

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

April 15, 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.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the April 1, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL 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 \$2,015.00 for March small cases; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$3,125.56 for street lights; Il. Director of Employment in the amount of \$27,855.29 for the 1<sup>st</sup> qtr. Unemployment; The Tourism Bureau in the amount of 6,625.00 for 4<sup>th</sup> qtr. Commitment on a ¼ page ad in "Tourism

Times and the 2013 Madden Media Co-Op and Fulfillment; Historical Vandalia, Inc. in the amount of \$2,598.10 reimbursements for 2012-2013; Hurst Rosche Engineers in the amount of \$1,924.26 for professional services on Fifth & Randolph Street Bridge; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$9,525.04 for CM13 Sealcoat chips; North American Salt Co. in the amount of \$6,168.53 for salt; Pro-Wire in the amount of \$6,625.00 for installing phone system; Thompson Coburn, LLP for the sale of surplus property, Octochem; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$7,997.62 for garage fuel; Centraz Industries in the amount of \$2,790.00 for sewer solvent; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$10,358.19 for chemical supplies; Hawkins inc. in the amount of \$2,672.52 for chemicals; Vandalia City Garage in the amount of \$2,970.00 for maintenance to equipment at the Disposal Plant; Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$2,632.61 for repairs on the lift station alarm; Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm approving the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS PUBLIC TRANSIT PROGRAM PRESENTATION:**

Lisa Casterline with the Central Illinois Public Transit Program gave a brief talk on how CIPT can help with transportation for anyone in the area.

**APPROVAL OF THE VANDALIA TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 12, 2013:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving the Vandalia Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CEMETERY & LANDFILL  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM  
MARCH 27, 2013:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel approving the Cemetery & Landfill Committee Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM  
MARCH 27, 2013:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by N. Clark approving the Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BUILDING &  
GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES FROM MARCH 27, 2013:**

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Stunkel approving the Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM  
MARCH 27, 2013:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE STREET  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM  
MARCH 28, 2013:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Beesley approving the Street Committee Meeting Minutes from March 28, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2013-4-15-A:  
STREET CLOSURE FOR ARMED FORCES  
TRIBUTE:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark adopting Resolution #2013-4-15-A, Approving the Street Closure of Old Rt. 140 from Third Street to Fourth Street for Armed Forces Tribute hosted by Vandalia Tourism Commission on Friday, May 17, 2013 through Saturday, May 18, 2013.

A voice vote was unanimous for approval.

**RESOLUTION #2013-4-15-B:  
STREET CLOSURE FOR NATIONAL  
ROAD FESTIVAL:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark adopting Resolution #2013-4-15-B, Approving the Street Closure for the National

Road Festival on June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. On Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 P.M. through 7:00 A.M. Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 A.M. through 10:00 P.M.

A voice vote was unanimous for approval.

**APPROVAL OF WEST MAIN STREET  
LIFT STATION CONTROL RETROFIT &  
INSTALLATION:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Beesley approving the proposed work to be done at the lift station.

The proposal is a turnkey installation that includes all parts, material, control panel and labor for the installation and testing of the new control system in the amount of \$21,012.00. Motion carried.

**DOWNTOWN STREETScape:**

Mayor Gottman stated that he will be scheduling a meeting with the business owners in regard to the Fourth Fifth & Sixth Street Side Street Project.

The contracts have been awarded and will begin with Fourth Street.

The handrails will be installed later this week weather permitting.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The City Council will hold a work session on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review and discuss the river intake project with a representative from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who is new to the project.

Mayor Gottman announced that Mike Wehrle has signed a lease with Little Caesar's Pizza which will operate out of a building owned by Wehrle on Veterans Avenue.

The individual who owns Mama Antonio's Pizza in Centralia plans to reopen their business on Gallatin Street.

Mayor Gottman thought that it was time to go public with their efforts in trying to keep Graham Packaging open.

State Representative John Cavaletto has sent a letter to Mr. Bundy at Graham Packaging along with several business owners the Chamber of Commerce and the City asking them to reconsider by keeping the facility in Vandalia.

Octochem is nearing completion on its expansion project.

A retention meeting was held with VanSeal and things are going well out there.

The Sears Store in Vandalia has been sold.

Stunkel reported that the Cemetery Committee hired a part-time person Jeff Hill to help out this summer.

Stunkel also reported that Chief Eason asked not to be reappointed to the position as Chief of Police.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman announced that Vandalia has been chosen to host the Lincoln Impersonator Convention in 2015.

Vandalia will be the first community to have hosted it twice.

Mayor Gottman thanked local Lincoln impersonator Abe Clymer for his efforts to help secure the votes necessary to bring the convention back to Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman asked the aldermen to take a look at the different committees that they would like to serve on and get that information to Mayor Gottman by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mayor Gottman said that he will be making the appointments of all the department heads at the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mayor Gottman told the council that he has spoken with Alyssa Matar about taking on the position as the appointed treasurer and she felt comfortable in taking on the extra role.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS TO BE SWORN  
IN AT MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:**

Congratulations to the elected officials who will be sworn in at the May 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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



