

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

August 5, 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: Swarm, Lester, B. John Clark, N. Clark, Beesley, Stunkel, Hobler and Crawford.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR HELEN
"PINKY" MOORE, BETTY ISBELL
& REA EVANS:**

A moment of silence was observed for former business women Helen "Pinky" Moore, Betty Isbell and Rea Evans. Our condolences to their families.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the July 15, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Neil Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Special Bills as presented: Burnside Johnston & Sheafor in the amount of \$2,832.22 for legal fees; Terracon Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$26,455.08 for Phase II

ESA's and Cleanup Planning; Kinetic Leasing, Inc. in the amount of \$4,972.00 for telephone recording equipment; Fayette County Treasurer for 3rd quarter contribution for animal control; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,573.96 for street lights; The Tourism Bureau in the amount of \$1,551.69 for the 1st quarter commitment for Tourism Times Fall issue; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$101,075.49 for HFE-300; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$21,055.83 for chemicals; Direct Energy in the amount of \$24,433.37 for electric; Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #75
FROM STEVE HAWK TO CHAD DANE
& ANDREW MESEKE:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the transfer of Lake Lot #75 from Steve Hawk, Vandalia to Chad Dane and Andrew Meseke, Vandalia. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CEMETERY &
LANDFILL COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES FROM JULY 15, 2013:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Cemetery & Landfill Committee Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF A "MEDIATION
GARDEN" AT OLD STATE
CEMETERY GIRL SCOUT TROOP
#8382:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the "Mediation Garden" in the Old State Cemetery. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL
MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY
18, 2013:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes from July 18, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TOURISM
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FROM JULY 15, 2013:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Crawford approving the Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

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**PUBLIC HEARING FROM THE
PUBLIC SAFETY & STREETS
COMMITTEE MEETING FROM JULY
29, 2013:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Public Safety & Streets Committee Meeting Minutes from the Public Hearing which was held on July 29, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**DOWNTOWN STREETScape
PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the Fourth Street Project is closed out. Mayor Gottman said that the project has got a few things to tweak on, but besides that, it's a closed out project.

**VANDALIA CORRECTIONAL CENTER
IS CURRENT ON WATER & SEWER
BILLING:**

City Clerk Peggy Bowen reported that the Vandalia Correctional Center is current on their water and sewer billing.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Beesley reported that the city and Fayette County Water have come to an agreement that was profitable for both the city and Fayette Water at Vandalia Lake.

Beesley said that they agreed to decrease the city's rate by 20 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Stunkel announced that the personnel committee chose six applications for the mowing position at Vandalia Lake. Rob Schukar will look at the applications and set up interviews.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that he received a thank you card from former Mayor Sandra Leidner, who organized last month's Lincoln Heritage Festival.

Mayor Gottman said that he heard a lot of good comments about the reenactment and would like to come back and make this an annual event.

Mayor Gottman announced that D & C Auto and Sports have opened a facility located caddy corner just across the tracks.

Mayor Gottman announced that Huddle House, Embers and FS have started with their projects.

Mayor Gottman announced that Rick Cripe plans to move forward with the movie theatre.

Mayor Gottman reported that the unemployment dropped in Fayette County from 10.5% in June 2012 to 9.6% in June 2013.

Mayor Gottman stated that he met with a realtor last week who wants to work on bringing business to Vandalia. One realtor from Missouri has asked for 3,000 to 6,000 square feet of space.

**MEETINGS SET FOR UPCOMING
WEEK:**

The TIF Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 7th at 4:00 P.M. at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to review and discuss an application from Arthur Young, Inc. for a Phase II remodeling project.

The Zoning Board of Adjustments will a special meeting on August 15th at 5:30 P.M. at City Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to review a petition for Special Use Permit from Lisa Walker. She is seeking a Special Use Permit to allow her a Used Car Lot at the location of the former Arnold's Shell Station at 1310 N. Kennedy Blvd.

The Vandalia Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on August 15th at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting to review an ordinance that would add new Permitted Uses to the "IL" Light Industrial District, by addition of the following, Agricultural Chemicals (All uses within SIC Code 287).

ADJOURNMENT:

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

CITY CLERK

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