

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

September 3, 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, Beesley, Lester, B. J. Clark, N. Clark, Stunkel, Hobler and Crawford.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Sue Henry, Mother of radio dispatcher Michelle Hagy; also for Ellie Funk, wife of former Benner Nawman General Manager and community supporter, Don Funk.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving the minutes from the August 19, 2013 meeting, with a correction as noted. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion 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 Stunkel to approve all special bills as submitted:

Timmermann & Co. in the amount of \$28,000.00 for the annual audit; Direct Energy in the amount of \$14,382.77 for electric service; Ameren Illinois for \$2,569.59 for electric service; Hurst Rosche Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500.00 for engineering service on annual dam inspection; and Brenntag Mid South for \$10,675.95 for chemicals for Water & Sewer Plants. Motion carried.

ANNUAL AUDIT
PRESENTED:

Dale Timmermann and Trisha Elam of Timmermann & Co. presented and explained the City's annual audit for 2012-2013. They reported that overall, the City's financial condition is improved, but warned that there are some large expenditures coming up in the future.

Dale Timmermann pointed out that the water flow accounted for during 2013 was 92.64% as compared to 61.5% in 1981. This was quite an improvement.

Trisha Elam presented the "Calculation Of Annual Adjustment In Water And Sewer Rates" for the year ending 04/30/2013. They recommended the City increase the water rates 2.10% and 3.51% for the sewer rates. Timmermann recommended the Council should allow this raise in rates to take effect. No action was taken at this time.

N. Clark moved and Stunkel seconded to accept the annual audit as presented. Motion carried.

2013 ANNUAL LAKE
DAM INSPECTION:

Hobler made a motion to accept the 2013 Annual Lake Dam Inspection as presented by Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc. The cost for their services was \$2,500.00. Lester seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SET TRICK-OR-TREAT
NIGHT IN VANDALIA:

Beesley moved and Crawford seconded to set the annual Trick-Or-Treat Night for Saturday, October 26th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE
OF GAS GENERATOR FOR
RANDOLPH STREET PUMP
STATION:

Beesley made a motion to approve the quote on a 2007 Cummins 125 kW stand-by generator for use at the Randolph Street Pump Station for \$23,500.00 plus \$1,200.00 shipping. The City will also have the cost of pouring a concrete pad to place it on. Stunkel seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE
VALVE FOR WATER PLANT:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by B.J. Clark to accept the low bid of \$647.90 from HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd. to replace a broken water valve at the Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR
79 FOOT AERIAL LADDER
TRUCK FOR FIRE DEPT:

N. Clark made a motion to authorize Fire Chief Ed Taylor to advertise for bids for a 79 foot Aerial Ladder Fire Apparatus for the Fire Department. The bids will then come before the Council for approval.

Stunkel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO SEEK BIDS FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS:

Public Works Director John Moyer presented a list of sites where sidewalk replacements are needed. He asked the Council for approval to seek bids for this project. N. Clark moved and Lester seconded. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR LIQUOR LICENSE FOR STARMAX CINEMA:

Rick Cripe requested a liquor license for his new multi-plex theatre being built at 215 Mattes Ave. The Council will get some public input and will take a formal vote at the next Council Meeting.

TIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2013:

N. Clark moved and Stunkel seconded the motion approving the August 29, 2013 TIF Advisory Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2013-9-3-A: APPROVING TAX INCREMENT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND VANDALIA CAPITOL, LLC:

After a discussion about the possibility of Vandalia Capitol, LLC replacing the concrete in their parking lot, a motion was made by B. John Clark to approve the Tax Increment Development Agreement in the amount of \$8,500.00. This agreement has been approved by the Committee. Beesley seconded the motion.

Voting by roll call: B. John Clark, yea; N. Clark, yea; Swarm, yea; Crawford, yea; Beesley, yea; Lester, yea; Stunkel, yea and Hobler, nay. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS:

Swarm announced that both new squads are in service now. The Police Department's Eligibility List will be due soon.

The "Serenity Garden" is progressing very well.

Hobler announced that the volume of camping at the Lake has dropped.

LaTisha announced there will be a 2013 Armed Forces Tribute on Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13 in the Sonnemann and Greer Parks. It will feature World War II & Vietnam War Re-Enactments, vehicles, weapons & equipment displays, encampments and swap meets. She encouraged all families to take advantage of this event.

The recent Motorcycle Show was a success with 70 plus motorcycles, and donated their proceeds to the Shriners.

Mayor Gottman mentioned that Richard Dement of Mt. Vernon I-64 Auto Auction purchased the five vehicles sold at public auction on August 10, 2013, for a total of \$2,617.77.

Mayor Gottman wished to publicly thank the Fayette County Board for their donation of \$50,000.00 toward the West Interchange Water Project. Their partnership with the City is appreciated.

In honor of "Labor Day", Neil Clark wished to go on record as thanking the City employees and appreciating them for their service to the community.

Tiger Patrick of "Cross Over America" came through Vandalia recently. Their group is honoring all who have fallen since 9/11 while fighting for our freedom.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other action to come before the City Council, Beesley moved and N. Clark seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

