

City Council
Regular Meeting

December 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, Lewey, Brosman, Lester, Rebbe, Hobler were present. Hubler and Stunkel were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Reverend Harold Koonce, father of retired police officer Mike Koonce, and John Anderson, father of City employee Mike Anderson.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES NOVEMBER 15,
2021:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker approving the minutes from the November 15, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 23, 2021:

Correction was made to the 11/23/2021 special meeting minutes: A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to accept any and all offers at 90% or more of the appraised market value. A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker approving the corrected minutes from the November 23, 2021 special meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tax revenue sheets as of November 30, 2021 were reviewed.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker approving the special bills excluding 1 bill to Esker and Walker Construction in the amount of \$78,185.37 (awaiting further clarification; NOTE after the meeting, it was noted that only 1 bill would be excluded from Council approval) as presented: City of Greenville in the amount of \$12,757.38 for reimbursement of police academy fees for officer Isaac Smith; Southwestern Illinois College in the amount of \$5,617.20 for police academy fees; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$5,250.00 for sewer vac; Interstate Billing Service in the amount of \$18,238.06 for repair fees; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$9,252.72 for utility fees; Five Star Rental in the amount of \$2,000.00 for lift rental; Slack Glass in the amount of \$6,654.59 for tinted windows; Vandeventer Engineer, Inc., in the amount of \$60,316.72 for street repair; Birkey's in the amount of \$1,922.25 for parts; Imco Utility Supply in the amount of \$3,155.00 for parts; Brenntag Mid South, Inc., in the amount of \$6,928.50 for ammonium hydroxide; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$7,224.96 for activated carbon. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER:

Isaac Smith was issued the oath by City Clerk Carla Huhn as the newest Police Officer for the City of Vandalia.

FAYETTE COUNTY CEO
PRESENTATION:

CEO representatives Leo Krueger and Ellie Whitten presented the CEO class business idea, a murder mystery, scheduled for January 16, 2022 from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge. Ticket prices are \$30.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. Tickets will go on sale at the end of December.

SANDY MICHEL - SOUTHERN
POINTS SUBDIVISION:

Ms. Michel called prior to meeting and asked to be removed from agenda.

PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES -
NOVEMBER 16, 2021:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes dated 11/16/2021. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2021-12-6-A:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 17 OF THE
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE
(ADDING SIC CODE 81
LEGAL SERVICES AS
SPECIAL USE PERMIT):

Attorney Matt Riedle is requesting adding SIC Code 81, Legal Services as a Special Use Permit in "RT" Two-Family Residential so that he can relocate his office to 229 S. Eighth Street. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving Ordinance 2021-12-6-A: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 of the Vandalia Municipal Code (Adding SIC Code 81 Legal Services as Special Use Permit).

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

ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENTS MEETING
MINUTES - OCTOBER 27,
2021:

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Barker to approve the Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting minutes dated 10/27/21. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENTS MEETING
MINUTES - NOVEMBER 17,
2021:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve the Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting minutes dated 11/17/2021. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT CHANGE
ORDER #1 FOR 8TH STREET
AND ST. LOUIS AVENUE
SIDEWALK PROJECT -
(INCREASE OF
\$17,115.09) -
(TABLED) :

Gottman stated he will be requesting clarification of the change order from the engineers, so the agenda item was tabled until clarification is given.

APPROVE OR REJECT PAY
ESTIMATE #1 FOR 8TH AND
ST. LOUIS AVENUE
SIDEWALK PROJECT
(\$78,185.37) -
(TABLED) :

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ORDINANCE 2021-12-6-B:
AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE
ANNUAL TAX LEVY FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON
THE FIRST DAY OF MAY
2021 AND ENDING ON THE
THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL
2022:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler to approve Ordinance 2021-12-6-B: An Ordinance Making the Annual Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year Beginning on the First Day of May 2021 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of April 2022. Gottman noted that there would be no tax increase this year for the citizens of Vandalia.

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

ORDINANCE 2021-12-6-C:
AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE
TAX LEVY REQUIREMENTS OF
ORDINANCE NO. 2016-9-19-
D:

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Hobler to approve Ordinance 2021-12-6-C: An Ordinance Abating the Tax Levy Requirements of Ordinance No. 2016-9-19-D.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Regarding reviewing municipal code 2.04.230 concerning the roles of the department heads and Aldermen, Gottman reported that particular code is being reviewed and he will

be reporting on it at the next meeting. Gottman reported the Chrome Books are here. Training will begin soon. Gottman reported he will be in Chicago later this week and will meet with IDOT to discuss downtown lighting. The City has been unable to contact the owner of the property regarding Ordinance 2021-9-7-G: An Ordinance of Vacation - Unimproved Locust Street. Gottman has left a telephone message for the property owner. Gottman, Lester and Hubler will meet to discuss the Tourism Information Center.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman stated that Clint Simpson from State Farm Insurance has requested leasing the property by the pump station next to his office on Randolph Street for a parking lot. Hobler stated he would be in favor of a dollar lease as long as Simpson was responsible for making improvements. There was no objection. Gottman will contact Simpson. Gottman reviewed events related to OTC that are going on for the remainder of the holiday season. The Historical Society's Gala was a success. He reminded Council of the State House Candlelight Tours which will be held on Saturday, December 11, from 5 until 7 p.m.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paslay reported on the lake lot leases. As of December 6, 2021, 87 have opted to buy, 30 are opting for the new lease, and 8 have opted to remain with the current agreement. She has received 19 offers.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Brosman reported that he observed a lift station at the south end of Fourth Street be rebuilt and that the process went smoothly. Paslay reviewed the Friday Evening Festivities planned for the remainder of the holiday season in downtown Vandalia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Resident David Townsend addressed his concerns with the council regarding the parking along Main Street and Cook Street near Kelly Park. He would like to see at a minimum, No Parking signs on those streets. He also suggested turning the grassy lot next to the ball diamond on Kelly Park into a parking lot. Gottman will reach out to Mike Radliff, President of the Park District regarding a parking lot. Gottman was in favor of putting No Parking signs on both sides of Main Street. Chief Ray and Marlin Filer will make a recommendation to the Council. Townsend also expressed concern over excessive speeding on Main Street. Chief Ray stated they are doing patrols in that area.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Brosman to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.



City Clerk