

City Council
Regular Meeting

January 15, 2024
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, Bowen, Barker, and Hubler were present. Hobler, Lewey and Stunkel were absent.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES DATED
JANUARY 3, 2024:

Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Barker to approve City Council meeting minutes dated January 3, 2024. Motion carried.

WORK SESSION MEETING
MINUTES DATED JANUARY
10, 2024:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to approve Work Session Meeting minutes dated January 10, 2024. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report for period ending December 31, 2023 was reviewed. Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Brosman to file the report for audit. Motion carried.

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 Barker to approve the special bills as presented: Civic Systems, LLC in the amount of \$6,514.00 for semi-annual computer support; ProWire, Inc., in the amount of \$1,995.50 for technical fees; Chandler Brothers Construction

in the amount of \$16,479.75 for sidewalk repairs; ADS Electric Corp. in the amount of \$11,375.00 for maintenance; Mettler Development, LLC in the amount of \$5,600.00 for construction fees; South Central FS in the amount of \$3,581.50 for gasoline; C & C Pumps and Supply in the amount of \$26,677.56 for supplies; Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., in the amount of \$10,442.10 for supplies; Hawkins, Inc., in the amount of \$2,030.00 for supplies; Homefield Energy in the amount of \$13,931.54 for electric bill; Vandevanter Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$22,617.90 for maintenance to equipment; Omnisite Corp. in the amount of \$4,550.00 for technical services. Motion carried.

**DONATION PRESENTATION TO
SUMMERFEST FIREWORKS
FROM FESTIVAL OF TREES:**

On behalf of Festival of Trees, Haley Tompkins presented a donation in the amount of \$8,000.00 to SummerFest 2024 for the fireworks display.

**APPROVE OR REJECT
RESIGNATION LETTER FROM
WATER PLANT
SUPERINTENDENT ANDY
GELSINGER:**

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to accept the resignation of Andy Gelsinger, Water Plant Superintendent, effective February 18, 2024. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2024-1-15-A:
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A
SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, ILLINOIS AND
CIVIC SYSTEMS, LLC (PAY
BILLS VIA ACH):**

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Brosman to approve Resolution 2024-1-15-A: A Resolution Approving a Service Agreement Between the City of Vandalia, Illinois and Civic Systems, LLC (Pay Bills via ACH).

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

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 3, 2024:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to accept the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting minutes dated January 3, 2024. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CEMETERY AND LANDFILL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 8, 2024:

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to accept the Cemetery and Landfill Committee meeting minutes dated January 8, 2024. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2024-1-15-B: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12.20 CEMETERIES (FEES):

Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Bowen to approve Ordinance 2024-1-15-B: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12.20 Cemeteries (fees).

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

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR NEW TRUCK FOR CITY GARAGE:

Motion was made by Barker and seconded by Bowen to accept the bid submitted by Hosick Motors in the amount of \$43,581.00 for a new truck for the City garage. Motion carried.

APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES AT SEWER PLANT:

Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Brosman to approve the bid submitted by Sandschafer Electric in the amount of \$217,130.00 for efficiency upgrades at the sewer plant. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT OF 1/3/2024 VOTE TO SEND COSMETIC TATTOO REQUEST TO ZONING BOARD - SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO BE SENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION:

Motion was made by Bowen and seconded by Barker to approve amendment of cosmetic tattoo request to be sent to Planning Commission instead of Zoning Board. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO SEND TO PLANNING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR STORAGE FACILITIES TO BE ADDED

Discussion was held regarding request by Chase Alcorn for rezoning of the building located at 13 Old Capitol Mall for indoor storage facilities. Brosman made a motion to

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COMMERCIAL:

forward the request to the Planning Commission. Motion died due to lack of a second.

COUNCIL ACTION ON WATER
AND SEWER COMPLAINT FORM
PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY
COMMITTEE AT LAST
MEETING:

After discussion, Council agreed with the prior recommendation made by the Water Committee to deny the water adjustment request. The Clerk's office will contact the customer and inform them of the decision.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Lee Beckman from Milano and Grunloh reviewed the City's ongoing and pending projects. Randolph Street project plans are at IDOT. Tentative plans are to bid this project out in the second quarter of 2024. Work will begin on the Main Street Lift Station this week. Waiting on one easement to be signed for Safe Routes to School. Once that is signed, the project should be 45 days out from bid opening. Water treatment plant project could be bid out late 2nd quarter or early 3rd quarter. Target date for advertising is April 15, 2024. Bidding for the ITEP project will be late 2nd quarter or early 3rd quarter. The easements have been prepared. Connor will send the easements to Beckman and Paslay. OSLAD grant awardees will be announced the end of January 2024.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Gottman stated that he has called Mayor Lotz of St. Peter and expressed the City's support due to the recent fires that destroyed 4 businesses in that downtown. Ray and Gottman met to discuss IT needs at the Police Department. Paslay and Gottman will discuss the City's current IT needs. He would also like to see a system installed at City Hall that would have Zoom capabilities. Gottman stated he has shown the former Purina building to

interested individuals. The individual who has purchased the former Long John Silver's building has been in contact with Gottman. Southern IL Mayor's Association met in Carbondale last week.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Connor stated the Keiser case has been continued for an additional 60 days. Court has now been set for March.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Pasley reported the Tourism Center pipes are frozen. The digital sign company is working to replace the controller. Lester said the City needs to find 2 or 3 entities that would submit bids to replace the sign entirely. Motion was made by Lester and seconded by Barker to obtain names of digital sign companies, meet with those individuals, have specs drawn up for a new sign and then bid it out. Motion carried. There were no objections.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Report provided in meeting packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ray said a Facebook post was made recently on the Police Department Crime Watcher's page regarding a reward for locating a wanted individual. Ray emphasized that taxpayer money was not used for the reward money. The funds came from fines from when people have been arrested. Building and Grounds Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 4 p.m. Discussion was held regarding warming centers. Gottman said he would like to see the Senior Citizen building be utilized in situations such as extremely cold weather in

the future. Paslay said she is working on a solar event in downtown Vandalia which will be held on April 8, 2024. Bowen said an interview for the Economic Development Director position was held today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS:

None.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:11 P.M.:

Gottman announced Council would be moving into Executive Session. Motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bowen to move into Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. under 5 ILCS 120/2 for the acquisition/sale of land and a personnel matter.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:47 P.M.:

Executive Session ends at 8:47 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENED AT 8:49 P.M.:

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular Council meeting at 8:49 p.m. with a roll call: Lester, yea; Barker, yea; Hubler, yea; Brosman, yea; Bowen, yea. Lewey, Hobler and Stunkel were absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Gottman stated there was nothing to report out of Executive Session. Motion was made by Hubler and seconded by Barker to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

City Clerk