

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

January 21, 2013
7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

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, B. John Clark, Swarm, Lester, Hobler and Stunkel. Rhodes was absent from the meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for former businessmen Glenn Bowen and Randy Elder.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Neil Clark approving the minutes from the January 7, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL COUNCIL BILLS:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Hobler approving the Special Bills as presented: McKellar, Robertson & McCarty in the amount of \$15,000.00 for TIF reimbursement; South Central FS in the amount of \$7,245.01 for fuel; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of

\$2,790.00 for sewer solvent; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$8,899.89 for chemical supplies; Champion Energy in the amount of \$3,918.40 for electric at WWTP. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

LAKE LOT #8B TRANSFER FROM CITY OF VANDALIA TO EARL & DOLORES WHEATLEY, GRANITE CITY, IL.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm approving the transfer of Lake Lot 8B from the City of Vandalia to Earl & Dolores Wheatley, Granite City, IL. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2013-1-21-A:
MAINTENANCE OF STREETS &
HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER
THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by N. Clark adopting Resolution #2013-1-21-A, Maintenance of Streets & Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code.

There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$221,727.03 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

**ORDINANCE #2013-1-21-B:
EXECUTION OF A NOVATION OF SALE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA AND OCTOCHEM, INC.**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark adopting Ordinance #2013-1-21-B, Authorizing Execution Of A Novation Of Sale Agreement Between The City of Vandalia And Octochem, Inc.

Octochem's financial arrangements require present ownership of the property for financing purposes.

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Octochem paid the City of Vandalia the full required consideration of \$65,000.00 and therefore the city delivered the Warranty Deed to Octochem.

The agreement states that if Octochem Is in compliance with the construction and employment requirements and mandates of the Agreement Sale the city shall refund to Octochem the annual payment of \$21,667.00 with interest accrued.

Roll Call: B. John Clark, yea; Stunkel, yea; Lester, yea; Hobler, yea; Swarm, yea; N. Clark, yea; Beesley, yea; Rhodes, absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2013-1-21-C:
IDENTIFYING AND NAMING OPEL
STREET:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving Resolution #2013-1-21-C, Identifying And Naming Opel Street.

The road runs east of Mattes Avenue by the Vandalia Auto Zone.

Roll Call: N. Clark, yea; Hobler, yea; Stunkel, yea; Swarm, yea; Lester, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Beesley, yea. Rhodes was absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2013-1-21-D:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA
AND SITE LOCATION PARTNERSHIP

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Swarm approving Resolution #2013-1-21-D, An Agreement For Economic Development Services Between The City of Vandalia, IL And Site Location Partnership.

The City of Vandalia will employ Site Location Partnership to provide work associated with Economic Development Trade Show Activities in the amount of \$2,795.00.

Roll Call Vote: Lester, yea; Hobler, yea; Beesley, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Swarm, yea; Stunkel, yea; N. Clark, yea; Rhodes, absent. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE LEADER UNION
DOLLAR VOLUME AGREEMENT 2013:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by N. Clark approving the agreement with the Leader Union for advertising in the amount of \$5,184.00. A voice vote was unanimous for approval.

REPORTS:

Clerk Bowen reported that Alyssa Matar is on maternity leave.

She and her husband Philip are proud parents of a baby girl Leslie Jane Matar who was born on January 15th.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

B. John Clark reported that John Moyer received a quote from Newman Signs for a solar traffic sign in the amount of \$1,091.00 per sign for Fifth and Gallatin. If the city would do this it would need two signs.

Alderman Clark said that his recommendation is that it is a little cost prohibitive.

The matter was tabled for the time being due to the cost.

John Moyer asked for council approval to purchase a hoist.

Due to not being on the agenda, Mayor Gottman told Moyer to get his bids together and have it listed on the February 4th agenda for approval.

Marty Huskey Water Treatment Plant Superintendent reported that the City of Vandalia was awarded \$52,074.23 from an atrazine class action settlement.

The settlement was meant to help reimburse communities for past expenses associated with the removal of the weed killer from its water system. Atrazine is sprayed on corn and other crops and frequently runs off of fields and into waterways used as drinking water sources.

Huskey reported that the city uses activated carbon to counteract the presence of atrazine.

Mayor Gottman announced that Huskey was successful in receiving an energy grant from the State of Illinois in the amount of \$1,209.04 to help replace motors at the Water Treatment Plant.

Lester reported that the Buildings & Ground Committee met this afternoon to discuss the telephone and voicemail equipment in City Hall.

The city received a bid from ProWire in the amount of \$6,250.00.

It will be listed on the February 3rd agenda for action.

Mayor Gottman stated that the Police Department was also considered but Chief Eason informed Mayor Gottman that would be replaced during the E911 transition.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR
GOTTMAN:**

Mayor Gottman reported that Huddle House has announced that they are coming to Vandalia. The restaurant will be adjacent to the Holiday Inn Express, near Wal-Mart.

Mayor Gottman reported that the City of Vandalia has invited the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Kaskaskia College to assist with economic development activities in 2013.

Mayor Gottman continues to work with individuals at Graham Packaging to try to retain what is still there.

Mayor Gottman announced that a new business is locating downtown.

He also announced that an engineering firm, John Crawford & Associates has opened a satellite office on Fletcher Street in Vandalia.

**CLARK COMPLIMENTS STILT ON
ARTICLE WRITTEN ON ELECTRIC
AGGREGATION PROGRAM:**

Neil Clark complimented Steven Stilt with the Centralia Sentinel on the accuracy of the article written on the electric aggregation program.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Hobler to adjourn. Motion carried.

