

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

February 19, 2013  
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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the February 4, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Special Bills as presented: Burnside, Johnston & Sheafor in the amount of \$3,442.00 for legal services; Civic Systems, LLC in the amount of \$3,164.00 for semi-annual software support fees for 2013; Arthur Young, Inc. in the amount of \$1,869.69 for squad car repairs; VISA in the amount of \$2,970.00 for online training for members of the police pension board; Fayette Co. Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$2,615.62 for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of animal control; North American Salt in the amount of \$1,637.67 for salt;

South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$6,793.88 for garage fuel; Centraz Industries in the amount of \$2,790.00 for sewer solvent; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$9,919.90 for chemical supplies; Direct Energy in the amount of \$5,461.76 for electric; Champion Energy in the amount of \$7,495.75 for electric; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$5,370.27 for electric; Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**APPROVAL OF VANDALIA TOURISM COMMISSION MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2013:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Beesley approving the Tourism Commission Minutes from January 8, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**REQUEST FOR CLASS E LIQUOR LICENSE FOR RVE3.LLC:**

It was the first reading of a liquor license for Vicki and Robert Ellsworth who is looking to locate a second restaurant next to the Huddle House that will be built this summer near the Holiday Inn Express.

The name of the restaurant was not revealed since things are still being worked out.

The restaurant would seat around 60. The building will be about 5,500 sq. ft.

The council will vote on the liquor license at the March 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**RESOLUTION #2013-2-19-A:  
APPROVING RESCINDING  
RESOLUTION #2012-11-19-B,  
OTHERWISE ENTITLED A  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
ASSIGNMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT  
AGREEMENT & ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE  
AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by N. Clark approving Resolution #2013-2-19-A, Approving Rescinding Resolution #2012-11-19-B, Otherwise Entitled A Resolution Approving Assignment Of Redevelopment Agreement And Economic Development Incentive Agreement.

Mayor Gottman said that Road Ranger has declined the purchase of Fast Stop. This resolution will convert the TIF funds back to the original agreement.

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

**FOURTH-SIXTH SIDE  
STREETSCAPE PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman reported that they are gearing up to do the Fourth Street Project along with installing the hand rails on the handicap ramps on Gallatin Street.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

B. John Clark reported that the Street Department is gearing up for the upcoming storm on Thursday.

Beesley requested that authorization be given to Marty Huskey, Water Plant Superintendent to repair the spare pump on Randolph Street. It is a budgeted item. Authorization was given to repair the spare pump. Council will approve bill at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Gottman reported that Chief Larry Eason is doing well. He should return to work shortly.

Neil Clark, Chairman of Cemetery and Landfill Committee gave a report on the burials for 2012.

There were 58 regular casket burials and 14 cremations for 2012.

Clark will schedule a Cemetery Landfill Committee Meeting in the near future.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman stated that the Vandalia Ministerial Alliance came to him asking if there was a temporary location that could be used for a food pantry.

Mayor Gottman suggested that a portion of the former Pioneer Oil Building could be used for the food pantry.

Mayor Gottman said that some window repairs needed to be done to the area where the pantry would be used; but ministers said that they would get donations to do the work.

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Beesley authorizing the city attorney to draw up a lease agreement to be acted upon at the next council meeting.

Mayor Gottman announced that Octochem is moving along very well with their new addition.

Huddle House plans to begin construction this summer.

Mayor Gottman met with Van Seal this past week. They are planning to hire in the second quarter of this year.

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with County Board Chairman Steve Knebel sat in on a conference call with Enbridge.

They are proposing to expand its pipeline by building the Southern Access Extension Pipeline Project a 165 mile crude oil pipeline that will originate at Enbridge's Flanagan Terminal near Pontiac, Il and terminate at a major refinery hub near Patoka, Il.

Some of the key points that came from the conference call were: They plan on employing 300-500 people in the region. Construction to begin in 2012 and end in 2015.

They were asked how many jobs would be created from the local economy and they said probably between 200-250.

Enbridge will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 till 7:30 P.M.

The elected officials are asked to come at 4:00 p.m. for a pre-meeting.

Beesley requested that the council look into the possibility of restricting parking on one side of Jackson Street between Eighth and Burtschi Streets.

Beesley said that the Fire Department tried to come through with a fire truck the other evening with vehicles parked on both sides they had to back out.

Beesley felt that there is not enough room for emergency vehicles to drive through that block.

Mayor Gottman directed the city attorney to draft an ordinance pertaining to the issue.

Mayor Gottman said that the safety of our residents is the most important thing.

Mayor Gottmans said that the city will send letters to residents that live in that area informing them that it will be discussed at the March 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting and inviting them to that meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT :**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn. Motion carried.









