

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
August 7,2015**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gottman called the Special Council Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.

ROLL CALL: Jerry Swarm, Dorothy Crawford, Joel Rebbe, B. John Clark, Russ Stunkel, Ken Hubler and Mike Hobler were present. Andy Lester was absent.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: The purpose of the meeting was to declare a State Of Emergency in Vandalia due to the collapse of buildings at the intersection of Gallatin and Fifth Streets on August 4, 2015. A copy of the "Declaration Of State Of Emergency" is attached to these minutes.

The Council passed Ordinance 2015-8-7-A, an Ordinance Granting Extraordinary Power And Authority To The Mayor During A State Of Emergency. A copy of the ordinance is attached.

Due to the circumstances, it was in the public interest and the safety of the citizens to empower the Mayor to make decisions and take actions as deemed necessary to secure public health and welfare.

City Attorney Johnston explained that statutorily the power and authority cannot be given to the Council, it must go to the Mayor.

Under a "State of Emergency" the clean-up and removal of the buildings will not be put out for bids. It is unknown at this time what the cost will be. There are presently at least eleven liens against the property.

It was suggested that the City contact the railroad to request the trains observe a slow-down through town until the buildings are demolished.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Crawford to approve Ordinance 2015-8-7-A.

Roll Call Vote: Hobler , yea; Swarm, yea; Lester, absent; Rebbe, yea; Hubler, yea; Clark, yea; Crawford, yea and Stunkel, yea. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being nothing further to bring before the Council, a motion was made by B.John Clark and seconded by Hobler to adjourn. Motion carried.

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