

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

January 7, 2013
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: Lester, Swarm, Stunkel, Neil Clark, B. John Clark, Beesley and Hobler. Rhodes was absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Everett Jarrett who passed away last week. Mr. Jarrett was a former business owner in Vandalia.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving the minutes from the December 17, 2012 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

Neil Clark asked that Clerk Bowen explain the mandated fee that the city is required to pay for the cemetery.

Bowen explained to the council that the State of Illinois passed a new law requiring municipalities to pay a \$150.00 fee under the provisions of the Cemetery Oversight Act.

Bowen said that she submitted a hardship letter along with detailed ledger reports, photographs of aged vehicles used by the cemetery employees and pictures of the dilapidated building that the sexton and cemetery crew must work out of.

Bowen received a reply from the Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulations stating that they would waive the fee for South Hill and the Old State Burial Cemetery due to the amount of burials but could not justify waiving the fees for Fairlawn.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Special Bills as presented: Burnside, Johnston, Sheafor in the amount of \$12,178.12 for legal fees; First National Bank in the amount of \$18,700.18 for payment of 2009 dump truck; Kehrer Bros. Construction in the amount of \$25,372.93 for pay application #2 for the police station roof replacement; Brenntag Mid South Inc., in the amount of \$17,840.58 for chemical supplies; Direct Energy in the amount of \$11,420.04 for electric. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the Zoning Board Of Adjustments Meeting of November 28, 2012. Motion carried.

**LAKE LOT #4 TRANSFER FROM
MARGARET & MIKE WINGARD TO
STEPHANIE REDFORD:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the transfer of Lake Lot #4 from Margaret and Mike Wingard, Decatur, Il. to Stephanie Redford, Collinsville, IL. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**LAKE LOT #6 TRANSFER FROM
GEORGE & VIVIAN GRIMES TO
ROGER BOKER:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the transfer of Lake Lot #6 from George & Vivian Grimes, Ramsey, IL to Roger Boker, Granite City, IL. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL TABLES AGREEMENT
FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY &
SITE LOCATION PARTNERSHIP:**

A motion was made by Beesley & seconded by Stunkel to table a resolution approving an agreement for Economic Development services between the City of Vandalia and Site Location Partnership. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION
#2 TO KEHRER BROTHERS
CONSTRUCTION:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Lester approving Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$25,372.93 to Kehrer Brothers for the roof replacement at the Police Station. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2013-1-7-A:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE NATIONAL ROAD
ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS AND
CUMBERLAND COUNTY:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Stunkel adopting Resolution #2013-1-7-A, Approving An Agreement Between the National Road Association Of Illinois And Cumberland County Highway Department and Cumberland County.

Swarm said that this will allow at least one National Road kiosk in Vandalia.

Swarm explained that the group initiated its plans for informational kiosks about a decade ago.

Roll Call: Stunkel, yea; Hobler, yea; Beesley, yea; Lester, yea; N. Clark, yea; Swarm, abstain, B. John Clark, yea; Rhodes, absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2013-1-7-B:
ENTER INTO AN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
WITH ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE
COMPTRROLLER:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving Resolution #2013-1-7-B, Entering Into An Intergovernmental Agreement With Illinois Office Of The Comptroller.

City Clerk Peggy Bowen explained to the council that the Local Debt Recovery Program is designed for local government to bring in revenue that is already owed to the municipality.

ORDINANCE #2013-1-7-C:
ELECTRIC AGGREGATION TO BE
ON APRIL 9TH CONSOLIDATED
ELECTION BALLOT

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel adopting Ordinance #2013-1-7-C, Providing For the Submission To the Electors Of The City of Vandalia, Fayette Co., Illinois, Question Whether City Should Have The Authority Under Public Act 096-0176 To Arrange For Supply Of Electricity For Residential And Small Commercial Retail Customers Of City of Vandalia Who Have Not Opted Out Of Such Program.

Roll Call: Swarm, yea; N. Clark, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hobler, yea; Beesley, yea; Lester yea; B. John Clark, yea; Rhodes, absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2013-1-7-D:
APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL
ENERGY CONSULTING SERVICES
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
OF VANDALIA AND GOOD ENERGY,
L.P.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel Adopting Resolution #2013-1-7-D, Approval Of Professional Energy Consulting Services Agreement Between The City of Vandalia And Good Energy, L.P.

Roll Call: Beesley, yea; Swarm, yea; Lester, yea; Hobler, yea; N. Clark, yea; Stunkel, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Rhodes, absent. Motion carried.

4TH - 6TH STREET UPDATE:

Mayor Gottman reported as soon as weather permits construction work will begin on the Fourth Street project.

REPORTS:

City Clerk Peggy Bowen reported that the temporary help for the Clerk's Office started today.

Melinda Garrison will be helping out while Alyssa Matar is out on maternity leave.

Bowen reported that she is finalizing the certification of ballot for the Consolidated Election to be held on April 9, 2013.

Bowen reported that the Vandalia Correctional Center is current on their water and sewer bill at this time.

Bowen publicly thanked Senator John O. Jones along with others who were instrumental in seeing that the City of Vandalia receives their money.

Bowen said that she will be working with her new contact in Springfield with the help from Senator Jones.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Beesley reported that the Water & Sewer Committee will meet on Monday, January 21st at 1:00 P.M. in City Hall.

Swarm asked if there was something that could be done about panhandlers that hang out at Veterans & Kennedy, collecting money from those driving by. Mayor Gottman said that there is. They can do so by enforcing both a city ordinance and through the Illinois Vehicle Code statutes.

Swarm reported that he went out to his lake lot over the weekend, and noticed four wheeler tracks on the lake dam hillside.

Swarm told the council that the city has too much invested in the dam for individuals to do this.

Attorney Jack Johnston suggested that nearby residents notify the police anytime they hear four wheelers in that area.

Lester said that Sgt. Jeff Ray brought to his attention the concern of possible mold or mildew on the west wall in the Public Safety Building.

Lester said that the mold damage was caused by leaks and believes that Kehrer Brothers should pay for the work done on the wall.

Lester received a quote from Andy Vaughn in the amount of \$442.50 and \$600.00 from Ritchey Painting for repairs to the west wall.

Lester said that Sgt. Ray reported to him that a large piece of ice had slid off the back of the Public Safety Building roof and asked for permission from the council to have Scott Hunt look into the availability of ice hooks for the roof.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman reported that he had several of the laborers and garage workers pleased with the council taking care of the union contract.

Mayor Gottman stated that in the personnel manual, it allows for our employees to continue their education at the expense of the city.

LaTisha Paslay who serves as the city's Executive Secretary is requesting to take two classes through Kaskaskia College. One of the classes is Accounting 102 and Math 136.

It was the recommendation of Mayor Gottman and the consensus of the council giving her permission to do so.

Mayor Gottman provided each elected official with a copy of the 2013 legislative proposal for consideration.

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with Sally Emerick have been reappointed to the Tourism Bureau Illinois Board.

Mayor Gottman announced that two new businesses have located downtown. Wildlands Outdoor Equipment and D & S IT Solutions.

Mayor Gottman announced that Senator Kyle McCarter has closed his district offices in Highland and Decatur and has opened a new office in downtown Vandalia in the former location of Vandalia Real Living Real Estate.

ADJOURNMENT :

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

