

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

January 7, 2014
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:

Alderman Present: Swarm, Lester, N. Clark, Beesley, Hobler, B. John Clark, Crawford & Stunkel.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded Stunkel approving the minutes from the December 16, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark 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: Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$3,042.27 for street lights; Cargill Inc. in the amount of \$9,122.25 for salt; Illinois EPA in the amount of \$22,787.56 for payment on the water drinking project; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$13,663.62 for chemicals; Direct Energy in the amount of \$11,289.10 for electric; Vandevanter Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$10,902.37 for annual maintenance contract. 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.

ORDINANCE #2014-1-7-A:
AMENDING THE VANDALIA
MUNICIPAL CODE AT CHAPTER 17
ZONING AT SECTION 17.10.030
"RT" TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
DISTRICT:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by B. John Clark adopting Ordinance #2014-1-7-A, Amending The Vandalia Municipal Code At Chapter 17 Zoning At Section 17.10.030 "RT" Two Family Residential District.

Doug Fulk, owner of the former Rainbow Car Wash/Laundry Building on W. St. Louis Ave. is requesting that "Self-Storage Units be added as a Special Use in the Two-Family Residential Zoning District

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

ORDINANCE #2014-1-7-B:
AMENDING THE CITY OF
VANDALIA ZONING DISTRICT
MAP:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel adopting Ordinance #2014-1-7-B, Amending The City of Vandalia Zoning District Map.

Kelley Washburn, owner of Fayette County Real Estate have purchased the property at 725 W. Fillmore St.

They are seeking to have the property rezoned to "CG" General Commercial from "RS" Single-Family Residential in order to move their real estate business to their new location. Property is contiguous with the General Commercial District.

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

**APPROVAL OF WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM
DECEMBER 16, 2013:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Neil Clark approving the Water & Sewer Committee Minutes from December 16, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2014-1-7-C:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN
THE CITY OF VANDALIA,
ILLINOIS AND JOHN H.
CRAWFORD & ASSOCIATES, PC**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Beesley approving Resolution #2014-1-7-C, the agreement between The City of Vandalia and John H. Crawford & Associates, PC to provide work associated with preliminary engineering and design of the new potential water treatment for the City of Vandalia.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE LEADER-UNION
DOLLAR VOLUME AGREEMENT FOR
2014:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark to enter into a contract with the Leader-Union at a Level #8 for publications.

The City's investment would be \$7,465.00 for the year of 2014, which is a 16% discount of the open rate.

A voice vote was unanimous for approval.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked John Moyer and his staff for the work they did on the streets. Also, a "thank you" to John's wife, Ruth Ann Moyer and their daughter Carla for fixing a meal for the workers at the garage. Also today, The Gallatin Street Grille provided food for the street department at "no charge".

Angie Rhodes, who is the owner of the Gallatin Street Grille, once sat on the council as alderwoman.

B. John Clark reported the street crew also had to deal with a couple water main breaks and boil orders due to the cold weather.

Mayor Gottman said, some people questioned why we bought four wheel drive vehicles. This is why. The use of the Police Department's new SUV and truck were used around the clock on Saturday, Sunday and Monday due to the winter storm.

The vehicles were made available for other emergencies. There were concerns about getting ambulance service to people.

The Police Department notified Fayette County Hospital along with Altamont Ambulance Service that if needed they would transport emergency medical personnel.

Swarm announced that the Police Department has installed a 24 hour prescription drug drop box to be used by the public.

Swarm announced that Merle Adermann along with Steve Stombaugh went to Pa. for a preconstruction meeting on the new ladder truck. There was no start date given to them but a finish date of sometime in June 2014.

Mayor Gottman reported that the Graham Packaging building sold. An investment group out of state has purchased the building.

Mayor Gottman said that he has been making attempts to set up a meeting with the investment group to see what they plan to do with the building.

Swarm told the council that he is a member of the Board of the National Road Association of Illinois.

The purpose of their board is to promote the National Road which is Rt. 40.

A DVD was shown to all in attendance to introduce you to all of the communities on THE ROAD.

An Open House will be held on Wednesday, February 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 106 S. Fifth St. in Vandalia. The Center is a national road museum.

Lester asked if this DVD could be placed on the vandaliainillinois.com website. Mayor Gottman said yes it could.

Lester noted that in the Illinois Association of Realtors the state has started funding for the "Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund.

This funding is for grants to municipalities and counties for securing, maintaining, demolishing or rehabilitating abandoned homes.

Mayor Gottman said that he has spoken with an Illinois realtor and he plans on working with us on certain grants.

Discussion on who was going to maintain the Vandalia website since the council did not want Josh Henry to do it any longer since he has moved away.

Mayor Gottman said that he would get an ad hock committee together to discuss this matter.

Chief of Police Jeff Ray asked where does the City stand on the awning that was to replace the one on the Public Safety Building. Lester will check into that.

Mayor Gottman mentioned that the Fayette County Hospital is a warming center for the City of Vandalia.

ADJOURNMENT :

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

CITY CLERK

