

**CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

September 15, 2014  
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: Stunkel, Neil Clark, Beesley, Hobler, Crawford, Swarm and Lester. B. John Clark was absent.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR JOHN DAVID GREER:**

A moment of silence was observed for John David Greer. Mr. Greer was the owner of Greer Hardware in Vandalia and a retired member of the Vandalia Volunteer Fire Department. Our condolences to his family.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the September 2, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Special Bills with the addition

of one: KME KOVATCH in the amount of \$710,163.00 for a 2015 aerial ladder truck; Burnside Johnston & Connor in the amount of \$2,384.00 for small claims; Dwayne Barker in the amount of \$3,750.00 for a demolition at 1195 Shelby Ave.; Ron Whiteside Communications in the amount of \$26,037.00 for 13 Kenwood portable radios & 12 Kenwood Mobile radios and installation charges; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,295.09 for street lighting; Vandalia Asphalt in the amount \$2,382.40 for patch mix; Hurst Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$2,900. for dam inspection; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$5,678.04 for fuel; Tri-S Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$12,004.69 for Sanitary Sewer & Water Extension; Plum Concrete Creations for pay estimate #1 on Cemetery Building in the amount of \$23,179.05; Bluff Equipment in the amount of \$1,914.29 bolts & pulleys to be used at the cemetery; Brenntag in the amount of \$4,953.35 for chemicals; Central Illinois Materials in the amount of \$1,603.95 for pea gravel. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING ON A REQUEST  
FOR LIQUOR LICENSE FOR 4-  
ACES-VLM ENTERPRISES:**

A request for a liquor license for 4-Aces-VLM Enterprise Corp. to be able to operate a gaming video facility in the Vandalia area.

This is a first reading no action will be taken until the October 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**FIRST READING ON A REQUEST  
FOR LIQUOR LICENSE FOR SPIN  
2 WIN 2, INC.:**

A request for a liquor license for Spin 2 Win 2, Inc. to be able to operate a gaming video facility in the former Jenny's BBQ location.

This is a first reading no action will be taken until the October 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**AUTHORIZATION OF CHANGE  
ORDER #3 FOR WEST  
INTERCHANGE WATER/SEWER  
EXTENSION PROJECT (INCREASE  
\$762.09)**

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Hobler authorizing Change Order #3 in the amount of \$762.09 for costs to restrain existing 10" valve at the West Interchange Water & Sewer Extension Project. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY FINAL  
PAY ESTIMATE FOR THE WEST  
INTERCHANGE WATER/SEWER  
EXTENSION PROJECT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$12,004.69:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Crawford approving the final pay estimate for the West Interchange Water/Sewer Extension Project in the amount of \$12,004.69. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 AS  
SUBMITTED:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2014 as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2014:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Hobler approving the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2014 as submitted.

**APPROVAL OF RAILROAD &  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2014:**

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Beesley approving the Railroad & Industrial Development Committee Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2014 as presented.

**RESOLUTION #2014-9-15-A:  
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT  
FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
VANDALIA & BUXTON CO.**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded N. Clark approving Resolution #2014-9-15-A, Approving An Agreement For Economic Development Services Between the City of Vandalia and Buxton Co. allowing the city to access important documents in economic development in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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

**RESOLUTION #2014-9-15-B:**  
**APPROVING AN AGREEMENT OR**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**  
**BETWEEN CITY OF VANDALIA &**  
**WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**ALLIANCE**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving an agreement between the City of Vandalia and World Economic Development Alliance.

WEDA will provide business attraction, business retention and additional marketing services to assist Vandalia in economic development. The total amount is \$5,450.00.

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

**ORDINANCE # 2014-9-15-C:**  
**AMENDING THE CITY OF**  
**VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE AT**  
**CHAPTER 15, BUILDINGS AND**  
**CONSTRUCTION AT SECTION**  
**15.25.020 WATER SYSTEM**  
**DISCONNECTION PAYMENT**  
**REQUIRED**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Crawford adopting Ordinance #2014-9-15-C, Amending City of Vandalia Municipal Code At Chapter 15, "Buildings & Construction" At Section 15.25.020 Water System Disconnection Payment Required.

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

**APPROVAL FOR PAY ESTIMATE #1**  
**TO PLUM CONCRETE CREATIONS**  
**FOR CEMETERY BUILDING**  
**PROJECT:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Lester approving Pay Estimate #1 to Plum Concrete Creations in the amount of \$23,179.05 for the new Cemetery Building.

Grant funds will be used for all of the costs associated with the building.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO**  
**SIGN LOAN PAPERWORK FROM**  
**LAND OF LINCOLN FOR NEW FIRE**  
**TRUCK:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel authorizing Mayor Gottman to sign the loan paperwork from Land of Lincoln for the new 2015 aerial ladder fire truck in the amount of \$710,163.00. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TIF ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2014:**

A motion was made by Crawford and seconded by N. Clark approving the TIF Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE APPROVING A  
CERTAIN TAX INCREMENT  
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA  
AND VANDALIA PARK DISTRICT  
FOR \$400,000.00:**

After some discussion on awarding the Vandalia Swimming Pool TIF funds, a motion was made by Alderwoman Crawford and seconded by Stunkel to give the Vandalia Swimming Pool \$400,000.00.

Alderman Swarm said that the city has a lot of other commitments and we do not want to run short.

Alderman N. Clark said that TIF money belongs to the citizens of Vandalia but unfortunately we do not have \$400,000 to give.

Alderwoman Crawford said that the city gave Vandalia School District \$65,000 a year for five years for the all weather track at the high school so we should be willing to help the community swimming pool.

A roll call vote was taken: Crawford, yea; Hobler, nay; Stunkel, yea; Beesley, nay; Lester, nay; N. Clark, yea; Swarm, nay. Motion failed.

Brian Stout was present representing the Vandalia Park District. He told the council that the park district has applied for a state Park & Recreational Facility Construction grant, with the maximum grant award being 80% of the total project cost.

Stout said, If the district receives full funding from the state, the district would not need to use TIF funding.

**ORDINANCE #2014-9-15-D:**  
**APPROVING A CERTAIN TAX**  
**INCREMENT DEVELOPMENT**  
**AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN**  
**THE CITY OF VANDALIA AND**  
**VANDALIA PARK DISTRICT FOR**  
**\$315,000.00**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Hobler granting them \$315,000.00 which was the recommendation from the TIF Advisory Committee with a provision that if the Park District receives a grant that would pay for 80% of the project that would take away the TIF obligation.

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

**ORDINANCE #2014-9-15-E:**  
**APPROVING A CERTAIN TAX**  
**INCREMENT DEVELOPMENT**  
**AGREEMENT CITY OF VANDALIA**  
**AND DENNIS & DEBBIE GRUBAUGH**

A request from Dennis Grubaugh for \$28,000 of TIF funds to go towards the roof repair on the old bowling alley. Grubaugh estimated that the cost of replacing the existing roof, soffit, fascia and guttering on the existing structure would cost \$68,134.00.

Alderman Lester said that he had questions about some of these values. Lester felt that the value is inflated.

Lester said that he took a look at the building and thought the roof could be done for \$24,000.00.

Lester said he felt that there was not enough information to make a decision.

Beesley said he received a call from an individual who does roof work and that contractor was very concerned that these numbers were off a bit, too.

After much discussion a motion was made Lester and seconded by Hobler approving \$15,000.00 TIF funds for Grubaugh.

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE  
MATERIALS TO REPAIR TWO  
AERATORS FOR WWTP:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded Hobler giving authorization to purchase materials to repair two aerators for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$4,810.00.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC  
WORKS TO REPLACE WATER LINE  
ON SOUTH SEVENTH STREET FROM  
TOWER STREET TO DEAD END:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Swarm authorizing the Public Works Department to replace a water line on South Seventh St. from Tower St. to dead end. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the new fire truck will be delivered tomorrow evening.

The fire truck will be on display for the public to view during the Grande Levee on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gottman says the issue has been brought to his attention recently about different groups using road blocks for fundraising; especially the one at Sunset and Veterans.

Mayor Gottman is asking for input from the public on their views.

Mayor Gottman says one issue for the city is that they are permitted by the state.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be attending the Illinois Municipal League meeting on Saturday in Chicago.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

City Clerk Bowen reported that the City of Vandalia received their first installment on real estate taxes from the county in the amount of \$447,720.02 in addition to the TIF District #1 in the amount of \$332,825.36 and TIF District #2 in the amount of \$91,117.84.

Bowen reported that she will be attending a workshop at the Fayette County Clerk's Office in regard to the Consolidated Election to be held on April 7, 2015.

Bowen reported that the first day to circulate petitions for the April 7<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Election will be September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone interested can pick up a packet from her office next week. The first day to file will be December 15<sup>th</sup> thru December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**CITY HIRES NEW POLICE OFFICER:**

Police Chief Jeff Ray announced that Dustin Cade has been hired as the city police officer and that he will be going through the Illinois State Police Academy.

**STATUS ON LITTLE RED CABOOSE:**

Swarm asked the status on the Little Red Caboose.

Mayor Gottman said that work on the caboose has started and that the Assistant States Attorney Amanda Ade-Harlow is keeping close tabs on the case, to make sure the family members do the work promised though negotiations.

**N. CLARK SHARES PHOTO OF PICTURE OF NEW CEMETERY BUILDING:**

N. Clark shared a picture he took of the new cemetery building. They hope to have it finished by the end of October.



**APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED  
FOR PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE:**

Stunkel said that applications are being accepted for the position in the Public Works Department until Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be picked up in the City Clerk's Office.

**COMPLAINTS ABOUT IDNR AT  
VANDALIA LAKE:**

Lester said that he has received complaints about the enforcement practices of the IDNR from boaters and campers at Vandalia Lake.

Several said that they would not come back to the Vandalia Lake due to the attitude and rudeness they encountered.

The council agreed to have Mayor Gottman and Chairman of the Lake Committee Mike Hobler talk to officials with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources about these complaints.

**VANDALISM AT LINCOLN LOOP  
WALKING PATH:**

Mayor Gottman reported that the concrete pillars in the City Park near the Lincoln Loop Walking Path had been vandalized with paint, and that the city agreed to provide the paint and an employee to deal with the graffiti.

**CITIZEN'S CONCERNS:**

Chip & Jane Berger addressed the council with concerns they have at her business at 511 W. Orchard St.

Mayor Gottman will have the City Attorney look into the matter.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business a motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Beesley to adjourn. Motion carried.









