

City Council
Regular Meeting

December 20, 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, yea; Hubler, yea; Brosman, yea; Hobler, yea; Rebbe, yea. Lester, Stunkel and Lewey were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Dr. Howard White, a former dentist in Vandalia; Carroll "Butch" Berry, a local business owner; and victims of the tornado outbreak on December 10, 2021.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES DECEMBER 6,
2021:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the December 6, 2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Statement of Balance of Accounts and General Ledgers by Departments as of 11/30/2021 were included in packet.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler approving the special bills as presented: Milano and Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$13,521.89 for miscellaneous services; Historical Vandalia, Inc., in the amount of \$3,231.75 for

reimbursement; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$2,477.16 for patch mix; Birkey's in the amount of \$2,245.00 for supplies; Interstate Billing Service in the amount of \$2,639.40 for dump truck repair; Milano and Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$3,102.00 for sidewalk removal; Pedrotti Company, Inc., in the amount of \$6,684.25 for equipment; Brenntag Mid South, Inc., in the amount of \$7,382.23 for sodium permanganate, robinfloc and ammonium hydroxide; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$16,542.76 for activated carbon; Vandalia Electric Motor, Inc., in the amount of \$1,794.66 for repairs; Vandevanter Engineer, Inc., in the amount of \$2,259.59 for repairs; Kaskaskia Springs Water in the amount of \$2,754.80 for 6.887 million gallons of water. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2021-12-20-A:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY
OF MAY 2021, AND ENDING
ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF
APRIL 2022:

Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2021-12-20-A: An Ordinance Amending the Annual Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year beginning the First Day of May 2021, and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of April 2022.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT BID
FOR WASHOUT REPAIR AT
VANDALIA LAKE (ONLY 1
RETURNED BID):

Brosman asked if the washout repair would be the responsibility of the City or the Lessee. He also stated his concern that this will set a precedence. Connor stated this is about the City controlling drainage and not allowing other people to modify the drainage into the lake. Gottman stated that Soil and Water Conservation Department is researching grants for a new study.

The last study was done 20 years ago. Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Barker to approve the bid for washout repair which will help alleviate defacement of leased property at Vandalia Lake. Motion carried. Brosman voted nay.

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

Gottman reported that the engineer did go back to the contractors regarding the increase. It was discussed with the Street Department and the Street Department requested additional work be done. Brosman stated that he looked at the intersection and his concern was the sidewalk that runs along the north side of St. Louis Avenue. Three feet from 8th Street, the sidewalk stops. Gottman stated this could be put in the next sidewalk improvement project. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler to approve change order #1 for 8th and St. Louis Avenue Sidewalk Project (increase of \$17,115.09). Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hubler to Approve or Reject Pay Estimate #1 for 8th and St. Louis Avenue Sidewalk Project (\$78,185.37). Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported that effective January 3, 2022, Danielle Caruso will be moving permanently to City Administration. For security reasons, Gottman stated the Clerk's office is looking into converting the front copy room into a lobby area. Regarding the lake lot leases, 95 have opted to buy, 35 have opted for a new lease, and 11 have opted to stay with the current lease. 141 have responded out of 220. 38 appraisals have been received.

Brosman asked about sending a follow up letter to those who have not responded. Gottman stated the initial letters were sent out via certified mail which required a signature that it was received. Gottman will report at the next Council meeting how many signed certified receipts were returned to City Hall. Chrome Books are in. All Aldermen will have Chrome Books at the next meeting. Paslay will train the Aldermen. Beginning in February, packets will no longer be used.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reported that the Clerk's office will be temporarily changing hours of operation to 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will continue to be open for lunch.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paslay was not present for the meeting. Gottman did report that he and Paslay have interviewed 2 candidates for the Economic Development/Tourism Director, and has another interview scheduled in January.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL'S REPORT:

Report in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Gottman reported that the new police car was involved in a hit and run. Hubler reported that Friday Evening Festivities has concluded. Huhn reported that OTC 2021 has wrapped up. Gottman stated that he has been asked to attend the Mayor's Conference in Washington DC. He is going to check into the cost of that conference. Gottman said union negotiations will begin after the first of the year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Hubler noted that he has been approached by companies that have large dump trucks which are having difficulty turning corners due to tree limbs obstructing their view. He cited an example at Cole and Randolph Streets. Hubler, Paslay and Marlin Filer will meet to discuss.

Gottman stated there are many projects in the works right now, and many grants are being worked on.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried.



City Clerk