WES
FITZWATER, VANDALIA:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the transfer of Lake Lot #303 from Kent Manley, Ramsey to Wes Fitzwater, Vandalia. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION LETTER FROM POLICE
OFFICER BRAD LEDBETTER:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker, Accepting the Letter of Resignation from Police Officer Brad Ledbetter effective May 16,2021. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE THE POLICE COMMISSION
TO REPLACE HIRE FROM BRAD
LEDBETTER:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Lester authorizing the Police Commission to move forward to replace hire for Brad Ledbetter. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY & PERSONNEL,
FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES-MARCH 2, 2021:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the Public Safety & Personnel, Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2021 as submitted. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT BID FOR NEW
PUMPER/TANKER FIRE TRUCK:

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Stunkel approving the purchase of a new Pumper/Tanker Truck for the Vandalia Fire Department in the amount of \$592,929 from KME Fire Apparatus. Motion carried.

The city also received a bid from Banner Fire Equipment in the amount of \$629,749.00.

APPROVE OR REJECT FINANCING
RATES FOR NEW FIRE TRUCK:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman approving the financing with Bank of Hillsboro who had the lowest interest rate at 1.99% of the five possible financial institutions. No payment will be made till after the beginning of our fiscal year of May 1, 2021. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR A
NEW POLICE VEHICLE:

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Barker authorizing to seek bids for a new Police Vehicle.

This vehicle will be paid with funds from the Police Vehicle & DUI Funds. It will be replacing a 2007 Chevy Impala squad card. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MEETING MINUTES-MARCH 8, 2021:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2021 as submitted. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES-NOTHING TO BE RELEASED:

Mayor Gottman reported after review of the Executive Session Minutes at this time there is none to be released.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler stating that at this time there is no Executive Session Minutes to be released to the public. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman said that he has received numerous complaints from residents about the high gas prices in Vandalia as compared to other area cities.

Mayor Gottman said, when you call some of the corporate offices they won't talk with you about it.

Mayor Gottman wanted it publicly known that he has tried to make some contacts and its basically finger pointing.

Let it be known, that the City of Vandalia does not set the prices for gas, they are set by someone else.

Mayor Gottman said that he received an email from Richard Briley in regard to signage at North Eighth St.

Mayor Gottman said that he would refer this to the Chief of Police, Jeff Ray for him to look into it and bring a recommendation back to the council meeting on April 5th.

Mayor Gottman also reported under the Federal Covid Act, the City of Vandalia will receive \$825,794.00 in Covid Relief Funds, which must be used, for the most part, for infrastructure within the city.

The City of Vandalia's 3rd Annual Small Business Award Nomination Form was handed out this evening. Forms are also available on the city's website.

vandaliaed@vandaliaillinois.com

Nominees for the following will be accepted through Friday, April 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

The winners will be awarded at City Hall during the May 3, 2021 City Council Meeting.

Mayor Gottman announced that a new business, Stash Box opened at 216 S. Fourth St.

Mayor Gottman announced that Schutt Sports Helmet Factory in Salem reported they are closing and relocating to Indiana.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker reported that the Street Department is busy filling pot holes.

Brosman announced there were four requests for water adjustments due to broken water pipes.

Hobler reported that the City of Vandalia's Fire Department is getting a new fire truck.

Hobler mentioned that Brad Ledbetter will be resigning from the Vandalia PD on May 16th. Ledbetter spoke very highly of the other officers and chief.

Hobler said that the Police Commission will be moving forward to hire a replacement for Ledbetter soon.

Hubler reported that Sam Kerr, Sexton at the Cemetery is getting mowers ready for mowing season to resume.

Stunkel reported that they have removed some of the dead trees and looking forward to opening date at the Vandalia Lake.

Mayor Gottman announced that Farmers' market is set to kick off in May. A meeting is set for next week to discuss some of the activities.

COUNCIL COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

Alderwoman Crawford remarked that Eight Street looks really weird since the Old Hospital and the White House taken down.

Lester praised Code Official, Zac Kopp for his job as code enforcer.

Lester mentioned the purchase of the new fire truck but wanted to bring Fire District. Lester asked if there was any progress on that.

Mayor Gottman said that this is something that the City of Vandalia or the Vandalia Fire Department can

get involved in. Steve Stombaugh was going to chair that committee, but at this time Gottman was not sure where things stood.

Barker wanted to let the council know, that LaTisha is seeking information on the Class J liquor license. We will follow up on that as soon as we have more information to bring back to committee.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to move into Executive Session under 5ILCS120/2 for the sale or inquiry of land from the purchase of property or the sale of property.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 7:58 P.M.:

Executive Session ended at 7:58 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT 7:59 P.M.:

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular city Council meeting 7:59 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing to act on from Executive Session a motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to adjourn. Motion carried.


CITY CLERK