

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

August 4, 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:

Aldermen present were: Neil Clark, B. John Clark, Beesley, Swarm, Hobler, Lester, Crawford and Stunkel.

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED FOR JAMES BRADY:

A moment of silence was observed for James Brady, a former White House press secretary who was severely wounded in the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan died on Monday, August 4th.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the July 21, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion of was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler 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: Illinois Municipal League in the amount of \$4,998.53 for additional billing on the liability insurance; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,295.00 for street lights; Vandalia

Asphalt Service in the amount of \$3,028.00 for patch mix; Midwest Salt in the amount of \$61,600.00 for 550 ton of bulk salt; RZ Lifts in the amount of \$5,880.00 for an aluminum hoist; Direct Energy in the amount of \$14,254.70 for electric bill; IMCO Utility Supply Co. in the amount of \$1,908.00 for yoke w/ dual-ck & ball valve; Vandalia City Garage in the amount of \$4,336.25 for fuel; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$5,687.06 for chemicals; Hawkins in the amount of \$3,569.72 for chemicals; Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #48 FROM
CLIFF LAMB, VANDALIA TO GARY
PLUM, VANDALIA:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm approving the transfer of Lake Lot #48 from Cliff Lamb, Vandalia to Gary Plum, Vandalia. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2014-8-4-A:
TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR
HOMECOMING PARADE**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Hobler, adopting Resolution #2014-8-4-A, Asking Illinois Department of Transportation for temporary closure of Old Rt. 140 from Third St. to Eighth St. for the Homecoming Parade on September 26, 2014. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2014-8-4-B:
TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR THE
GRANDE LEVEE AND HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel, adopting Resolution #2014-8-4-B, Asking Illinois Department of Transportation for temporary closure of Old Rt. 140 from Third St. to Sixth St. for the Grande Levee & Harvest Festival on October 4, 2014. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2014-8-4-C:
TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR THE
HALLOWEEN PARADE**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark, adopting Resolution #2014-8-4-C, Asking Illinois Department of Transportation for temporary closure of Old Rt. 140 from Third St. to Seventh St. and

from Gallatin St. to Johnson St. for the Halloween Parade on October 30, 2014. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2014-8-4-D:
TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR THE
ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARADE

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Crawford, adopting Resolution #2014-8-4-D, Asking Illinois Department of Transportation for temporary closure of Old Rt. 140 from Third St. to Eighth Street for the Vandalia Rotary Club/Christmas Parade on December 6, 2014. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2014-8-4-E:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
TECHNICAL SERVICES AND
ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, IL & MORAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, LLC

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark Approving Resolution #2014-8-4-E, An Agreement for Technical Services & Assistance Between The City of Vandalia and Moran Economic Development, LLC.

The consultant shall be compensated a flat fee of \$1,800.00 under this agreement.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE PART-TIME
POLICE TELECOMMUNICATOR:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark authorizing the hiring of a part-time police dispatcher. Motion carried.

Chief Ray said that it is necessary due to an employee's upcoming maternity leave as well as scheduled holidays and vacations with other tele-communicators.

**APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF
DEMOLITION BIDS FOR 119 SOUTH
SHELBY:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Beesley approving the low bid from Dwayne Barker, Brownstown, IL. in the amount of \$3,750.00 to demolish the property at 119 S. Shelby Ave. Motion carried.

The city also received bids from Razmus Demolition Services, Chrisman, IL in the amount of \$8,496.00; Environmental Audits and Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$6,500.00.

**APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF
DEMOLITION BIDS FOR 604 SOUTH
SEVENTH STREET:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by N. Clark approving the low bid from Environmental Audits & Consultants, Vandalia, IL. in the amount of \$8,500.00 for demolition work at 604 S. Seventh St. Motion carried.

The city also received bids from Dwayne Barker, Brownstown, IL. in the amount of \$12,750.00; Razmus Demolition Services, LLC, Chrisman, IL in the amount of \$17,060.00.

**RESOLUTION #2014-8-4-E:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
TECHNICAL SERVICES AND
ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE CITY
OF VANDALIA, IL & TIMMERMAN &
COMPANY, LTD**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving Resolution #2014-8-4-E, An Agreement For Technical Services And Assistance Between The City of Vandalia, IL and Timmerman & Company, Inc. Motion carried.

This agreement covers the additional services required under the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and the provisions of OMB Circular A-133 in the amount of \$3,000.00.

CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:

Code Official Keith Meadows publicly thanked John Moyer Public Works Director for helping with the property maintenance on the former Oldfield Tire Sales Building.

FIRE CHIEF MEADOWS REPORT:

Meadows reported that the fire truck is coming along pretty well. Delivery of the truck should be sometime the end of September.

Meadows reported that several of the volunteer firemen met at the fire hall on Saturday morning to test fire hoses. This is something that is done every year usually on Wednesday evenings during the weekly meetings but to free up time for training it was done on Saturday.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

B. John Clark reported weather permitting oiling will begin on August 7th & 8th and again on August 11th & 15th.

Lester reported that the old cemetery building will be taken down Tuesday morning.

Construction on the new building will begin in the next two weeks.

Mayor Gottman told the council that the railroad will be applying for TIF funds which they qualify for.

Stunkel reported that a Personnel Committee Meeting will be set shortly to discuss the hiring of an employee to fill the vacancy of Steve Sparks at the Public Works Department.

Stunkel commended Jean Stombaugh and her crew of volunteers for their work along the Lincoln Loop Walking Trail and Lincoln Park.

Mayor Gottman reported that the Illinois Office of Tourism Director Jen Hoelzle was here last week to talk about the states increasing tourism numbers. A nice crowd was on hand for the gathering.

Mayor Gottman mentioned that he spoke with Ms. Hoelzle about the issue of reducing the hours at the Statehouse.

The Vandalia Statehouse is one of the sites effected, as they will see hours reduced from Wednesday thru Saturday, instead of five days a week.

Swarm reported that there will be a bus tour with thirty six people coming from West St. Louis on August 12th to tour the Interpretive Center, the Statehouse and have dinner in one of our restaurants in town.

N. Clark reported that on Friday, August 1st, Bright Beginnings Day Care had their Grand Opening in the former Donaldson Carpet Building. Clark said, that he was very happy to see a new business there.

Stunkel asked Mayor Gottman about the status of several properties in the city.

ADJOURNMENT :

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Beesley to adjourn. Motion carried.