

City Council
Regular Meeting

July 6, 2021
6:30 pm

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, Hubler, Brosman, Hobler, and Rebbe were present. Lewey was absent.

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIAL:

Carla Huhn swore in Mike Hobler, City Alderman.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the June 21, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving the special bills as presented: Land of Lincoln in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac; Birkey's in the amount of \$3,500.00 for rental fees; Ameren in the amount of \$1,900.61 for utilities; Nick DePaolo in the amount of \$2,400.00 for tree removal; Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$2,525.00 for patching; Ritchey's Painting in the amount of \$6,500.00 for painting; Illinois Environmental Protective Agency in

the amount of \$22,787.56 for water revolving fund; Brenntag Mid South, Inc., in the amount of \$6,903.50 for ammonium hydroxide; Imco Utility Supply in the amount of \$2,790.00 for supplies; and Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$7,226.66 for pump repair.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #111
FROM TODD BLACKWELL,
BROWNSTOWN TO FRED AND
BRENDA FOX, GRANITE CITY

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler approving the transfer of Lake Lot #111 from Todd Blackwell, Brownstown, to Fred and Brenda Fox, Granite City. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT LAKE
DAM INSPECTION REPORT:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to approve the lake dam inspection report. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS
FOR SECOND STREET SEWER
MAIN CROSSING:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler to accept the bid submitted by Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc., in the amount of \$79,660.00 for Second Street Sewer Main Crossing project. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF TOURISM
COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving the Tourism Commission meeting minutes from February 9, 2021, March 23, 2021, April 13, 2021, and May 11, 2021. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-7-6-A: A
RESOLUTION AMENDING
RESOLUTION 2014-4-21-A
DESIGNATING
EMPLOYEE/OFFICERS/MEMBERS
OF THE CITY OF VANDALIA
TO RECEIVE TRAINING
MANDATED BY SILCS
120/1.05:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving Resolution 2021-7-6-A: A Resolution Amending Resolution 2014-4-21-A Designating Employee/Officers/Members of the City of Vandalia to Receive Training Mandated by SILCS 120/1.05.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF LAKE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DATED MAY 4, 2021:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman approving the Lake Committee meeting minutes from May 4, 2021. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2021-7-6-B: A
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN
AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING
SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY
OF VANDALIA, ILLINOIS AND
MILANO & GRUNLOH
ENGINEERS, LLC (MAIN
STREET LIFT STATION):

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker approving Resolution 2021-7-6-B: A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Engineering Services between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Milano & Grunloh Engineers, LLC (Main Street Lift Station).

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

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS
FOR HYDRAULIC SHORING
EQUIPMENT FOR PUBLIC
WORKS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the bid for hydraulic shoring equipment for public works submitted by Warning Lites of St. Louis in the amount of \$4,414.50. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
FUNDING ASSISTANCE FOR
VANDALIA BOWL:

Discussion was held regarding funding assistance for Vandalia Bowl. Tony Richardson, owner of Vandalia Bowl, was on hand to address the Council. Richardson, who has owned Vandalia Bowl since 2016, informed the Council that over the past 5 years he has spent approximately \$62,500.00 of his own money for repairs and updates to the building and equipment. Kobi, a Vandalia High School student, stated his support of the bowling alley as it provides activities for the youth. Former Alderman Jerry Swarm voiced his support for the funding assistance for the bowling alley.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel to give Richardson the requested \$35,000.00 with 50% of that amount (\$17,500.00) at 0% interest to be paid back to the City over a 10 year period. The funds will be used from the revolving loan fund.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman voiced his displeasure once again of the high gas prices in Vandalia. Mark Meadows from the Fire Department purchased a piece of equipment that will come out of the Hazel Simma-Kelly fund which was a budgeted item. He announced that Jessica Hampton, Tourism Director, submitted her resignation. Gottman reminded the Council that IML will be in Vandalia from July 15 through 17. He reviewed the various events that will be taking place during the conference. LaTisha Paslay, City Administrator, announced the City has received 100% funding of a \$1,270,363.00 grant from IDOT for a pedestrian facility improvement project that will begin at Kaskaskia College, go to Veterans Avenue to Randolph Street to Coles Street to Main Street, down to Remann Street and hopefully down to Eighth Street. Gottman reminded the Council to let Paslay know as soon as possible if they are planning to attend IML in Chicago on September 23-25, 2021. Gottman also asked for volunteers to help put up the Avenue of Flags next Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. They will meet at the American Legion.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

Huhn reported that her office is working with a company to explore options for implementation of electronic forms. She also reported they are looking at options for a debit/credit card system for citizens who wish to pay a bill using a debit/credit card.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Nothing to report at this time.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Nothing to report at this time.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Stunkel reported that the Lake was extremely busy over the 4th of July weekend with few reported incidents. Gottman noted that there has been no delivery date yet on the police squad car. Gottman also reminded the Council that Farmer's Market will be this Saturday, July 10, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Lester asked Gottman if Amber Daulbaugh, the Economic Development Director, has had any contact with any hotels or motels who would be interested in locating to Vandalia. Gottman was not aware if she had. Lester asked Gottman and Paslay to follow up with Daulbaugh.

Discussion regarding bicycle trails was brought up by Barker, with Lester in agreement, that a bicycle trail would be a nice addition to the community. Possible routes include from Vandalia to Ramsey or Vandalia to Thrill Hill Road. Paslay will look into this.

Jerry Swarm asked about the status of the new water plant. Gottman informed Swarm that the City is moving forward with the engineering firm on this project.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING JULY 12, 2021 AT
5:00 P.M.

Gottman informed the City Council that a Special Meeting of the City Council will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the budget. Executive Session will follow to discuss a personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler. Motion carried.

Carla Huhn

City Clerk