

**CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

November 17, 2014

7:30 P.M.

**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, Stunkel, B. John Clark, Lester, Swarm, Crawford and Hobler.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all present.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR  
RUSSELL HEWITT, DORSEY  
FELLER & RYAN CUNNINGHAM:**

A moment of silence was observed for Russell Hewitt a former member of the Vandalia Zoning Board; Dorsey Feller a former businessman in Vandalia and Ryan Cunningham, who served as a Paramedic at Fayette County Hospital.

**KEITH JANSEN JOINS LAW FIRM:**

Ryan Connor, City Attorney introduced Keith Jansen who joined the firm of Burnside, Johnston & Connor approximately two months ago.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the November 3, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by Neil Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving all Special Bills include: Burnside, Johnston & Connor in the amount of \$3,813.35 for small claims in October; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$1,714.28 for garage fuel; Crawford & Associates in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Resident Inspection on the new cemetery building; Crawford & Associates in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the preliminary engineering study on the Water Treatment Plant; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$6,642.06 for supplies; 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.

**APPROVAL TO PAY \$15,000  
TO CRAWFORD & ASSOCIATES  
FOR PARTIAL PAYMENT OF THE  
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING  
STUDY ON WATER TREATMENT  
PLANT:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark to pay \$15,000 to John H. Crawford & Associates for partial payment of the Preliminary Engineering Study for the Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO PAY \$3,000  
TO CRAWFORD & ASSOCIATES  
FOR RESIDENT INSPECTION  
FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE  
BUILDING:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Crawford to pay \$3,000 to John H. Crawford & Associates for Resident Inspection for Cemetery Maintenance Building.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked Jay & Stacy Carroll for the donation of the Christmas tree on the hill.

Thank you to the Vandalia Public Works Department for decorating the tree as well as the downtown for the Olde Tyme Christmas.

Mayor Gottman thanked the Vandalia Police Department, Fire Department, EMS throughout Fayette County for their tribute to Ryan Cunningham.

Mayor Gottman announced that Ward III Alderman Terry Beesley has officially announced his resignation from the Vandalia City Council.

Mayor Gottman is searching for someone to replace Beesley until the spring election.

Mayor Gottman announced that NewWave Communication customers will receive a December 1, 2014 rate increase.

The City of Vandalia employees received an invitation to a retirement party for Terri Braun who will retire effective November 30<sup>th</sup>.

The retirement party will be held on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Room at the Fayette County Courthouse.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

B. John Clark received a request for a street light at Rock Island and Veterans Ave.

Mayor Gottman asked Chief Jeff Ray to evaluate that area for security and safety issues.

B. John Clark reported that Rodney Potts with Crawford & Associates was present for the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting. The committee discussed the preliminary plans for a new Water Treatment facility. Potts stated that the water supply was more than adequate.

Mayor Gottman announced that one of the city's police vehicles was involved in an accident Saturday evening due to icy roads.

The vehicle was on the side of the road when struck by another vehicle.

Lester mentioned that there will be an apron concrete in front of the new cemetery building with the remainder of the funds from the cemetery building.

Crawford reported that the Olde Tyme Christmas was held Friday evening and Saturday with a great turnout this year, considering the cold weather.

The winner of the 2014 Olde Tyme Christmas Window Decorating Contest was McKellar, Robertson, McCarty & Click Insurance.

Second place went to The Sunshine House and third place went to The Red Door.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION AT 7:48 P.M.:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Hobler to move into Executive Session at 7:48 P.M. for pending litigation under Executive Session 5ILCS 120/2.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT  
8:47 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:47 P.M.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES**  
**AT 8:48 P.M.:**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:48 p.m. with a roll call: B. John Clark, yea; Stunkel, yea; Lester, yea; Swarm, yea; Crawford, yea; N. Clark, yea; Hobler, yea.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing to report out of Executive Session a motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn. Motion carried.

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CITY CLERK

