

City Council
Regular Meeting

May 3, 2021
6:30pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all that were present.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gottman called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vandalia City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: Barker, Stunkel, Lester, Brosman, Lewey, and Rebbe present. Hobler and Hubler were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was observed for Abe Clymer, past business owner and hometown Abraham Lincoln.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the minutes from the April 19, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the April 26, 2021 special city council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Statement balances were in the packet along with sales tax sheets. There was no action needed at this time. Full treasurer's report will be available at next council meeting.

REGULAR BILLS: A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the special bills as presented: Online Solutions in the amount of \$1,800.00 for annual fee; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$1,960.84 for street lights; Land of Lincoln in the amount of \$1,750.00 for sewer vac; Mac's Fire and Safety, Inc., in the amount of \$4,906.00 for hoses and bars; Mac's Fire and Safety, Inc., in the amount of \$1,721.50 for axes and halligan bars; Illinois South Tourism in the amount of \$2,100.00 for advertising; Cargill Incorporated in the amount of \$2,387.39 for deicer and salt; Cargill Incorporated in the amount of \$8,410.64 for deicer and salt; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$1,687.20 for chip mix; Birkey's in the amount of \$1,578.76 for bushings and rings; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$1,750.00 for sewer vac; Midwest Municipal Supply in the amount of \$1,771.55 for supplies; Core and Main in the amount of \$4,560.00 for meter ID; Land of Lincoln in the amount of \$1,750.00 for sewer vac; Centraz Industries in the amount of \$3,660.00 for sewer solvent; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$5,575.68 for activated carbon; Land of Lincoln in the amount of \$1,750.00 for sewer vac; Certified Balance and Scale in the amount of \$3,210.00 for balance and cleaning. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Judge M. Don Sheafor swore in Ricky Gottman as Mayor of Vandalia. Judge Sheafor swore in Carla Huhn as City Clerk of Vandalia. In addition, Judge Sheafor swore in Aldermen Lewey, Barker and Lester.

Mayor Gottman discussed the accomplishments that have been achieved during his terms as Mayor of Vandalia and discussed his goals for the future.

SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS:

Prior to handing out awards, Mayor Gottman thanked the small business owners present at the meeting and stated he was aware of the struggles businesses faced during this past year due to COVID-19. Gottman encouraged those in the audience to support local businesses.

Amber Daulbaugh, Director of Economic Development, reviewed the list of small businesses who were nominated for Small Businesses of the Year. Winners of the small business awards are: 2021 Small Business of the Year: Vandalia Asphalt (Traci and Stacy Stewart). 2021 Community Involvement Business of the Year: FNB Community Bank of Vandalia (Mike Radliff). 2021 Veteran Owned Business of the Year: Baan Thai Restaurant (Daniel Cook). 2021 Non-Profit Agency Group of the Year: Family YMCA (Ben Frazier and Michelle Alstat). 2021 Female Owned Business of the Year: Country Folk (Tina Kingery). 2021 Economic Impact Business of the Year: Witness Distillery (Rick and Cindy Radliff).

**ORDINANCE 2021-5-3-A:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL
CODE AT TITLE V BUSINESS
LICENSES AND REGULATIONS
AT SECTION 5.08.070
NUMBER OF LICENSES
(DENTON HOLDINGS GROUP,
LLC - CLASS E)**

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel approving Ordinance 2021-5-3-A: An ordinance amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title V Business Licenses and Regulations at Section 5.08.070 Number of Licenses (Denton Holdings Group, LLC - Class E).

Roll call: Rebbe, yea; Brosman, yea; Lester, yea; Barker, yea; Stunkel, yea; Lewey, yea. Hubler and Hobler were absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-5-3-B: A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS OF APPOINTMENTS THROUGH JUNE 7, 2021

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Rebbe approving Resolution 2021-5-3-B: A Resolution Extending the Employment Contracts of Appointments Through June 7, 2021.

Roll call: Rebbe, yea; Brosman, yea; Lester, yea; Barker, yea; Stunkel, yea; Lewey, yea. Hubler and Hobler were absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-5-3-C: A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE ORDER OF APPOINTMENT OF CITY TREASURER THROUGH JUNE 7, 2021:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving Resolution 2021-5-3-C: A Resolution Extending the Order of Appointment of City Treasurer Through June 7, 2021.

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

ORDINANCE 2021-5-3-D: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2021 - APRIL 30, 2022:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving Ordinance 2021-5-3-D: An Ordinance Amending Salaries for Fiscal Year May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022.

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

AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNATURES ON CHECKS:

Mayor Gottman discussed with the council about adding a fourth signature to checks. He explained that if 2 of the 3 current authorized signers are not available, we cannot write a check. He noted he would like to add Danielle Caruso's (an employee at the City Clerk's office), signature to the checks.

A motion was made to add Danielle Caruso to the authorized check signature list by Barker and seconded by Lester. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
GAMING:

Mayor Gottman informed the council that after Willy's Pub and Grub, the truck stop, Howie's and Los Amigos add gaming, there will be over 100 gaming machines in the City of Vandalia. Barker expressed his frustration with the council not acting in a timely manner. He stated that if a matter is tabled, the council needs to deal with it in a reasonable amount of time, and that the council should issue an apology to Mike Wehrle and L. D. Kretzer. A lengthy discussion followed concerning gaming machines, parlors, cafes, retail businesses, revenue from gaming machines, and capping gaming machines. It was decided that Paslay will write an ordinance to increase the Class J licenses by 2 which will be enacted on at next meeting. Gottman stated he will be a NO vote for another parlor in Vandalia. He also stated that he is pro-economic development.

Discussion also held regarding the large number of job openings available in Vandalia and the difficulty in filling those job openings.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Gottman informed the council that if they would like to serve on a particular committee to let him know. He encouraged those in attendance to patronize the Farmer's Market which will be held in downtown Vandalia on May 8 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The new City of Vandalia letterhead (red and black) was unveiled. Gottman

also announced that the furniture in the lobby was worn and will be replaced. New furniture has been ordered. IML Board will be in Vandalia in July and events will be held in conjunction with this conference. If anybody is interested in attending the IML conference in Chicago on September 22-25, let Paslay know as soon as possible. Gottman will be working with the newly elected Mayors of Ramsey, St. Elmo, Effingham and Greenville to begin building relationships.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

None.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Paslay stated that she is researching moving from paper packets to digital and is looking into purchasing IPADS. This will greatly cut down on the amount of paper used.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Report will be given at next Council meeting. Discussion was held regarding the condition of some of the sidewalks in the city. Gottman discussed a particular sidewalk in poor repair on the corner of Edwards and Sixth Streets.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker reported that they are working on a sink hole by the Senior Citizens building. The street department has been working on patching streets. City wide cleanup week is May 10-14, 2021.

Gottman stated that the flags in the cemetery are tattered and torn and need to be taken down.

Gottman reviewed the Fire Department report for March 2021.

Gottman stated that caulking is coming out of the City Hall building. He announced he has received an estimate to replace blinds with tinted windows to cut down on heating and cooling costs. He also mentioned there was peeling paint in the upper levels of the building.

Amber Daulbaugh, Director of Economic Development, submitted her report to the council.

Stunkel announced that a Lake Committee meeting will be held on May 4, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Lester asked how many feet of replacement sidewalks the city did last year. He also asked how many sidewalks were repaired last year. The number of repairs was increased last year. Lewey discussed concerns regarding people parking across sidewalks, which is against the City ordinance.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:02 P.M.:

Gottman announced that the council would be moving to Executive Session. A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to move into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m. under 5ILCS120/2 for the sale of land, 99 year leases, purchase of property and the sale of property. Gottman informed the audience that he could not confirm that there would or would not be anything that would come out of Executive Session.

Roll Call: Lester, yea; Lewey, yea; Barker, yea; Rebbe, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea. Hubler and Hobler were absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS
AT 9:29 P.M.

Executive Session ended at 9:29 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION
RECONVENED AT 9:32 P.M.

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 9:32 p.m. with a roll call: Lester, yea; Lewey, yea; Barker, yea; Rebbe, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hubler and Hobler absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was nothing to report out of Executive Session. A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Roll call: Lester, yea; Lewey, yea; Barker, yea; Rebbe, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hubler and Hobler absent.

Carla Huber

City Clerk