

City Council
Regular Meeting

October 4, 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 and Hobler were present. Lewey and Rebbe were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Mrs. Mary Miller, a local business owner.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the September 20, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The general sales tax revenue, infrastructure sales tax revenues, gaming revenues, telecommunications tax revenues, cannabis use tax, income tax revenues, use tax revenues, motor fuel tax revenues and hotel/motel tax revenue reports were reviewed. No action needed.

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 Hobler approving the special bills as presented: SCIRP&DC in the amount of \$1,892.00 for membership dues; Arrow Valley Landscaping in the amount of

\$3,922.50 for landscaping; Global Tech Systems in the amount of \$5,738.59 for parts and labor; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac; Ameren in the amount of \$1,985.02 for utility bill; Haier Plumbing and heating in the amount of \$69,510.26 for 2nd Street sewer project; Kamadulski Excavating and Grading in the amount of \$15,000.00 for sewer repair; Imco Utility Supply in the amount of \$2,580.00 for supplies; Brenntag Mid South, Inc., in the amount of \$6,921.00 for robinfloc and ammonium hydroxide; Hach Company in the amount of \$5,426.00 for parts; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$7,397.46 for chlorine; and Vandevanter Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$32,277.43 for pump repair. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT CHANGE
ORDER #1 FOR 2ND STREET
SEWER MAIN CROSSING
(INCREASE \$5,994.45):

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel approving change order #1 for 2nd Street Sewer Main Crossing (increase \$5,994.45). Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT PAY
APPLICATION #1 FOR HAIER
PLUMBING FOR 2ND STREET
SEWER MAIN CROSSING
(\$69,510.26):

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving pay application #1 for Haier Plumbing for 2nd Street Sewer Main Crossing (\$69,510.26). Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gottman reported on followup items from the September 7, 2021 City Council meeting: Ordinance 2021-9-7-G: Ordinance of Vacation - Unimproved Locust Street: The City has not been able to make contact with the property owner. Regarding downtown grants offered by the State of Illinois, Paslay and Gottman will see what grants the City is eligible for. A copy of the Aldermanic-City form of government section found in the IML Handbook was reviewed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported the City is holding an Employee Appreciation cookout on Friday, October 22 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Charters Patio. All City employees and aldermen are invited. Gottman congratulated the High School Boys Golf Team who tied for 2nd at Sectionals and are moving on to State. Chase Laack, stepson of Council member Joel Rebbe, placed first at sectionals. He also noted that the 7th grade VYO football team went undefeated this season. Gottman reported on the IML Annual Conference in Chicago. He said it was a very successful conference. Brosman commented that at one of the seminars he attended a topic of discussion included the amount of money being made in cannabis. Gottman reported that the Council has approved any cannabis ordinances and would approve the businesses under a special use permit. Gottman noted that the City made \$5,755.00 in cannabis use tax last year and so far this year, has made \$4,182.00 from the sales of products such as CBD oils.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Nothing to report at this time.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Pasley reported that the last Farmer's Market is Saturday, October 9, 2021. In addition, the Grand Levee, Atlas 46 Grand Opening, Vandalia Fire Department's Golf Scramble, Vandalia All School Reunion Banquet and Vandalia High School Homecoming will also be on October 9.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:

Report in September 7, 2021 packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker reported the Street Department has been busy working on leaks. Chief Ray reported that the Vandalia Homecoming Parade is Thursday, October 7 at 5 p.m. The parade route will be the same as it was in the past. Lester stated he would like a list of items that need to be addressed by the Building and Grounds committee. Stunkel reported that students from 39 different colleges were at the Lake over the past weekend. Recommendation was made to restock the Lake. Stunkel will talk to Tim Michel, owner of Michel's Feed Store. The Lake will be closing on October 18, 2021. The High School Art class will be painting murals on some of the buildings at the Lake next Spring. Hubler stated that he would like to see a full time Tourism Director hired. Gottman said if anybody had a recommendation for Tourism Director to let him know. Gottman and Paslay will meet with Hubler to discuss Tourism. Hubler asked about the use of golf carts on the roads. Gottman referred the matter to Public Safety Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Lester asked about the status of the washout at the Lake. Marlin Filer is waiting on costs for track hoes, etc., before beginning work on the washout. Lester asked about having angled parking downtown on one side of the street. Gottman will followup with IDOT as he is going to be contacting them about the lighting downtown also.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:05 P.M.:

Gottman announced that the council would be moving to Executive Session. A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to move into Executive Session at 7:05

p.m. under 5ILCs/1202 for the sale of property.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS
AT 7:35 P.M.

Executive Session ended at 7:35 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION
RECONVENED AT 7:37 P.M.

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular Council meeting at 7:37 p.m. with a roll call: Barker, yea; Brosman, yea; Lester, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hubler, yea; Hobler, yea. Lewey and Rebbe were absent. Gottman reported that the City Attorney has been asked to draw up documentation for an Executive Work Session in regard to the sale or lease of property for the City of Vandalia. Notification will be sent with date and time of that meeting. There was nothing else to report out of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk