

City Council  
Regular Meeting

September 19, 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, Hobler, and Lewey were present. Rebbe was absent.
- MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was observed for Ed Haas, owner of Haas Roofing.
- APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2022: Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: None submitted. No action needed.
- 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 Barker to approve the special bills as presented:  
Homefield Energy/Admin in the amount of \$1,721.65 for electricity;  
Precise Construction in the amount of \$201,770.31 for Wagner Street Project; Westendorf Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$3,850.00 for equipment rental; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$6,241.51 for asphalt patch; Historical Vandalia, Inc., in the amount of \$4,235.98 for reimbursement; Beelman

Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$3,404.83 for seal coat; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$3,514.82 for patch mix; South Central FS in the amount of \$12,607.46 for gasoline; Homefield Energy/Lake in the amount of \$3,955.31 for electricity; Vandalia Community Unit District 203 in the amount of \$74,289.75 for TIF reimbursement (roof); USA Bluebook in the amount of \$1,930.03 for deicer; Brenntag Mid South, Inc., in the amount of \$3,990.90 for sodium chloride; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$2,310.60 for chlorine; Homefield Energy/Water Plant in the amount of \$5,126.54 for electricity; Kaskaskia Springs Water Company in the amount of \$2,797.20 for 6.993 million gallons of water; Homefield Energy/Sewer Plant in the amount of \$9,901.07 for electricity; Vandevanter Engineer, Inc., in the amount of \$1,597.50 for pump repair.

ORDINANCE 2022-9-19-A:  
AN ORDINANCE OF VACATION  
FOR THE ALLEY NORTH OF  
WAGNER ADDITION AND  
SOUTH OF SONNEMANN  
ADDITION:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2022-9-19-A: An Ordinance of Vacation. Stacey Stewart stated they are requesting the vacation so they can fence off the yard and gain more back yard.

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

RESOLUTION 2022-9-19-B:  
A RESOLUTION OF FUNDING  
SUPPORT FOR ILLINOIS  
TRANSPORTATION  
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM  
CYCLE 15-2022 GRANT  
PROJECT:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2022-9-19-B: A Resolution of Funding Support for Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Cycle 15-2022 Grant Project.

Roll call: Barker, yea; Hubler, yea; Stunkel, yea; Lewey, yea; Hobler,

yea; Lester, yea; Brosman, yea.  
Rebbe was absent. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT CHANGE  
ORDER #3 FOR FILLMORE TO  
WASHINGTON STREET  
WATERMAIN PROJECT  
(INCREASE OF \$4,570.75):

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve change order #3 for Fillmore Street to Washington Street Watermain Project (increase of \$4,570.75). There were no objections. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT PAY  
ESTIMATE #2 FOR PAYNE  
DR/WAGNER STREET PROJECT  
(\$201,779.31):

Beckman stated that the contractor has completed all of the water main work. All of the testing and flushing is done. This estimate is for all of the work that has been completed. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve pay estimate #2 for Payne Drive/Wagner Street Project (\$201,779.31). There were no objections. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT 602  
FROM DAVID HUFFMAN,  
RAMSEY TO DANNY AND  
MARGARET LALLISH, HOUSE  
SPRINGS, MISSOURI:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to approve the transfer of Lake Lot 602 from David Huffman, House Springs, MO to Danny and Margaret Lallish, Ramsey Illinois. There were no objections. Motion carried.

WATER AND SEWER RATE  
DISCUSSION:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to recommend 0% rate increase on the sewer rates and 2.94% increase in the water rates effective October 1, 2022. There were no objections. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lee Beckman of Milano and Grunloh Engineers updated Council on ongoing City projects. Great progress has been made on the Fillmore to Washington project. Randolph Street project will be bid out first quarter of next year. Main Street Lift Station - Beckman will meet with Paslay regarding bid opening. Michel's Feed Store sidewalk project should be completed this fall. Lake

Dam project - Beckman talked to JB Eskers who would be comfortable doing work 6 to 12 inches in the water meaning sandbags which would be cost effective from a financial standpoint. Beckman didn't know if this would get the water level down low enough that repairs could be made. He is going to continue to look into that. Question was raised about using rip rap instead of poured concrete panels. Stunkel said he met with somebody who owns a barge that has a conveyor that places the rip rap exactly where it needs to go. Beckman said the biggest concern with that is he doesn't think the slope would facilitate for the rip rap to stay in place. Safe Routes to School will make the November letting. Construction will begin next Spring. Gottman asked for a written report on the breakdown of Safe Routes to School. Beckman reported the water treatment project is moving forward. Stunkel asked about bridges. The City will complete a bridge survey in 2023. Gottman asked the Streets Committee to meet regarding bridges, in light of the infrastructure bill that was passed in Washington DC regarding grants.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Gottman reported that he and Paslay attended the IML Conference in Chicago last week. He did talk to both candidates for Governor as far as concerns related to Vandalia. The new lights on Fourth Street are installed (the four closest to the bridge, 2 on each side). He talked with the company that the City bought the lights from and he said the light poles are too far apart. He recommended putting 2 light posts at each intersection. Gottman noted that Dennis Grubaugh did get the

house on Gallatin Street demolished. It is all seeded and strawed.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Nothing to report.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Report provided in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:

Barker reported the Street Department is oiling the streets. Lester stated that he will have a quote for painting the exterior of the north side of City Hall. Stunkel reported the next Lake meeting is October 3. Stunkel reported the dam at the Route 185 bridge over the lake is starting to have some cracks in it. IDOT will need to send somebody over to look at it. Lake will close the middle of October. Huhn reported on Festival of Lights. Hubler reported on the mustang show that was in town over the weekend, and noted participants shopped local businesses. Hubler asked about golf carts and how the Aldermen felt about that. Effingham just passed an ordinance allowing golf carts. Todd Stapleton from the radio station will conduct a poll on the radio's website. Gottman stated this should go to the Public Safety Committee. Also discussion will be held regarding motorized bicycles at that meeting. Hubler went to Brownstown Cool Down and said he would like to see the City hold a festival similar to that. Wine and Ale with Abe is this weekend. Andy Gelsinger has interviewed 4 people and he has been authorized to proceed with hiring.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:07 P.M.

Gottman announced that Council would be moving into Executive Session. A motion was made by Brosman and

seconded by Stunkel to move into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. under 5ILCS120/2 for the sale of land. Gottman informed the audience that there will hopefully be an announcement after Executive Session on action taken.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS  
AT 7:29 P.M.

Executive Session ended at 7:29 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION  
RECONVENED AT 7:31 P.M.

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular Council meeting at 7:31 p.m. with a roll call: Lester, yea; Lewey, yea; Barker, yea; Brosman, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hubler, yea; Hobler, yea. Rebbe was absent.

Gottman reported that decision has been made to enter into a Contract for Deed for the purchase of the house owned by the City at 119 East Jackson Street.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried.

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



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City Clerk