

**City Council
Regular Meeting**

August 16, 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, Lewey, and Rebbe were present.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the minutes from the August 2, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Statement balance sheet provided in packet was reviewed. No action needed.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler 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: Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$4,263.50 for electric bill; Peckman, Guyton, Albers in the amount of \$5,700.00 for consulting services; ADS Electric Corp. in the amount of \$7,620.00 for electrical services; Milano & Grunloh in the amount of \$11,615.21 for professional services; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$19,710.27 for sealcoat chips; Vandalia Asphalt Services in the amount of \$4,139.52

for chip mix; South Central FS in the amount of \$6,432.79 for gasoline; Chase in the amount of \$211,717.36 for GO Obligation Bond; Core & Main in the amount of \$1,658.02 for supplies; Brenntag Mid South Inc., in the amount of \$9,753.66 for ammonium hydroxide and sodium permanganate; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$8,121.74 for activated carbon. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #80
FROM BLAINE REDMAN,
VANDALIA, TO REBECCA
ARNDT, RAMSEY

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester to approve the transfer of Lake Lot #80 from Blaine Redman, Vandalia, to Rebecca Arndt, Ramsey. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT BID
FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT -
119 E. JACKSON STREET
(TABLED)

Discussion was held regarding the bid from Genesis Properties for roof replacement at the city owned house on Jackson Street. After discussion, it was decided to table this matter until next Council meeting, scheduled for September 7, 2021.

RESOLUTION 2021-8-16-A:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING
AN AGREEMENT FOR
PROCESSING SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, AND
PAYMENT SERVICE NETWORK,
INC.

Huhn reported that the Clerk's office would like to add Pay Pal, Pay Pal Credit, and Venmo as options for customers to pay water bills in partnership with Payment Service Network, Inc. A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker approving Resolution 2021-8-16-A: A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Processing Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Payment Service Network, Inc.

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

ORDINANCE 2021-8-16-B:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
OF VANDALIA THAT
PROPOSES THE APPROVAL OF
A BUSINESS DISTRICT PLAN
FOR THE PROPOSED
VETERANS AVENUE BUSINESS
DISTRICT AND FIXING A
TIME AND PLACE FOR A
PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON
THE PLAN AND DESIGNATING
THE BUSINESS DISTRICT:

Amber Daulbaugh, Director of Economic Development, presented the plan for creating a proposed Veterans Avenue Business District. She also updated the Council on meetings she has had with businesses in proposed district. A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2021-8-16-B: An Ordinance of the City of Vandalia that Proposes the Approval of a Business District Plan for the Proposed Veterans Avenue Business District and Fixing a Time and Place for a Public Hearing Date on the Plan and Designating the Business District.

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

ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE:

Merrell Collins updated the Council on the reduction in Animal Control hours, citing lack of employees as the primary reason. He welcomed any suggestions from the Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported that the Job Fair was a success. There are over 300 job openings in the area. Chamber of Commerce will be having a Community Appreciation Cookout on Saturday, August 21. The Madonna statue located on the corner of the State House lawn received a face lift. Gottman reviewed the draft of the Employee Confidentiality Agreement that employees and aldermen will sign once a final copy has been drafted. He noted he has been in touch with IML regarding possibly drafting legislation regarding police shortages in Illinois. He also reminded members that IML will

be held in Chicago in September. IML sent out census reports. Vandalia gained 416 new residents, with the total now being 7,458 residents. The County lost 652 residents. Gottman mentioned that he met with the Fayette County Board Chairman last week, and Gottman will be reaching out to area mayors to schedule a meeting with the Fayette County Board Chair. Gottman stated that the City will be placing a security camera on the north side of City Hall to monitor the parking lot and the dumpsters.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

Huhn noted that the Clerk's office will be looking to add a credit card terminal for customers to pay their water bills at the counter in the office. She also noted that she is working on revising the water shut off for nonpayment policy and will be presenting that at the next Council meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Paslay reported that most of the windows on the lower level have been replaced. She noted that she is leaning toward small laptops to replace the paper packet, with a target start date of October 1, 2021. Over 200 Lake lease letters have been mailed out. So far she has received 23 replies. Regarding the water plant property, she stated within the next month the City will hopefully be able to move forward with the transfer of land and the new water plant. 2nd Street sewer work began today. Regarding the 8th Street and St. Louis Avenue project, it is moving forward with notices to proceed being worked on. IDOT is working on the final review for the Payne and Wagner Streets project. She attended an ITEP (sidewalk grant) kickoff meeting on August 3.

She noted the City has 4 years to expend that grant. She is working with Ryan Connor on seeking easements from a few property owners for the Safe Routes to Schools project. Lastly, she and Andy Gelsinger (Water Plant Superintendent) will be interviewing candidates for the open position at the water plant this week.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL:

Report provided in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Brosman asked about increasing fees for the septic trucks that are dumping into the lagoon. Brosman stated the Council needed to look into taking action on this matter. Huhn will pull Water and Sewer Committee minutes. Discussion was held regarding lateral transfers in the police department. Chief Ray stated that there has been some interest but no applications. Gottman reviewed the June and July 2021 Fire Department calls report that was provided in packet. Hubler noted that 7 headstones were broken in the cemetery last week. Some were broken in 3 pieces which are being fixed. The headstones broken in half have been fixed. The City is offering a \$1000.00 reward for information leading to arrest and conviction of those responsible. Stunkel reported there have been a good number of campers at the Lake this week. He stated the Lake Committee will be meeting in the near future on Lake related issues. Paslay stated the August Farmer's Market was well attended. The next Farmer's Market is September 11, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Hobler asked if the City still owned property West of Simma Park on St. Louis Avenue. Paslay stated that

that property had been sold. Kopp is contacting that property owner about mowing the yard. Stunkel recently visited the Senior Citizen's Building and reviewed the improvements to that building with the Council. If an Alderman cannot attend the upcoming Zoning meeting on August 18, 2021 and/or the Planning Commission meeting on August 24, 2021, Gottman advised them to put their concerns/comments in writing and give them to him. Barker asked about the possibility of placing a security camera at Lincoln Park. Gottman will contact ProWire to look into that.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT
7:57 P.M.

Gottman announced that the council would be moving into Executive Session. A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to move into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. under 5ILCS120/2 for the purpose of sale or acquisition of land.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS
AT 8:54 P.M.

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REGULAR SESSION
RECONVENED AT 8:56 P.M.

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:56 p.m. with a roll call: Barker, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hubler, yea; Brosman, yea; Hobler, yea; Lewey, yea; Rebbe, yea; Lester, yea.

ADJOURNMENT:

Gottman stated the only thing to report out of Executive Session is the sale of surplus property at the Vandalia Lake; specifically 3 parcels. There will be a resolution drawn up for next meeting to act on.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker. Motion carried.



City Clerk