

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

September 16, 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, B. John Clark, Beesley, Hobler, Lester, Crawford and Stunkel. Swarm was absent from the meeting.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED FOR MAURICE SHULMAN & WILLOW LONG:**

A moment of silence was observed for Maurice Shulman a partner in Shulman Brothers Oil Producers and seven year old Willow Long from Watson, IL who was murdered last week.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the September 3, 2013 meeting as presented with the addition of an opinion from Alderman Neil Clark in reference to the increase in water and sewer rates to be attached to the minutes. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Special Bills as presented: McKellar Robertson McCarty & Click in the amount of \$2,080.00 for boiler insurance; Burnside Johnston & Sheafor in the amount of \$2,855.96 for August small cases; Terracon Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$5,866.25 for charges on Phase II reporting for the Emerick Properties and preparation for field work on the Wehrle Property; Ron Whiteside Communications in the amount of \$9,532.19 to install lights, bars and etc. in new squad vehicles; Mike Wehrle in the amount of \$3,485.46 for TIF reimbursement; MikeJo LLC in the amount of \$5,721.14 for TIF reimbursement; Octochem in the amount of \$48,926.21 for TIF reimbursement; Robert M. Johnson in the amount of \$1,704.12 for TIF reimbursement; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$11,997.86 for fuel and supplies; AEC Fire/Safety & Security in the amount of \$5,040.00 for a cutter 4050 NCT Twin Line; Centraz Industries in the amount of \$2,874.00 for sewer solvent; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$5,814.78 for chemical supplies; Vandevanter Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$21,012.00 to install new control panel at the West Main lift station; Hach Company in the amount of \$3,875.00 for a spectrophotometer. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**RICK CRIPE ASKED TO HAVE  
REQUEST FOR LIQUOR LICENSE  
REMOVED FROM AGENDA:**

Mayor Gottman announced that Rick Cripe who is building a theatre asked to have the request for a liquor license be removed from the agenda.

**APPROVAL OF TOURISM COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 13,  
2013:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF  
ADJUSTMENTS MEETING MINUTES  
FROM SEPTEMBER 5, 2013:**

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A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Hobler approving the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes from September 5, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TIF ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving the TIF Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2013-9-16-A:  
APPROVING A CERTAIN TAX  
INCREMENT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA  
AND KRJ PROPERTIES, INC.**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving Ordinance #2013-9-16-A, Approving A Certain Tax Increment Development Agreement Between The City of Vandalia and KRJ Properties, Inc.

The grant is in the amount of \$7,500.00 to construct/expand new building and new concrete flooring.

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

**ORDINANCE #2013-9-16-B:  
AMENDING CERTAIN TAX INCREMENT  
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE CITY OF VANDALIA AND  
VANDALIA CAPITOL, LLC:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving Ordinance #2013-9-16-B, Amending a Certain Tax Increment Agreement Between The City of Vandalia and Vandalia Capitol, LLC.

The grant is in the amount of \$15,000 to help with the repair to the entrance to the old Kroger Building, repair of siding and flashing and

tuck pointing and other parking lot repairs.

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

**ORDINANCE #2013-9-16-C:**  
**APPROVING A CERTAIN TAX**  
**INCREMENT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA**  
**AND DENNIS GRUBAUGH**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving Ordinance #2013-9-16-C, Approving A Certain Tax Increment Development Agreement Between The City of Vandalia and Dennis Grubaugh.

The grant is in the amount of \$7,500.00 to help with the façade enhancement, structural repairs to front wall on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> floors, new windows, floor repairs and plumbing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the old State Farm Insurance Building.

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

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Beesley remarked that you might have noticed a strong chlorine taste in your water over the past two weeks. He stated that this is a problem when we see hot weather.

The water plant used liquid chlorine to treat the water.

Hobler announced that the campgrounds at Vandalia Lake will close on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gottman reported that the two restaurants are progressing along.

Mayor Gottman said that the walls have gone up for the two new restaurants, the Huddle House and Embers.

The theatre plans are moving along with a ground breaking to be held within the next two weeks.

Stunkel Chairman of Personnel said they may be looking for some part time help at the cemetery.

Crawford announced that the Grande Levee and Harvest Festival is set for September 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gottman announced that Code Official Keith Meadows will be retiring in the near future.

Mayor Gottman asked the council to waive the 60 day notice that is required in his contract.

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Lester allowing Meadows to give the city a two week notice in the event he finds a job to where they are moving. Motion carried.

The council will be looking for a replacement in the near future.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman announced that a dedication ceremony will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. for the improvements made by the members of Girl Scout Troop No. 382 at the Old State Burial Grounds.

Mayor Gottman announced that he met with the department heads asking them to work on a three year plan for capital improvements within their departments.

Mayor Gottman is asking that the list come back before the council so the city can begin the process of budgeting for the improvements.

The council discussed the increase in the water and sewer rates.

Alderman Neil Clark stated he believed the increases should be allowed to go into effect in October.

Alderman Hobler stated he thought they might want to look at working on a percentage of that instead of the 92% if we could get a 95% the increase wouldn't matter. It was pointed out that a number of factors, including fire department use and water leaks, also factor into bringing that percentage down. It was pointed out that a very strong effort is made on water and sewer bill collections by the staff in Clerk Bowen's office. The city has also worked to replace dead water meters to actually bill for the total amount used.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION AT 7:58 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark to move into Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss the sale or acquisition of land and a personnel matter requested by Alderman Hobler under Code 5 ILCS 120/2.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:35  
P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:35 P.M.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT  
8:35 P.M.:**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular meeting at 8:35 P.M. with a roll call: Stunkel, yea; N. Clark, yea; Lester, yea; Hobler, yea; Beesley, yea; Crawford, yea; B. John Clark, yea;

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being nothing to report from Executive Session, a motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford to adjourn. Motion carried.