

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

November 4, 2013  
7:30 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all 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: Beesley, Lester, Swarm, Stunkel, Neil Clark, B. John Clark and Crawford. Hobler was absent.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the October 21, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Special Bills as listed: Terracon Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$5,496.25 for Brownfield Grant expenditures on Emerick Properties; Fayette Co. Clerk in the amount of \$2,615.63 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter animal control; Sheldon Schulte in the amount of \$22,096.60 for sidewalk

replacements; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,770.73 for street lights; IMCO Utility Supply Co. in the amount of \$4,290.29 for waffle gaskets; Brenntag in the amount of \$13,826.36 for chemicals; Vandevanter Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$3,549.00 for maintenance to equipment; Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FROM OCTOBER 21, 2013:**

A motion was made by Swarm & seconded by N. Clark approving the Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2013 as submitted. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF  
BIDS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT  
TRUCK:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving the purchase of a new ladder truck for the Vandalia Fire Department from Kovatch Mobile Equipment (KME) in the amount of \$725,829.00 which includes the radio equipment. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Dorothy Crawford asked for an explanation on why the ladder truck was needed. She said that she has been getting that question from the public. Chief Ed Taylor says, about twenty to twenty five years ago, the city and fire department made a commitment to purchase a new piece of equipment for the fire department every five years. Taylor said they are actually at about six years since the last purchase.

Taylor said that the ladder truck they have been using is still ok and the ladder is certified and the pump is certified.

Taylor said in its current condition and with getting certified each year it's probably worth \$175,000 in a sale or to another fire department. He said if they wait and the current ladder truck no longer gets

certification it would be worth maybe \$10,000. Taylor stated, their thinking now is the optimal time to make the purchase of the ladder truck.

**APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR  
FINANCING FOR AERIAL LADDER  
FIRE TRUCK:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded B. John Clark approving the financing for the new ladder truck with Land of Lincoln Credit Union which will be a five year finance at 2% interest. Land of Lincoln did have the lowest rate for the five year plan. Motion carried.

Others submitting bids were: First National Bank, First Bank, National Bank, Midland State Bank and KME.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

B. John Clark said that some residents have asked him why the public works department has not been filling street cracks with tar this year.

Public Works Director Moyer said several years ago, MFT funds were very low due to the downtown project and other things.

We didn't oil very much a couple years ago because we didn't have the money.

We are getting about the same amount of money on MFT, but the price of oil and petroleum products has almost tripled.

The price of a tub of tar has gone from \$35.00 to over \$100.00.

The city has to prioritize things and oiling streets are more important.

He also remarked that that the city will be replacing the bridges at Fifth and Randolph Streets, using MFT funds for its twenty percent match on the grant.

Mayor Gottman presented Chief of Police Jeff Ray with a citation from the team commander of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System Region 9/11 Special Response Team.

This recognizes Ray's work as the assistant team leader of the entry team.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Downtown Merchants and the Tourism Commission will be sponsoring Olde Tyme Christmas on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Chime Masters Brass Bells will be here with their trailer of carillon bells and trolley rides. Lots of activities taking place downtown.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

Mayor Gottman announced that Kaskaskia College believes that the second phase of the Vandalia Campus could start as early as next spring.

Mayor Gottman said that the council should be ready to move ahead with the water line for the South Central FS facility at the next council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT :**

There being no further business a motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn. Motion carried.







