

City Council
Regular Meeting

August 1, 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, Stunkel, Barker, and Hobler were present. Lewey and Rebbe were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Mike Kopp, father of City of Vandalia Code Enforcer and firefighter Zach Kopp.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
JULY 18, 2022:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FY 2023
APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE
HEARING MINUTES -
JULY 18, 2022:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve the FY 2023 Appropriations Ordinance Hearing Minutes - July 18, 2022. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler to approve Treasurer's report as submitted.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve the special bills as presented: Southwestern Illinois College in the

amount of \$5,677.20 for police academy fees; ADS Electric in the amount of \$9,100.00 for maintenance on traffic lights; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$5,491.82 for supplies; Ennis-Flint in the amount of \$5,467.50 for street paint; Metal Culverts, Inc., in the amount of \$11,460.00 for metal culverts; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$2,578.28 for patch mix; Fayette County Clerk and Recorder's Office in the amount of \$1,540.00 for recording fees; Brenntag Mid South, Inc., in the amount of \$11,965.56 for supplies; C and C Pumps & Supply in the amount of \$9,589.80 for supplies. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS
FOR DEMOLITION AT 1030
WEST GALLATIN STREET:**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hubler to approve demolition bid submitted by Grubaugh Construction in the amount of \$15,250.00 for removal of three structures at 1030 West Gallatin Street, including backfill and seed. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2022-8-1-A: AN
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE
AT TITLE IX PUBLIC
PEACE, MORALS AND
WELFARE RESCINDING
SECTION 9.12.1000,
SPITTING:**

Connor stated he was asked to look at the spitting Ordinance and to draw up an Ordinance rescinding the spitting Ordinance. He stated, if agreeable, the Ordinance could be amended to make it less broad. Brosman said he is comfortable leaving the Ordinance on the books. Due to lack of a motion, Ordinance 2022-8-1-A died.

**IML 2022 LEGISLATIVE
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION
DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was held regarding IML 2022 Legislative Proposal Submission forms. Gottman asked the Council if they had any legislative suggestions, they are to complete the 2022 Legislative Proposal Submission form and return to him. Gottman will then send it on to IML.

**RESOLUTION 2022-8-1-A: A
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION
PRELIMINARY AND
CONSTRUCTION GUIDANCE
AGREEMENT FOR MOTOR FUEL
TAX FUNDS:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2022-8-1-A: A Resolution Approving an Illinois Department of Transportation Preliminary and Construction Guidance Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

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

**RESOLUTION 2022-8-1-B: A
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC
AGENCY AMENDMENT #1 FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES
AGREEMENT - PHASE I
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
AND PHASE II DESIGN
ENGINEERING:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2022-8-1-B: A Resolution Approving an Illinois Department of Transportation Public Agency Amendment #1 for Engineering Services Agreement - Phase I Preliminary Engineering and Phase II Design Engineering.

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

**APPROVE OR REJECT
RESIGNATION OF MELISSA
DEPEW FROM ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENTS:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve the resignation of Melissa Depew from Zoning Board of Adjustments. Motion carried. Gottman reported there are several vacancies on various City committees. IML is working on overturning the legislation that requires committee members to disclose personal financial information.

**ACCEPT FROM NATIONAL
ROAD ASSOCIATION OF
ILLINOIS TO THE CITY OF
VANDALIA THE CONESTOGA
WAGON AND TRAILER:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to accept from National Road Association of Illinois to the City of Vandalia the Conestoga Wagon and Trailer. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF ZONING
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
MEETING MINUTES -
JUNE 22, 2022:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to accept the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting minutes from June 22, 2022. Motion carried.

**RESIGNATION OF ROBERT
THOMPSON FROM THE CITY
OF VANDALIA POLICE
DEPARTMENT:**

Gottman read a resignation letter submitted by Robert Thompson, City of Vandalia Police Officer, effective September 9, 2022. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to accept resignation. Chief Ray noted that he will be conducting interviews on August 16 and August 18.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lee Beckman will provide an update at next meeting on the various City projects. Gottman reported Octochem has requested a secondary lane for trucks when they back up. Paslay will talk to Octochem regarding the additional cost. Safe Routes to School - There is one more easement that needs to be obtained (Presbyterian Church). An IDOT approved appraiser has been secured by the City. The appraisal is for the piece of ground and what we are asking for to be able to do within it. It was noted that every other property owner along the route has donated their easement.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman thanked Chief Ray and Clerk Huhn for working on an unemployment claim that was ruled in favor of the City. Gottman attended the IML Board of Directors meeting in Decatur. Review of the handouts in the packet was done. IML Veto Session Legislative Agenda for 2022 was reviewed. Gottman reported he toured Warren Buffet's state of the art police, fire and EMS academy in Decatur. He is arranging a tour of the facility for the Chief of Police, Police Detective and Fire

Chiefs. Any Council member who is interested in going to the IML conference in September needs to let Gottman know this week.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Report provided in packet.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Report will be provided in next meeting's packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:

Barker reported the Burtschi Street project is going well. Gottman stated that oiling of the streets will begin soon. Gottman stated it is very important that when subdivisions are being built, that the developers will need to build them according to the specs the City has in place. Brosman asked about filling the current vacancy at the water plant. The Water Plant Superintendent is still looking for a replacement. Lester contacted a painter to look at the exterior walls of City Hall for an estimate. Stunkel reported that the third patrol boat and some paddle boats need to be disposed of. Paslay will get a list of surplus equipment and these items will be put out for sealed bids. Gottman will meet with Stunkel about additional electrical boxes and how the City may be able to obtain those at no cost. Stunkel said they are replacing the 30 amp boxes with 50 amp boxes. Stunkel stated one of the holding tanks had to be emptied multiple times in July due to lack of capacity. A spec needs to be drawn up for a holding tank so it can be bid out. Stunkel met with Karen Sanders from Fayette Water, Soil and Conservation District. Sanders felt the problem is that the lake is filling in and

if it were dredged, in 2 or 3 years we would be back to square one. Stunkel reported there are 4 or 5 intakes that have continually washed out. As far as garbage pickup at the Lake, Gottman said he felt they should provide their own garbage pickup at the Lake. Huhn reported there will be a Festival of Lights meeting on Thursday, August 4 at 5:30 p.m. The next Farmers Market is August 13. An ad will be placed for the Economic Development Director/Tourism position that is vacant. Stunkel asked about cutting down trees at the Lake even if they own their property. Connor reported the quit claim deed that they signed lays out in detail what they are allowed to do and what they are not. Stunkel reported the Dam is in dire need of repair. Gottman will talk to Lee Beckman tomorrow about possibly repairing the upper part of the deck and then when the water goes down repair the lower deck. Stunkel noted the high cost of electric bills. Gottman will check into the contract the City has with Homefield Energy to see when it expires.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried.

City Clerk