

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Gottman called the Special Council Meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: Hobler, Stunkel, B. John Clark, Hubler, Crawford, Barker. Rebbe & Lester were absent.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark Adopting Ordinance # 2017-7-27-A, An Ordinance Making The Annual Appropriations For The Fiscal Year Beginning On The First Day Of May 2017, And Ending On The Thirtieth Day of April 2018.

The total budget is \$9,043,229.00. There were three funds in the red: The Motor Fuel Tax Fund in the amount of \$105,657.00; Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$620,950.00 and Tourism Fund in the amount of \$38,900.00.

Mayor Gottman said that they do have the funds to cover the overall budget deficit which adds up to \$682,503.00.

Alderman Hobler questioned the deficit spending, saying if the city cannot afford it why are we doing it? Hobler said that he would prefer to hold off. Mayor Gottman pointed out they do have the reserve dollars to cover the deficits. Mayor Gottman has concerns with the roads deteriorating if they do not do more street oiling this year. Mayor Gottman mentioned in Capital Improvement Fund that the Thrill Hill Bridge could end up over a period of two years but it's all included in this year's budget. Mayor Gottman also pointed out that just because it's in the budget doesn't mean they will actually spend the total dollars, but he would rather have it in the budget and be prepared.

Roll Call: Barker, yea; Hubler, yea; Crawford, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hobler, yea; Clark, yea; Rebbe & Lester were absent. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE OF VACATION: A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving Ordinance #2017-7-27-B, An Ordinance of Vacation, it is situated in the City of Vandalia, a dedicated public right of way known as Jackson Street and described portion of Jackson Street has never been opened and has been used by owners of adjacent property as though owned by them described as:

All that part of Jackson Street extending Westerly 511.74 feet from Locust Street, lying between Out Lot 98 and Out Lot 99 of the original 12 acre Out Lots of the City of Vandalia.

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

REQUEST FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR CLOSURE OF FLETCHER STREET: A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the request from the Vandalia Chamber of Commerce that West Fletcher Street be closed between Vandalia Jr. High School & the Pit Baseball Field on August 11, 2017 from 3:00 pm-9:00 pm for a "Back to School Bash". Motion carried.

W A N D TO VISIT VANDALIA: Mayor Gottman reported that WAND in Decatur, Il. will be visiting Vandalia on Wednesday, August 2nd to spotlight some of the historical sites in Vandalia to promote tourism.

ADJOURNMENT: There being nothing further to discuss a motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Crawford to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Peggy Bowen
City Clerk