

City Council
Regular Meeting

July 5, 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 Brosman, Lester, Hubler, Lewey, Rebbe, and Stunkel were present. Hobler and Barker were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for David Wilson, father in law of Howie's on Main Street owner Chris Walton and for the victims and families of the City of Highland Park, Illinois shooting over the holiday weekend.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
JUNE 20, 2022:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2022 City Council meeting with changes (revising date of June 20, 2022 to June 13, 2022). Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tax Statement Balances and Detail Expenditure Reports for period ending June 30, 2022 were reviewed as presented. No action required.

REGULAR BILLS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman 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:

Civic Systems, LLC in the amount of \$5,925.00 for semi-annual support fees; Sandberg Phoenix in the amount of \$1,883.00 for legal fees; Southern Illinois Criminal in the amount of \$1,520.00 for criminal justice training; Chandler Brothers Construction in the amount of \$2,000.00 for sidewalk replacement; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac; Progressive Chemical in the amount of \$3,031.88 for supplies; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$17,251.34 for seal coat chips; Hohlt Funeral Home in the amount of \$15,090.00 for TIF reimbursement; Kohnen Concrete in the amount of \$4,275.00 for materials; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$23,189.35 for supplies; Municipal Equipment Company in the amount of \$2,511.00 for repairs; Illinois EPA in the amount of \$17,500.00 for State permits; Vandevanter Engineer, Inc., in the amount of \$14,333.00 for annual maintenance inspection. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Meadows, representing PMK, addressed the Council regarding their gaming application. He stated that their plans are to have a full functioning bar in addition to axe throwing and a golf simulator. Stunkel asked if they were going to start out with just gaming and Meadows responded the plan was a full functioning bar, axe throwing, golf simulator and then gaming. Meadows stated in the past there has been concern about the number of gaming machines in town, but that number has decreased in the past 6 months. He also stated that they would be selling pizzas. He stated they are not asking to be a gaming parlor as they will be bringing in

people for the full bar aspect in addition to gaming and axe throwing. Lewey said in a past meeting, the group told the Council that gaming was not a priority, and asked what changed. Zac Kopp replied the economy and low interest rates were factors. Lester asked does the business hinge on gaming? Meadows replied if gaming is off of the table, they will look into other options. Lewey stated he would like to see the business up and running before approving the gaming license. Meadows said that gaming only is not and will not be in the business model. Gottman stated last year there were 104 gaming machines in the City of Vandalia. As of right now, there are 93 gaming machines. He reported there are 22 active liquor licenses as of today.

REQUEST TO AMEND LOAN
RATE FOR NEW FIRE TRUCK:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Lewey to approve to amend the loan rate for a new fire truck submitted by Land of Lincoln Credit Union of 2.00%. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO APPROVE
GAMING APPLICATION FROM
PMK, INC.

Continued discussion was held regarding the gaming application submitted by PMK, Inc. Lester asked if there were any gaming privileges in a Class F license. Gottman replied no. Gottman stated he has the authority to issue a gaming license without the Council's authority but has not exercised that or will ever exercise that authority and feels that it is up to the governing body to make those decisions. Brosman stated he sees a group of local guys wanting to start a local business and supports it wholeheartedly. Meadows stated that the facility may very well be open before they start gaming, depending

on the State Gaming Board. Hubler said he would like to see the bar open so there will not be a conflict with parlors. Lester and Hubler both stated they are not in support of gaming parlors. Lester stated that Class F licenses do not include gaming and he will not support putting gaming under a Class F license. Gottman asked if they were going to have the bar, axe throwing and golf simulator open before gaming, and Meadows replied yes. He stated that gaming is an extra source of revenue. Lester said he would not support Class F as another gaming class. Jason Paslay stated they went with the Class F so that the high school kids would be allowed to use the golf simulator, etc. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Rebbe to approve gaming application submitted by PMK, Inc.

Roll call: Lewey, nay; Brosman, yea; Lester, nay; Rebbe, yea; Stunkel, nay; Hubler, nay. Hobler and Barker were absent. Motion did not carry (2-4).

ORDINANCE 2022-7-5-22-A:
AN ORDINANCE OF VACATION
- PORTION OF ST. CLAIR
STREET:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve Ordinance 2022-7-5-A: An Ordinance of Vacation - Portion of St. Clair Street.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES - JUNE 14, 2022:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to accept the minutes from the June 14, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF STREET
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES - JUNE 15, 2022:

Lester asked about the timing of the sidewalk replacement bidding. He felt that bidding the sidewalk projects would be better if they were bid at the beginning of the year so that work could start in the Spring. Gottman said this could start next year. Stipulation would be that billing cannot start until after May 1.

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to accept the minutes from the Street Committee meeting dated June 15, 2022. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF TIF
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES - JUNE
29, 2022:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Rebbe to accept the minutes from the TIF Advisory Committee meeting dated June 29, 2022. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2022-7-5-B: AN
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, FAYETTE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AUTHORIZING TAX
INCREMENT FINANCING
ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION
WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT
PROJECT (DENNIS
GRUBAUGH):
(FAILED)

Lester said he supports the recommendation of the TIF Advisory Committee. Dennis Grubaugh stated he is asking for consideration for assistance in replacing the roof of the Twisters building. He stated he has submitted 2 requests on this particular building to the City that have been denied. He said every TIF agreement that he has entered, he has done exactly what he said he would do. He said his goal has always been to better Vandalia. He stated he has kept repairing the roof over the last 6 or 7 years and now the entire roof needs to be replaced. Hubler stated he is going to vote on what the TIF committee recommends. Brosman stated that he supports the reason TIF exists and reviewed the TIF standards by which he bases his decisions. Stunkel asked if there was any insurance coverage. Grubaugh said he had a small claim on the building, the

insurance cancelled and he has not been able to get insurance coverage since because of the building. Grubaugh said he is asking the City to help him fix something that is in dire need of repair. Hubler asked Grubaugh if he stored his personal property in the building and Grubaugh replied the equipment belonged to Five Star Rental Company. He stated the City would receive the sales tax revenue generated from the sale of machinery. He stated he has been paying into TIF for the past 10 years. For clarification, Gottman noted that a yea vote would indicate support of the recommendation of the TIF committee which was to deny the TIF request. Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Hubler to approve the recommendation of the TIF committee (to deny the TIF request submitted by Grubaugh in a 2-3 vote at the June 29, 2022 TIF Advisory Committee meeting).

Alderman Mike Hobler entered the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

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

**ORDINANCE 2022-7-5-B: AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE
AT TITLE II -
ADMINISTRATION AND
PERSONNEL:**

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Stunkel to approve Ordinance 2022-7-5-B: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title II - Administration and Personnel.

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

ORDINANCE 2022-7-5-C: AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE
AT TITLE V BUSINESS
LICENSES AND REGULATIONS
AT SECTION 5.08.070
NUMBER OF LICENSES -
CLASS E REDUCED FROM 10
TO 8:

Mayor Gottman reported reduction in 2 Class E Liquor Licenses (Embers was sold and Sixth Street Pub did not renew their liquor license). Motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman to approve Ordinance 2022-7-5-C: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code at Title V Business Licenses and Regulations at Section 5.08.07 Number of Licenses - Class E reduced from 10 to 8.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-7-5-D:
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL
CODE AT TITLE XIII
PUBLIC SERVICES AT
SECTION 13.04.130,
POTABLE WATER REQUIRED:
(TABLED):

Resolution was tabled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gottman and Paslay reviewed the status of the City Projects. It was reported that design is being wrapped up on the water plant project; work will begin later this week or next week on the Burtschi Street water project; Paslay will meet with Walt Barenfanger tomorrow regarding property needed for the Main Street Lift Station; waiting on appraisals for 2 properties for the Safe Routes to School project; Octochem watermain replacement project is complete; work will be starting this week on the Octochem Street Project; Randolph Street project will hopefully begin next spring; 100% grant was received for railroad crossing project; ITEP

sidewalk project is in the planning stages.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

A draft form of the budget was emailed to the council. Stunkel stated concern regarding the salary for the Lake and Cemetery employees and expressed support of a pay increase for those employees. Paslay said there was a little cushion in the budget as she had to budget for increase in minimum wage in January. Gottman stated if the Council has any additions, questions, etc., to the proposed budget, they need to see Paslay as soon as possible. A public hearing on the Appropriations Ordinance has been scheduled for July 18 at 5:30 p.m. Gottman reported they are still working on securing a police car. He once again stressed the importance of shopping local. Gottman also introduced Caleb Christian, attorney for Sandberg-Phoenix, who attended the meeting in the absence of City Attorney Ryan Connor.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Farmer's Market will be held this Saturday (July 9), and is sponsored by The Turning Leaf. The Farm Bureau will be giving away dairy boxes to the first 300 people during the Farmer's Market.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL:

Report will be provided at next City Council meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Gottman stated there was a major water leak over the weekend. Water and Sewer Committee meeting was scheduled but due to lack of quorum the meeting was not held. Chief Ray said they have done the next round of testing, and now are in the background phase. Stunkel reported

the Lake has been very busy. The new patrol boat has arrived. He noted that they are short staffed at the Lake. An employment application has been submitted for the open position. He reported the lake level is not low enough yet to begin Dam work. Gottman said the goal for the lake lot leases is to have all of them completed by the end of August. Gottman said there are 2 companies that would like to offer rentals at the Lake (paddle boards, kayaks, pontoon boats, etc.) Once these businesses receive DNR certification, they will be brought to Lake Committee for approval. Gottman said he feels that Andy Gelsinger, Water Plant Superintendent, should be authorized to interview the applicants for the open position at the water plant and make his recommendation to Paslay. There were no objections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Stunkel said he has heard comments about businesses closing. He asked if there are new businesses opening. Gottman stated there is a new business opening downtown and he understands that a restaurant will be opening where Embers was previously. Paslay stated there is a new car detail business open and a business opening on Fletcher behind Cain's in August. Gottman said we are losing some and gaining some. Lester said Harry's 66 held a raffle with 100% of the proceeds going to the Vandalia Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Lewey to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Carla Huber

City Clerk