

City Council
Regular Meeting

November 15, 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 Lewey were present. Hobler and Rebbe were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Mr. Carrol Dugan, former police chief, Mrs. Cheryl Tedrick, wife of city employee Brian Tedrick, and Mr. Mickey Allen Rogers, a local business owner.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES 11/01/2021:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey approving the minutes from the November 1, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
11/04/2021:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the minutes from the November 4, 2021 special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The statement balance for period ending 10/31/2021 and treasurer's report provided in the packet were reviewed. No action needed.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve the regular bills as submitted. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the special bills as presented: Nutrien AG Solutions in the amount of \$2,844.20 for supplies; Kaskaskia Supply and Rental in the amount of \$5,098.20 for Christmas light bulbs; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$9,201.81 for utility bills; Dennis Grubaugh in the amount of \$8,638.49 for TIF reimbursement; South Central FS in the amount of \$1,781.75 for diesel; Treasurer, State of IL in the amount of \$44,784.97 for Randolph and Fifth Street repair; Imco Utility Supply in the amount of \$3,089.00 for parts; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$9,061.62 for chlorine, sodium thiosulfate; Kaskaskia Springs Water Company in the amount of \$2,709.60 for 6.774 million gallons of water; Walker Process Equipment in the amount of \$2,293.20 for maintenance to equipment; CedarChem, LLC in the amount of \$14,341.48 for raw material and fuel surcharge; Brenntag Mid South, Inc., in the amount of \$7,196.00 for supplies. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2022 COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve the 2022 Council meeting dates as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2022 HOLIDAY DATES:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to approve the 2022 holiday dates as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT THE RESIGNATION OF AMBER DAULBAUGH AS ECONOMIC DIRECTOR:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve the resignation of Amber Daulbaugh as Economic Director. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO FILL
POSITION OF ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR AND
TOURISM DIRECTOR:

Discussion was held regarding combining the position of Economic Development Director and Tourism Director into one position. Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Lester to combine the positions of Economic Development Director and Tourism Director into one. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT THE
RETIREMENT OF OFFICER
ROBBIE BLACKERBY
EFFECTIVE 11/30/21:

A motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Stunkel to approve the retirement of Police Officer Robbie Blackerby effective 11/30/2021. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT
AUTHORIZATION FOR POLICE
HIRE FROM ELIGIBILITY
LIST:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman authorizing Chief Ray to hire a Police Officer from the eligibility list. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2021-11-15-A:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL
CODE AT TITLE V BUSINESS
LICENSES AND REGULATIONS
AT SECTION 5.08.070
NUMBER OF LICENSES:

Mayor Gottman announced that the liquor license for Willy's Drive-In has been closed due to that business being closed for more than 30 days. The owner of the business is aware of this action. A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to approve Ordinance 2021-11-15-A: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title V Business Licenses and Regulations at Section 5.08.070 Number of Licenses.

Roll call: Barker, yea; Hubler, yea; Brosman, yea; Lester, yea; Lewey, yea; Stunkel, yea. Hobler and Rebbe were not present. Motion carried.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
DISCUSSION:

A copy of the organizational chart for the City of Vandalia included in the packet was reviewed. Attorney Connor stressed the importance of following the chart and reviewed who the various department heads reported to (Paslay and Gottman). Connor stated that the Aldermen can

be inquisitive but cannot be directive to a department head. Discussion was held regarding City of Vandalia municipal code 2.04.230. Brosman recommended that the municipal code be revised to avoid confusion on the roles of the Aldermen and the Department heads.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gottman reported that the Chrome Books for City Council have been ordered. Barker, Hubler and Lester will be the first to receive the Chrome Books. Regarding Ordinance 2021-9-7-G: An Ordinance of Vacation - Unimproved Locust Street: The City has not been able to make contact with the property owner. Hubler, Paslay and Gottman met regarding Tourism. Regarding having the ability to use golf carts in the City, Gottman will turn that over to the Public Safety committee. Paslay will meet with the department heads and get a list of projects at their facilities to Lester so the Buildings and Grounds Committee can address those.

ENGINEERS' REPORT:

Lee Beckman from Milano & Grunloh provided an update on projects as outlined on the November 2021 Engineers Update as provided by Beckman. They are working on securing easements for the Safe Routes to School project. The status of various other projects was also reviewed. Discussion was held regarding the downtown enhancement grant. Gottman noted the need for additional lighting at the downtown intersections. There will be a public meeting on 12/20/21 at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. to show public participation and support for the downtown enhancement grant.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported that Olde Tyme Christmas was a big success. He thanked all of the volunteers that helped. He reported on the economic impact on the community and local businesses. He congratulated Chief Ray on placing 2nd in the World Master Jiu-Jitsu championship competition. He also congratulated Zac Kopp for placing 4th in the Cabela's fishing tournament held in Louisiana recently. Gottman reported that there was an issue with the contract for Kim Lake, site coordinator for the State House, and he announced that has been resolved and she now has a contract through CMS.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Pasley reported on the lake lot leases. As of November 15, 2021, 77 have opted to buy, 25 are opting for the new lease, and 5 have opted to remain with the current agreement. She has received 19 appraisals. Slack Glass will be here on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 to start replacing windows on the second floor on the west side of the building. Christmas Gala presented by the Historical Society will be held on December 3 at the State House, and the State House Christmas Open House has been scheduled for December 11.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Report provided in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker reported that the work done at 140 and 8th Street had been completed. Stunkel reported that the Street Department removed a seawall that was falling apart at the marina. Hubler reported on the Festive Friday evenings in downtown Vandalia that will begin November 19

and continue through December 17. Gottman reported that the City will be negotiating union contracts in the very near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Lester asked about plans for the Tourism Center and improvements that were needed. Gottman, Hubler and Lester will meet to discuss.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:28 P.M.:

Gottman announced that the council would be moving to Executive Session. A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to move into Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. under 5ILCS 120/2 for the acquisition or sale of land.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:04 P.M.

Executive Session ended at 8:04 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 8:05 P.M.

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular Council meeting at 8:05 p.m. with a roll call: Lester, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hubler, yea; Brosman, yea; Barker, yea; Lewey, yea. Hobler and Rebbe were absent.

Gottman reported that a special City Council meeting to invite Donna Howard, one of the appraisers for the lake lots, to explain the appraisal methodology will be scheduled. Once a date and time has been set, appropriate entities will be notified. There was nothing else to report out of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Lester to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Carla Huhn

City Clerk