

**City Council**  
Regular Meeting

November 7, 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, Barker, Lewey, and Rebbe. Hobler, Hubler and Stunkel were absent.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES DATED  
OCTOBER 17, 2022:**

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Barker to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2022 City Council meeting. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Report not submitted. No action needed.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Lewey to approve the special bills as presented: SCIRP&DC in the amount of \$1,986.00 for membership dues; Saltus Technologies in the amount of \$2,430.00 for police software maintenance; Precise Construction Company in the amount of \$148,010.85 for Wagner Street project; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$7,000.00 for sewer vac; Westendorf Construction in the amount of \$2,100.00 for equipment rental; Progressive Chemical in the amount of \$1,686.30 for supplies; Ameren Illinois in the

amount of \$2,903.03 for electricity; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$2,391.90 for supplies; Mid-Illinois Concrete, Inc., in the amount of \$2,085.50 for supplies; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$2,179.75 for electricity at the lake; Octochem, Inc., in the amount of \$83,348.30 for TIF reimbursement; Vandalia Park District in the amount of \$35,000.00 for TIF reimbursement; Dennis and Deborah Grubaugh in the amount of \$8,596.18 for TIF reimbursement; COE Equipment, Inc., in the amount of \$3,062.07 for supplies; Key Equipment and Supply Company in the amount of \$1,871.49 for supplies; Old Dominion Brush in the amount of \$2,227.89 for supplies; Woody's Municipal Supply Company in the amount of \$3,828.79 for supplies; Core and Main in the amount of \$5,960.42 for supplies; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$4,690.15 for electricity at the water plant; Municipal Equipment Company in the amount of \$34,677.42 for maintenance to equipment; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$8,812.10 for electricity for sewer plant. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO  
MAYOR GOTTMAN FROM  
VANDALIA BEAUTIFICATION  
COMMITTEE:**

Marilyn Truitt of the Vandalia Beautification Committee presented a rendering of the mural that was recently painted on the side of the former Y building to Mayor Rick Gottman.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
NOVEMBER AS JEAN  
STOMBAUGH MONTH IN THE  
CITY OF VANDALIA:**

Mayor Gottman proclaimed the month of November 2022 as Jean Stombaugh month in the City of Vandalia. He also recognized the many contributions Mrs. Stombaugh has made for the betterment of the City of Vandalia. Mayor Gottman presented Mrs. Stombaugh with a key to the City.

**ORDINANCE 2022-11-7-A:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 10 VEHICLES AND  
TRAFFIC AT 10.04.030  
STOP INTERSECTIONS:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Ordinance 2022-11-7-A: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 Vehicles and Traffic at 10.04.030 Stop Intersections.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE LAKE  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES DATED OCTOBER  
17, 2022:**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lewey to accept the Lake Committee meeting minutes dated October 17, 2022. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT PAY  
ESTIMATE #4 FOR WAGNER  
STREET/PAYNE DRIVE -  
\$148,010.85:**

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to accept pay estimate #4 for Wagner Street/Payne Drive - \$148,01.85. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS  
FOR PLATE RECOGNITION  
CAMERA:**

Chief Ray stated this is a request to purchase 3 License Plate Readers. The quote submitted is for \$17,250.00 for 2 years including installation. These will be used for law enforcement purposes only.

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lewey to approve the bid for \$17,250.00 for 2 years including installation. Motion carried.

**CEMETERY BUILDING BIDS:**

Gottman reported that 2 bids were submitted for construction of a new building at the cemetery. Drew Miller Construction's bid was \$60,405.00 and Pup Schulte Construction's bid was \$64,846.00. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Lester to grant permission for Gottman to begin the process with approval at the next Council meeting.

**REPORT FROM SPARKLIGHT  
REPRESENTATIVE:**

Kenny Wright, a representative for Sparklight, stated that the company was switching to a streaming service. One of the main reasons was to provide the latest technology to customers. Mr. Wright addressed questions presented by the Council members and audience. Gottman stated that he was under the impression that Sparklight was to maintain an office in Vandalia. Connor will review the franchise agreement.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Update was provided on various ongoing City projects. Gottman reported the paperwork for Safe Routes to School will be finalized and sent to IDOT this week.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Gottman reported that Festival of Trees was a big success. He thanked the committee for all of their hard work. Proceeds will go toward a Summer Music Fest 2023 in downtown Vandalia. Ted Miller resigned from President of the Local Labor Union for the employees at the City garage, with Alex Redman replacing Miller in that capacity. Olde Tyme Christmas is this weekend in downtown Vandalia. Gottman stressed the importance of shopping local.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

Clerk Huhn reported that Edwin "Robert" Bowen picked up a 2023 Consolidation Election packet for Ward 3 - Alderman.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
REPORT:**

Nothing to report.

**SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL:**

Report provided in prior meeting packet.

**STANDING COMMITTEES  
REPORTS :**

Barker commended the Street Department for all of their hard work in decorating downtown Vandalia for Olde Tyme Christmas. Gottman reported that on November 21, 2022 at 6 p.m. there will be a public safety meeting. Gottman reported that the Lake is now closed for the season. He stated that he did speak with a potential candidate for the position of Tourism/Economic Development Director. He also met with a developer in regard to a building in Vandalia and they are working with a prospect. Discussion was held regarding the difficulty businesses are having in recruiting employees. Gottman announced the American Legion building has officially went on the auction block. Huhn provided an update on Olde Tyme Christmas and Festival of Lights. Brosman asked the status of the collapsed façade of the downtown hotel. Connor noted that on November 4, 2022, the City received an injunctive order allowing the City to take further action as may be necessary. Connor said the City will see a bid specification for a total cost on that project which will be presented to the Council.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND  
CONCERNS :**

Mary Eisenbarth asked for clarification of a few City ordinances. Gottman asked Connor to meet with Eisenbarth after the meeting to provide clarification.

**ADJOURNMENT :**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Lewey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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City Clerk