

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

February 6, 2017
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: Hubler, Lester, B. John Clark, Hobler, Stunkel and Swarm. Crawford and Rebbe were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Richard "Dickey" Shanks, father of Executive Assistant LaTisha Paslay; Ernie Chappel, Past President of the First National Bank; Ruby Wodtka, mother of former employee David Wodtka; Kathy Sanders, a former co-owner of a downtown business.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the January 16, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Special Bills as listed: Civic Systems LLC in the amount of \$5,465.00 for semi annual fees; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund in the amount of \$17,470.89 for accelerated payment for Barbara McCart; Expansion Solutions in the amount of \$2,000 for ½ page of advertising; Hurst Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$13,349.71 Capital Improvements on Thrill Hill Bridge and 5Th & Randolph Project; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$8,287.44 for street lights; Julie Inc. in the amount of \$2,502.91 for annual transmittals; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$12,488.50 for fire truck payment; Morton Salt in the amount of \$8,880.17 for bulk salt; South Central FS Effingham in the amount of \$1,704.50 for supplies; State of Illinois Treasurer in the amount of \$41,031.28 for Randolph & Fifth St. project; Centraz Industries in the amount of \$3,060.00 for chemical supplies; U.S. Bancorp in the amount of \$14,781.19 for water meters; Brenntag in the amount of \$13,792.00 for chemical supplies; Kaskaskia Springs Water Company in the amount of \$2,051.20 for water; Vandevanter Engineer, Inc. in the amount of \$1,649.00 to repair 330 pump for the Quadplex lift station. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2017-2-6-A:
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT
PUBLIC AUCTION:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Stunkel authorized the public auction for a 2007 Chev. Impala and a 1998 Chev. ½ ton pickup.

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

**LAKE LOT #1A TRANSFER FROM
MARY SUE RUOT, VANDALIA TO
DATON SCOTT, BROWNSTOWN:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the transfer of Lake Lot #1A from Mary Sue Ruot, Vandalia to Daton Scott, Brownstown. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman reported that the Vandalia Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held this past Saturday Evening.

Congratulations to Jerry Swarm and Charles Barenfanger who were presented the Abe Awards at this year's banquet.

Mayor Gottman reported to the council that there is a Supreme Court ruling on temporary signs.

Mayor Gottman said in light of the ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of Reed vs the town in Gilbert, AZ. the City needed to take a closer look at their own temporary sign ordinance. Ryan Connor, the City's attorney was asked to review the ordinance and come back with recommendations.

Mayor Gottman reported that the Police Pension is working with Corrigan-Jones Investment Firm in regard to investments to increase the amount of revenues coming into the Police Pension Fund.

Mayor Gottman recognized those who were instrumental in representing the City of Vandalia at the St. Louis RV Show in the St. Louis Convention Center: Walt & Paula Barenfanger, Bryan Stout, Steve Barker, Mary Truitt and Joyce Mueller.

Mayor Gottman announced that on January 25th, he attended the Illinois South Tourist Bureau Meeting.

Mayor Gottman announced that the interim Site Supervisor at the Vandalia Statehouse, Kim Lake will be bringing back the Grande Levee on June 16-17th.

Mayor Gottman & Bryan Stout will be attending a tourism meeting in Springfield next month.

Mayor Gottman said that the County Board had reached out to get a meeting set up with the County Economic Development Committee. He along with Stout attended a meeting on January 24th. It was a very well attended meeting at the county. Mayor Gottman said that they were going to have a meeting at the end of the month with all the mayors in the county to try to bring the county and everyone together working on the same path.

Mayor Gottman announced that Randy Meyer-Meyer Oil has withdrew all requests for any liquor license.

Burger King has opted to renew its lease with Randy Meyer-Meyer Oil.

Mayor Gottman attended the South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission in Salem on January 27th.

Mayor Gottman announced that he met with Kim Taylor from Fayco. They are wanting to talk about recycling and what can be done in Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman said, that he will have Ken Hubler, Chairman of Landfill Committee to call a meeting where we will invite Karen Sanders, Kim Taylor, and David Doty and the Landfill Committee along with any council

member who wished to attend.

The building on Veterans Avenue owned by Fayco has been sold to Mike Wehrle.

Mayor Gottman reported that Vandalia will be celebrating Lincoln's Birthday on the weekend of February 10th & 11th.

The Family YMCA will be holding their Grand Raffle 2017 on Saturday, March 25th at the YMCA of Fayette County.

A copy of the Code Official's Report is included in your packet.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Clerk Peggy Bowen announced that the second council meeting in February will be held on Tuesday, February 21st due to the city offices being closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents Day.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

B. John Clark reported that the Street Committee met this evening with Public Works Director, Marlin Filer to discuss the deteriorating structure used for road salt storage. The committee authorized Filer to meet with the city's building official Dan Barenfanger to work on plans for a replacement structure.

Swarm announced that the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting will hold a Work Session on Monday, February 13th at 7:00 P.M. in council chambers to discuss the river intake and possible upgrades to the Water Plant.

Mayor Gottman recognized Police Chief Jeff Ray, Brad Ledbetter and Blaine Redman along with the Fayette County Sheriff's Office for their part in the drug seizure of more than 60 pounds of cannabis at the Economy Inn.

Hobler announced that a Lake Committee Meeting will be held tomorrow at 3:00 P.M.

Stout reported that he attended the ICS event in Clayton, Mo. with real estate developers and economic development directors from the area.

Stout announced that he attended the inauguration of President Donald Trump in Washington, D.C.

Mayor Gottman also recognized Zac Kopp who serves as the Code Official for the city and Dan Barenfanger, Building Inspector for the city. They have done a great job for the short time they have been on board.

AUDIENCE :

Terri Towler who owns a piece of property at 1116 N. Fifth Street addressed the council about a water complaint and request for policy changes.

ADJOURNMENT :

There being nothing further to discuss a motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Hubler to adjourn. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK

