

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

January 3, 2012
7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gottman called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vandalia City Council to order at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Aldermen present were: Neil Clark, Beesley, Stunkel, B. John Clark, Lester and Swarm. Rhodes and Hobler were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR IVAN WITBRACHT:

A moment of silence was observed for Ivan Witbracht, father of Deputy Clerk Barbara McCart. Our condolences to the family.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Beesley approving the minutes from the December 19, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel approving all regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Neil Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving all Special Bills include: Wal-Mart in the amount of \$31,951.59 for payment on roadway; Terracon Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$2,964.50 for USEPA Brownfields Petroleum Assmt

Grant; First National Bank in the amount of \$18,808.08 for payment on 2009 International Dump Truck; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$8,149.81 for street lights; North American Salt Co. in the amount of \$14,188.41 for rock salt; Missouri Machinery in the amount of \$5,296.29 to rebuild peerless pump; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$9,816.94 for supplies; Mettler Development in the amount of \$87,693.98 for Pay Estimate #4 for 7th & 8th Street Project; Motion carried.

BOY SCOUT TROOPS PRESENT FOR COUNCIL MEETING:

Mayor Gottman recognized the following Boy Scouts present for the council meeting. Levi Cox with Vandalia Troop 301 and Joshua Smith, Chandler Sasse and Evan Springman with the Effingham Troop 335. They are working on their communication badge.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY ESTIMATE #4 ON 7TH & 8TH STREET PROJECT:

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by B. John Clark approving the authorization to pay engineer's payment estimate #4 for the Seventh & Eighth Street Project. Motion carried.

WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 5, 2011:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel approving the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

DOWNTOWN STREETScape:

Mayor Gottman reported that the Streetscape Project on Seventh & Eighth Street is wrapping up.

Mayor Gottman reported that he will be working with the business owners on 4th thru 6th Street to set up another meeting to discuss the project.

Mayor Gottman said he is hopeful to go out for bid in the spring of 2012.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Neil Clark reported that in 2011 there were 41 regular burials and 24 cremation burials at the city cemeteries.

Mayor Gottman announced that a four wheeler supplier has moved into the former Bowen Cabinet Building on Fifth Street.

Mayor Gottman reported that the liquor license has been issued to Randy's BBQ

Mayor Gottman will be asking Angie Rhodes to call a Railroad, Industrial Development Committee Meeting to talk about an agreement that has been in the works for the past two years.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR
GOTTMAN:**

Mayor Gottman reported that the news release on the unemployment was in your packet for your information.

A report from Hurst and Rosche was included in your packet. Mark Ritter is no longer an engineer for Hurst & Rosche. He has branched off to another company.

Mayor Gottman announced he will be traveling to Bloomington, IL in March to receive an award for the downtown streetscape project.

Mayor Gottman is working with Congressman John Shuimkus, who was instrumental in getting the funding for Vandalia to be on hand when the award is given out.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 7:40 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Swarm to move into Executive Session under Section 5 ILCS 120/2 at 7:40 P.M. to discuss the sale or inquiry of land, personnel matters and pending litigation. Roll Call taken: Lester, yea; Swarm, yea; Stunkel, yea; Beesley, yea; N. Clark, yea; B. John Clark, yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT
8:41 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:41 P.M.

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
RECONVENES AT 8:42 P.M.:**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting with a roll call: N. Clark, yea; Beesley, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Swarm, yea; Lester, yea; Stunkel, yea.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to report from Executive Session a motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn.

