

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 17, 2017

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the corrected minutes from the April 3, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Special Bills as presented: Municipal Electronics in the amount of \$2,315.00 for equipment for the Police Department; Illinois Dept. of Employment Security in the amount of \$6,093.07 for 1st quarter employment security; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$3,634.38 for street lights; Banner Fire Equipment in the amount of \$119,428.26 for SCBA fire gear; Dennis Grubaugh in the amount

of \$14,900.00 for TIF Reimbursement; First United Methodist Church in the amount of \$9,125.00 for TIF reimbursement; Rick Cripe in the amount of \$11,624.64 for TIF reimbursement; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$1,507.65 for fuel; HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$1,723.50 for adj rings; Vandalia City Garage in the amount of \$1,921.00 for maintenance to equipment; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$6,278.08 for chemicals; Direct Energy in the amount of \$18,049.04 for electric; Kaskaskia Springs Water in the amount of \$2,125.00 for water expense; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Treasurer's Report as submitted. A copy of the Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

**STREET COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES FROM APRIL 3, 2017:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Street Committee Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2017 as submitted. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS
TO SELL TWO (2) VACANT LOTS:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford authorizing the city to begin seeking bids on two vacant lots. The lots include 1026 W. St. Louis Ave. and 414 W. Jefferson St., Vandalia, Il. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CHEMICALS BIDS
FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT-FY
2018:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford approving the low bids on chemicals for the Water Treatment Plant-FY 2018. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CHEMICALS BIDS
FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT
PLANT:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford approving the low bids on chemicals for the Waste Water Treatment Plant for FY 2018. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman reported that he along with Brian Stout will be attending the Illinois TIF Conference this week.

Mayor Gottman will be attending the Illinois Municipal League Meeting next week.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

B. John Clark reported that the Street Committee met this evening to discuss landscape waste; an ordinance regarding easements/driveways and further discussion on the salt building which will be a cover structure which would be much more economical.

Swarm reported that two pumps are in the terminal lift. They are waiting on the new control panel for that terminal.

Hubler announced that the Cemetery & Landfill Committee will meet on Monday, April 24th at 4:30 pm in City Council Chambers to discuss recycling.

Mayor Gottman is working on getting bids for the replacement of the front windows in City Hall.

Hobler announced that the Vandalia Lake Campgrounds will be opening soon.

Stunkel announced that the Personnel Committee met to do interviews for the replacement at the Water Treatment Plant.

It was the recommendation from the committee to hire Alex Redman for the position.

**MAYOR GOTTMAN HONORS
ALDERMAN JERRY SWARM & JOHN
MOYER:**

Alderman Jerry Swarm was honored during the council Meeting when Mayor Gottman honored Swarm with a plaque who served the city as Alderman in Ward I from 1985 to 1997 and then again from 2006 to 2017 as well as his countless hours of work for the City of Vandalia.

Also, honored was John Moyer for his time serving as Alderman on the council in Ward IV from 1989-2002 before becoming the Public Works Director.

Alderman Swarm told the council along with the public that "it has been a pleasure and an honor to have served for these years." He said, "I'm going to miss it, and I know I'm leaving it in good hands."

AUDIENCE CONCERNS:

Travis Towler had a complaint about the one way traffic sign is too high on the post and not easily seen at the dog park on Madison Street.

Towler also had a complaint that people using the dog park are not complying with the city's leash law.

Mayor Gottman said he would have Marlin Filer and the PD to look into it.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 7:53 P.M.:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Hubler to move into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. under 5ILCS120/2 personnel.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:29 P.M.:

Executive Session ended at 8:29 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT 8:31 P.M.:

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:31 p.m. with a roll call: B. John Clark, yea; Crawford, yea; Lester, yea; Hobler, yea; Stunkel, yea; Swarm, yea; Hubler, yea;

NO ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no action taken from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hubler to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK

