

**City Council**  
Regular Meeting

November 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 Lester, Bowen, Stunkel, Hobler, Lewey and Hubler were present. Brosman and Barker were absent.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A moment of silence was held for former First Lady Mrs. Rosalynn Carter.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES DATED  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to approve City Council meeting minutes dated November 6, 2023. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Report not provided.

**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:  
Timmermann and Company, LTD in the amount of \$37,500.00 for audit fees; Robert Simmons, LLC in the amount of \$19,300.00 for demolition; Global Tech Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$18,349.29 for police equipment; Progressive Chemical in the amount of \$5,026.84 for supplies; Dinges Fire Company in the amount of \$9,779.90 for equipment; Ignition

Graphix, Inc., in the amount of \$1,540.00 for signs for Festival of Lights; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$16,243.50 for supplies; Hosick Motors, Inc., in the amount of \$3,984.53 for supplies; South Central FS in the amount of \$1,673.60 for gasoline; South Central FS in the amount of \$2,057.86 for diesel; Core and Main in the amount of \$11,205.54 for supplies; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$14,358.03 for supplies; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$1,830.50 for supplies. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT OFFER FOR PURCHASE OF LOT AT 4<sup>TH</sup> AND JEFFERSON STREETS:**

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Stunkel to approve offer submitted by Denessa and Chad Armstrong in the amount of \$500.00 for purchase of lot at Fourth and Jefferson Streets. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 16, 2023:**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to accept the Planning Commission meeting minutes dated November 16, 2023. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2023-11-20-A: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE AT CHAPTER 17, ZONING (UTILITY BUILDINGS):**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester to approve Ordinance 2023-11-20-A: An Ordinance Amending the City of Vandalia Municipal Code at Chapter 17, Zoning (Utility Buildings).

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

**ORDINANCE 2023-11-20-B: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE (TATTOO ESTABLISHMENTS):**

Motion was made by Lewey and seconded by Stunkel to approve Ordinance 2023-11-20-B: An Ordinance Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code (Tattoo Establishments).

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

**RESOLUTION 2023-11-20-C:**  
**A RESOLUTION APPROVING**  
**AN AGREEMENT FOR**  
**SERVICES BETWEEN THE**  
**CITY OF VANDALIA,**  
**ILLINOIS AND PITNEY**  
**BOWES (CITY HALL POSTAGE**  
**METER) :**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to approve Ordinance 2023-11-20-C: A Resolution Approving an Agreement for Services Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois, and Pitney Bowes (City Hall Postage Meter).

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

**RESOLUTION 2023-11-20-D:**  
**A RESOLUTION APPROVING**  
**AN AGREEMENT FOR**  
**SERVICES BETWEEN THE**  
**CITY OF VANDALIA,**  
**ILLINOIS AND FLOCK**  
**SAFETY (LICENSE PLATE**  
**READERS) :**

Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lewey to approve Resolution 2023-11-20-D: A Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Flock Safety (License Plate Readers).

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Lee Beckman reviewed the status of ongoing/pending City projects. Mettler was the lowest bidder on the Octochem street project for a curb cutout. Randolph Street project's current estimate is \$1,163,000. The amount allocated was \$900,000. Beckman will follow up with Paslay. Preconstruction meeting for the Main Street Lift Station will be next week. Lake Dam upgrades are complete and should be inspected annually. He recommended sealing the cracks every year. Gottman will check with James Jackson to see if the street crew would be able to fill the cracks. Beckman will follow up with Paslay

regarding Safe Routes to School. Letting for this will be in January 2024. Second Safe Routes to School application was submitted this fall. He anticipates hearing on that in the first quarter of 2024. Beckman stated he identified 4 peninsulas at the Lake where the siltation was coming in at a large amount. He advised to be looking at an allocation of money for that in the next budget year. Beckman will sit down with Paslay and Gottman regarding the ITEP plans before submitting to IDOT. OSLAD grant application has been submitted.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Gottman reported he had complaints regarding KFC/Taco Bell. He spoke with the district manager and will be meeting with the district manager Tuesday. He reported he attended the National League of Cities in Atlanta this past week. Gottman has spoken with a representative of Intersect Illinois who is interested in seeing downstate Illinois grow. He will schedule a meeting with the representative tentatively for next week. Gottman has asked Kopp to meet with the Code Enforcer at Fairview Heights. A DAR representative was in town regarding the deterioration of the Madonna of the Trail. Some of the material is peeling, cracking and the seams are coming undone. Gottman met with a developer regarding a restaurant in town. The City has been notified that Sparklight is going to implement rate increases. Gottman has asked that a Sparklight representative attend a Council meeting before the end of the year.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Connor reported that he and Kopp had more success with 2 properties via a quit claim deed. He does not expect

much activity in the month of December court-wise. He and Kopp will continue to clean up the property records. Keiser case has been set for review on December 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Gottman urged the Aldermen to attend that review.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

Huhn reported that she has been working with Chief Ray regarding nonvehicle stickers. These will be ordered in the next few weeks. Stunkel asked if there should be a Public Safety meeting scheduled prior to January 1, 2024. Paslay will schedule a meeting.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Paslay was not present for the meeting.

**SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:**

Report provided in packet.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Ray stated he has looked into the complaint of dark streets on South Cypress and Pine Streets. Ray will give a recommendation to the Council regarding where to place the streetlights. He updated the Council on the agreement between ambulance services and the County. Gottman stated he received one quote from a monument company for the Veteran Memorial Park, and has set a deadline of November 30, 2023 for bids to be submitted. Ray reported he is waiting on a bid at the Police Department for ceiling tile repair. Stunkel reported that he will meet with the Mayor and Paslay regarding winter projects at the Lake. Olde Tyme Christmas was a success. Hubler reported that Festival of Trees was a success. Paslay will report on that at next meeting. Festival of Lights will be open beginning November 25, 2023. Fireman's Ball is this Saturday, November 25, 2023.

Historical Society Gala is December 8, 2023. Christmas Open House at the State House is December 9, 2023. Gottman stated that Jeanie Gustafson will be attending the December 4, 2023 Council meeting to discuss Economic Development. Bowen stated resumes for Economic Development Director position will be reviewed on December 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:**

Karen Sharp from This 'N That requested closure of 5<sup>th</sup> Street from the former Slack Glass building to the end of the block for a Pride event on June 1, 2024 which will feature live music, vendors, food trucks, etc. during the hours of 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. They stated they have several vendors interested in participating. An Ordinance for street closure will be drawn up for the next Council meeting for vote.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:48 P.M.:**

Gottman announced that Council would be moving into Executive Session. Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Stunkel to move into Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2 for the sale of land.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:00 P.M.:**

Executive Session ends at 8:00 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 8:01 P.M.:**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular Council meeting at 8:01 p.m. with a roll call: Lester, yea; Stunkel, yea; Lewey, yea; Hobler, yea; Bowen, yea; Hubler, yea. Barker and Brosman were absent. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT :**

Gottman reported there was nothing to report out of Executive Session. Motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

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City Clerk