

City Council
Regular Meeting

May 16, 2022
6:30 p.m.

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:

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
MAY 2, 2022:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022 City Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve the special bills as presented: Braun Plumbing in the amount of \$1,926.66 for 4 new toilets at Senior Citizens Building; Nick DePaolo in the amount of \$1,650.00 for tree removal; South Central FS in the amount of \$3,790.54 for gasoline; Haier Plumbing and Heating Company, Inc., in the amount of \$190,646.11 for Octochem Water Main Replacement project; Milano & Grunloh Engineering in the amount of \$2,590.61 for professional fees; Imco Utility Supply in the amount of

\$1,566.00 for materials; Core and Main in the amount of \$2,445.00 for materials; Vandalia City Garage in the amount of \$4,855.00 for repairs; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$6,457.91 for activated carbon and chlorine; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$3,332.20 for utility bill for water plant; Milano and Grunloh Engineering in the amount of \$2,416.75 for lift station fees; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$11,163.34 for utility bills for sewer plant. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT PAY ESTIMATE #1 FOR VANDALIA OCTOCHEM WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT - \$190,646.11:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to approve Estimate #1 for Vandalia Octochem Water Main Replacement Project in the amount of \$190,646.11 submitted by Haier Plumbing and Heating, Inc. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT BID FOR NEW WATER SERVICE TRUCK:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to approve bid for new water service truck submitted by Hecht Chevrolet in the amount of \$50,200.00. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT BID FOR TWO (2) NEW VAUGHAN CHOPPER PUMPS FOR WALMART LIFT STATION:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve the bid for two (2) new Vaughan Chopper Pumps for Walmart Lift Station submitted by Municipal Equipment Company, Inc., in the amount of \$36,516.00. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2022-5-16-A: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2022 - APRIL 30, 2023:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Rebbe to approve Ordinance 2022-5-16-A: An Ordinance Amending Salaries for Fiscal Year May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023.

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

ORDINANCE 2022-5-16-B:
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A
CERTAIN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, AND
VANDALIA POLICE
TELECOMMUNICATORS
REPRESENTED BY ILLINOIS
FRATERNAL ORDER OF
POLICE LABOR COUNCIL
5/1/2022-4/30/2026:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2022-5-16-A: An Ordinance Approving a Certain Agreement Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Vandalia Police Telecommunicator Represented by Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council 05/01/2022-04/30/2026.

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

Gottman thanked the City of Vandalia employees for their hard work and dedication.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
PMK, INC.:

Gottman stated that there was nothing to report at this time for PMK, Inc.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported the Old Capitol Foundation, under the restricted money, gave \$50,000 to the cemetery. Gottman asked for authorization to have specs drawn up for construction of a new building at the cemetery. Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to give authorization to have specs drawn up for construction of a new building at the cemetery. Motion carried. Gottman noted the Fire Department has received \$43,000 of restricted money from Hazel Simma Kelly funds. He also said all of the outstanding City projects will be listed under Unfinished Business on future council agendas so council can be kept up to date. He noted that people in the community are complaining about the gas prices in Vandalia. The City does not control the gas prices. Gottman said that possibly there will be concerned

citizens at the next meeting to discuss the increasing gas prices. Gottman will have Paslay draft a letter to gas station owners. Gottman stated he went to the YMCA Healthy Kids Day. The CEO of the Fayette County YMCA reported there was a good flow of people at that event. He also attended the reopening of the American Legion's bar.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Paslay reported the first Farmer's Market was Saturday, May 14. 11 vendors participated. She stated there was a steady flow from the time it opened until closing time. She still needs a sponsor for the July Farmer's Market.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Report included in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker said the street department is trying to get some mowing done. There have been no water breaks this week. Sidewalks that have been replaced so far are up to about 1600 running feet, with the final being around 2000 running feet. Brosman reported he had 1 water adjustment request for review which will need additional information. Brosman thanked the Council for approving the purchase of the chopper pumps. Rebbe talked to Sam Kerr, Sexton, who stated they are starting to make progress on all of the weed eating and mowing. Toilets have been replaced at the Senior Citizen's building. Stunkel said they will be getting 2 sealed bids tomorrow for a new lake boat. He reported that one of the lake trucks is a 1996 and stays around the marina. Another truck is a 2005 which has 167,000

miles but it is not a 4 wheel drive truck. He would like to look at the purchase of a truck to be used at the lake during budget talks. He noted that he has received complaints regarding the increase in horsepower at the lake. Stunkel said the City did raise the horsepower but he said the City did not say we would allow wake boats. Wake boats have never been allowed at Vandalia Lake. Stunkel suggested putting signs at the boat ramps so that people with wake boats will know.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Lee Beckman of Milano & Grunloh, reviewed the Engineering update provided in the packet for May 2022. He provided updates on the various projects. Octochem watermain project should be complete in the next 2 to 3 weeks. Octochem Street project had 1 bid which was from Precise Construction which came in very close to budget. Fillmore to Washington - the attorney is looking at the contract documents. Once those are approved, and once the preconstruction meeting is held after the next couple of weeks, the project should begin late May/early June. Randolph Street project will be bid in the first quarter of 2023. Main Street lift station - the City is going to need a little bit more property. Currently there is a 30' x 30' area. The landowner will be contacted to see about obtaining a permanent easement or some additional property. That project should be bid in the next 30 days. Water treatment plant is moving along. Lake Siltation Project - Lee will follow up with Karen about possible EQUIP funding. ITEP - he did receive the engineering agreement back so surveying can officially start. DCEO has raised

their grant to \$1.5 million for 2022 grants only. He will work with Marlin Filer and bring his recommendations to City Council at a later meeting. Stunkel reported that he has been getting phone calls that the City is going to drain the lake when work on the Dam begins. Beckman stated the water needs to go down to identify the areas of repair because several of those areas are down below the water level. He reported in July or August, he hopes to get it planned, bid out and assuming the water does come back up, construction would probably begin in 2023. Beckman stressed there are no plans to do any drainage of the lake. Gottman asked the media that were in attendance if they would help spread the word regarding the City not draining the lake. Brosman asked about the status of right of ways for the Safe Route to School project. Paslay reported she is no further with the church. One property owner has a drainage issue that has no effect on what we need him to give us the right of way for, but he owns the property on both sides of the road. Beckman stated the property with drainage issue is much bigger than the Safe Routes to School project and nothing is going to be created or fixed by pouring a sidewalk. Lee will reach out to that resident. The third property owner is waiting on an appraisal.

**PRESENTATION OF JACKETS
AND CERTIFICATES TO VCHS
ATHLETES:**

Gottman presented jackets and certificates to the VCHS girls Bowling State Champ and the Boys Golf Team State Champs. Those receiving jackets and certificates were: Madison Ferguson (State bowling champ), Chase Laack, Dylan Halford, Jacob Schaal, Jonah

Beesley, and Conner McCall (State Champs for boy's golf).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Stunkel brought up the possibility of Council reconsidering granting a liquor license at Wal-Mart, an issue that has been discussed in the past. He asked for comments and thoughts from the Council. He noted Wal-Mart will be undergoing remodeling of the interior but not increasing the footprint of the store. Barker said the City has a lot of out of town contractors right now (such as New Wave, Sparklight, AT&T, etc.), and he has received a couple of complaints where they have left ruts in yards and not cleaning up. He feels this needs to be monitored. Gottman stated Marlin Filer has been monitoring.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Carla J. Huhn

City Clerk