

City Council
Regular Meeting

March 20, 2023
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, Stunkel, Hubler, Rebbe, and Barker were present. Hobler, Lewey and Lester were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was held for Mike Boggs, Grandfather of City Administrator LaTisha Paslay and husband of Doris Boggs, former manager of KFC. A moment of silence was also observed for Robbie Turner, husband of Police Dispatcher Audrey Turner and former school crossing guard.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATED MARCH 6, 2023: Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to approve the City Council meeting minutes dated March 6, 2023. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report for period ending February 28, 2023 was reviewed. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to file the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

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 submitted: Andy's Auto Body Collision in the amount of \$1,879.50 for repairs; Stombaugh Heating and Air, Inc., in the amount of \$8,255.00 for maintenance; Interstate Billing Services in the amount of \$4,965.78 for maintenance fees; City of Vandalia in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Festival of Trees donation; Millers Stump Grinding in the amount of \$2,025.00 for stump removal; Craig Antenna Service, Inc., in the amount of \$1,553.80 for supplies; South Central FS in the amount of \$6,773.18 for gasoline; Milano and Grunloh Engineers in the amount of \$4,284.25 for engineering fees for Randolph Street; Milano and Grunloh in the amount of \$43,600.00 for water plant design; Stombaugh's Heating and Air, Inc., in the amount of \$3,380.00 for service repairs; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$3,632.23 for water plant electric bill; ADS Electric in the amount of \$2,850.00 for service fees; Certified Balance and Scale in the amount of \$1,589.00 for maintenance to equipment; Westendorf Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$1,900.00 for storm damage repair; Milano and Grunloh in the amount of \$1,885.00 for lift station replacement design; and Homefield Energy in the amount of \$8,666.90 for sewer plant electric bill. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION BY CEO STUDENTS:

CEO students Lilly Fender and Faith Budny-Clymer made a presentation to the Council. They discussed what their class businesses are. They invited the Council to the annual CEO trade show on April 22, 2023 at Kaskaskia College. They thanked the

City for being investors of the CEO program.

SET DATE FOR CLEAN UP
WEEK FOR MAY 8-12, 2023:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve May 8 through May 12, 2023 as Citywide Clean Up Week. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-3-20-A:
RESOLUTION APPROVING A
REVISED PHASE A
PREVAILING WAGE
PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF VANDALIA,
ILLINOIS AND VANDEVANTER
ENGINEERING:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve Resolution 2023-3-20-A: A Resolution Approving a Revised Phase A Prevailing Wage Preventative Maintenance Contract Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Vandevanter Engineering.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-3-20-B:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A
REVISED PHASE B
PREVAILING WAGE
PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF VANDALIA,
ILLINOIS AND VANDEVANTER
ENGINEERING:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2023-3-20-B: A Resolution Approving a Revised Phase B Prevailing Wage Preventative Maintenance Contract Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Vandevanter Engineering.

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

APPROVE OR REJECT PAY
ESTIMATE #8 FOR THE
PAYNE/WAGNER ST. PROJECT
- \$53,555.37:

Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh said that the contractors have about 4 working days left before completion. The 2 problem areas will be addressed by the contractors once the contract is completed. Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to approve pay estimate #8 for the Payne/Wagner Street Project -

\$53,555.37. There were no objections. Motion carried.

ACCEPT TIF ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES - MARCH 16,
2023:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to accept the TIF Advisory Committee Meeting minutes dated March 16, 2023. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-3-20-C:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY
OF VANDALIA, FAYETTE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
AUTHORIZING TAX
INCREMENT FINANCING
ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION
WITH A REDEVELOPMENT
PROJECT - JUSTIN AND AMY
FRY:

Justin and Amy Fry presented their TIF request to the Council. An additional handout was reviewed outlining their request for more than the 25% recommended by the TIF Advisory Committee. Amy stated they did not request TIF for the renovation they did on their first building. She said at this time with this project, they do not have enough equity to cover what would be their 75%, in addition to covering the cost of the concrete work that would need to be done. Brosman stated he would be in favor of 25% as was recommended by the TIF Advisory Committee. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Stunkel to approve Ordinance 2023-3-20-C: An Ordinance of the City of Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois, Authorizing Tax Increment Financing Assistance in Connection with a Redevelopment Project - Justin and Amy Fry.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE
TOURISM COMMISSION
MINUTES - FEBRUARY 14,
2023:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Brosman to accept the corrected Tourism Commission minutes dated February 14, 2023. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023-3-20-D:
AN ANNUAL RESOLUTION FOR
MAINTENANCE UNDER THE
ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE:

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker to approve Resolution 2023-3-20-D: An Annual Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code.

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

RESOLUTION 2023-3-20-E:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING
AN AGREEMENT FOR
SERVICES BETWEEN THE
CITY OF VANDALIA,
ILLINOIS AND 120WATER:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Stunkel to approve Resolution 2023-3-20-E: A Resolution Approving An Agreement for Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and 120Water.

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

FOURTH OF JULY
CELEBRATION DISCUSSION:

Gottman reported he met with the Lions Club in regard to 4th of July fireworks. Another organization may partner with the City and the Lions for this event. The City will know more Tuesday afternoon. The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Lions Club will be on April 8.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
DISCUSSION:

A Public Safety meeting was held prior to the Council meeting. An agreement has been drafted by Connor that will be reviewed by the School Board. There is no action taken by the School or City Council at this time but action could be taken at the next Council meeting. There were no objections to Ray seeking lateral transfer applications.

**ROAD CLOSURE ON 5TH
STREET FROM MAIN STREET
TO MADISON STREET ON
OCTOBER 28, 2023:**

Karen Sharp from This-n-That requested road closure on 5th Street from Main Street to Madison Street for Witches Night Out which will be held on October 28, 2023 from 8 p.m. until Midnight. She would like to have a band perform from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Rebbe to approve road closure on 5th Street from Main Street to Madison Street on October 28, 2023. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Beckman updated the Council on pending/ongoing City projects.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman reported that to use Tourism money, 4th of July would need to be a two day event. He will be traveling to Washington DC next week. Shelly's Burger Station is moving forward. Gottman said that he and Connor met with Joy Clymer regarding the Clymer building. An engineer from Utz Engineering issued his report declaring the building needs to be torn down. Gottman also reported that budget time is coming up. Gottman said Connor has taken the Ordinance that was previously passed that combined the positions of Economic Development Director and Tourism Director and will be tweaking that. He received a letter from IDOT stating that patching work on Route 51 from Kaskaskia River to Imco Drive is set to begin. Lobby Day is April 19 in Springfield. Gottman reviewed follow up items from previous meetings. He is working with the Director of Madison County Transit regarding scheduling a meeting to discuss bike paths. Prowire is working on the capability of inputting messages on the digital sign at the Tourism

Center from City Hall. Gottman said he is in the process of setting up some dates in regard to hiring of the Lake Manager and camping host. Paslay will have Marlin Filer take the barricades down around Lincoln Park. Gottman will have Hobler set a meeting with Chief Ray and the Public Safety Committee to discuss the status of golf carts. Paslay sent a notice to the railroad company regarding the roughness of the railroad tracks at the 8th Street crossing. Brosman said he had a meeting with Charlie Barenfanger who provided him with contact information of the person in charge of this stretch of line. He will forward that to Paslay. Beckman, Filer and Grubaugh met at Grubaugh's businesses on Gallatin Street that have been getting water in the basement. Beckman felt it was ground water getting in and made a couple of suggestions to Grubaugh. Gottman received correspondence from Discover Downstate Illinois regarding digital advertising for the City. He is going to follow up with Christine from Discover Downstate Illinois before proceeding.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor reported the City has been able to move on 2 cases: 1025 W. Edwards and 419 Cypress. Cypress has a court date and the City is 2 weeks from getting a court date on Edwards Street. He will work on getting the most recent round of Ordinance violations and cases in the next Council packet. Two cases are set for trial. The Paid Leave for All Act was discussed. Connor noted that an Ordinance needs to be on file by January 1, 2024. Barker asked about the Ordinance regarding building facades downtown. Gottman

directed Connor to draw up an Ordinance addressing this and have it ready by the next Council meeting.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Huhn reminded Council members that Statement of Economic Interest forms need to be turned in to the County Clerk by April 30, 2023.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Small Business Award nomination forms were reviewed by Paslay. Farmer's Market schedule for 2023 was reviewed.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL:

Report provided in packet.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Barker reported that the Street Department has been using the new skid loader. Ray stated a couple of ambulance services are looking to come into Fayette County. He and the Sheriff would like to see the County Board contract with 1 ambulance service. Ray is concerned that with multiple services coming in, the response to our citizens becomes diluted and leads to a lack of response time and extended response time. Stunkel reported that he will be meeting with Gottman and Paslay to look at scheduling interviews for the Lake. The next Lake Committee meeting will be on April 3. Discussion was held regarding a time frame to open up purchasing of leases. Connor said it could be reopened at any time. Hubler stated that Beauty Mark. will be moving into the old Depot building this weekend. Gottman said he and Paslay met with the insurance company and hopefully they will have something with firm numbers back to Paslay and Gottman in the next week or two.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
CONCERNS:**

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

City Clerk