

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

November 2, 2015
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: Swarm, Hubler, Rebbe, B. John Clark, Crawford, Lester and Stunkel. Hobler was absent.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the October 19, 2015 City Council Meeting. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Swarm approving the regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A copy of the Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Mayor Gottman pointed out that payments have not been received from the state due to the state budget issues.

Mayor Gottman said that the budget problem is affecting the entire state.

Because of that, Mayor Gottman said that the city is having to work on reducing its expenses.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark approving all Special Bills: Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association in the amount of \$147,206.07 for the 2016 insurance contribution; Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$22,203.50 for patch mix & HFE-300; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$3,652.20 for electric at Police Department; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$12,488.50 for payment on fire truck; David King in the amount of \$1,570.86 for TIF reimbursement; U.S. Bancorp. In the amount of \$29,562.38 for November & December payment on water meters; Brenntag Mid South in the amount of \$6,543.30 for chemical supplies; Cedarchem, LLC in the amount of \$10,909.08 for cedarclear for disposal plant. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2015-11-02-A:
RATIFYING ACCEPTANCE OF THE
LOW BID AS SUBMITTED FOR
ELECTRICAL SERVICE**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hubler adopting Resolution #2015-11-2-A, Ratifying Acceptance Of The low bid as submitted for electrical service with Direct Energy.

A roll call vote was taken: Stunkel, yea; Hubler, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Swarm, yea; Crawford, yea; Rebbe, yea; Lester, yea; Hobler, absent. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF EFFLUENT PUMP FOR
SEWER PLANT:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the purchase of a replacement effluent pump for the sewer plant in the amount of \$8,458.29 from Vandevanter Engineering. The replacement includes a 5 year warranty. Motion carried. The city also received a quote to rebuild the current pump with a 1 year warranty in the amount of

\$7,515.84.

ORDINANCE #2015-11-02-B:
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF
THE IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM
CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Stunkel adopting Ordinance #2015-11-02-B, Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement in the amount of \$147,206.07.

Clerk Bowen said that the amount the city paid last year was \$142,728.17. An increase of \$4,477.60.

The reason for the increase was due to the purchase of the new fire truck and a payroll increase of 11% rate for workers compensation.

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

RESOLUTION #2015-11-02-C:
AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF
AUDIO RECORDINGS OF CLOSED
MEETING SESSIONS

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hubler adopting Resolution#2015-11-02-C, Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings Of Closed Meeting Sessions.

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

APPROVAL OF BID FOR PRESSURE
WASHER FOR THE CITY GARAGE:

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the bid from D & R Cleaning Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$3,100.00 for a pressure washer for the City Garage. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BID FOR ASPHALT
HOT BOX FOR STREET DEPARTMENT:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Hubler approving the bid from Paving Maintenance Supply (PMS) of Chandler, AZ. in the amount of \$12,350.00 for an asphalt hot box to replace a homemade piece of equipment that the Public Works Department has been using for several years. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman reported that IDOT has given the city the authority to move forward with improvements on the Fifth & Sixth Street crossings.

Some of the improvements include curbing, signage and road painting.

The city will be responsible to pay for the road painting which is estimated to cost about \$1,000.00.

Mayor Gottman reported that he attended the New Business After Hour Social Hour on Thursday, October 22nd at the Vandalia Country Club.

Mayor Gottman attended the South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission Meeting on October 27th. Mayor Gottman said that he will be on the Executive Board of that organization.

Mayor Gottman also attended the business after hours at Octochem.

Mayor Gottman attended the Illinois South Tourism Bureau Meeting on October 28th in Swansea.

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked everyone involved in the annual Lions Club Halloween Parade.

Mayor Gottman attended the Kaskaskia Community College update meeting. Mayor Gottman reported that the enrollment is down at the college as it is in most of the junior colleges across the state.

Mayor Gottman attended the Vandalia Chamber of Commerce Board of Director's Meeting today.

The 200th birthday for the City of Vandalia will be coming up in 2019. Plans will begin shortly for that.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Beautification Committee will meet tomorrow in City Hall.

Mayor Gottman said that he has had a lot of people ask about the Thrill Hill Bridge, but at this time the City of Vandalia does not have the money to rebuild it.

Mayor Gottman said that he has been working with the state senator and representative's office to see if we can obtain some emergency funding for the bridge.

The cost to rebuild the bridge is between \$500,000-\$600,000

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Swarm announced that the Water & Sewer Committee will hold a meeting on Monday, November 9th at 4:00 P.M. at City Hall to review the preliminary plans for the new Water Plant.

Mayor Gottman reported that the Vandalia Fire Department was responding to Brownstown for mutual aid assistance when a front tire blew, causing damage to the truck.

Mayor Gottman said that the Fire Chief, Keith Meadows will be replacing tires on some of the trucks for safety reasons.

Mayor Gottman reported that Sexton, David Wodtka will be out for a while due to a broken ankle. Marlin Filer will be handling those duties while David is out.

Mayor Gottman reported that the city received some paper work from the DCEO on a project. Paslay filled out the necessary paperwork and sent it in. We will see how that goes.

Crawford reminded everyone that Olde Tyme Christmas is set for Friday, November 13th & 14th. Everyone please plan to attend.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Stunkel asked if there was anything new on the property where the collapsed buildings stood.

Mayor Gottman said that he is trying to find out how the ownership works and if we can end up with it.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Dennis Grubaugh addressed the council asking if the city had considered combining the Vandalia Lions Club Halloween Parade with the Fall Festival, as a way of keeping visitors in town longer.

Mayor Gottman said that he would have the Tourism Committee look into that.

Grubaugh asked what the city's position on the repairs to the exposed walls of their buildings.

Mayor Gottman said that he didn't know if the city would pay for any repairs to the exposed walls at this time.

Mayor Gottman said that the city has done what we're going to do on that property.

We had to remove the buildings because they were unsafe. We didn't tear anything up.

Mayor Gottman told him along with Carroll Haynes who owns the building to the south that they can apply for TIF monies. It can be reviewed, that will be up to the two of you as owners. It will be looked at by the city government. You can use whoever you want or anything on your buildings.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 8:16 P.M. FOR LEGAL
PENDING LITIGATION:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel to move into Executive Session at 8:16 P.M. for legal pending litigation.

Roll call: Swarm, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hubler, yea; Crawford, yea; Rebbe, yea; Lester, yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS ENDS AT
9:32 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 9:32 P.M.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT
9:33 P.M.:**


Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 9:33 P.M. with a roll call: Hubler, yea; Lester, yea; Crawford, yea; Swarm, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Stunkel, yea; Rebbe, yea.

**NOTHING TO REPORT OUT OF
EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no action taken from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by B. John Clark
and seconded by Hubler to adjourn.
Motion carried.


CITY CLERK