

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 7, 2013
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 were: Neil Clark, Beesley, Crawford, Swarm, Lester, B. John Clark and Stunkel. Hobler was absent from the meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Margaret Adermann, mother of former fire chief Merle Adermann and Linda England, former crossing guard for the City of Vandalia.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Crawford approving the minutes from the September 16, 2013 as presented with the addition of an opinion to be attached to the minutes from Neil Clark in reference to the increase in water and sewer rates. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL COUNCIL BILLS:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Special Bills as presented: IML in the amount of \$10,008.59 for 2013 Min/Max Loss Bill; Direct Energy in the amount of \$15,078.49 for electric; Terracon Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$3,680.00 for Lab Data for Emerick Properties and Sampling & Analysis Plan for Wehrle Properties; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,700.15 for street lights; Illinois Director Of Employment in the amount of \$2,873.81 for 3rd quarter 2013 unemployment taxes; Ted & Angie Thompson in the amount of \$11,549.55 for TIF reimbursement; First National Bank in the amount of \$177,165.63 for 2007 G O Bond Payment; Hurst Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$3,924.98 on the Fifth Street Project; Vandalia Country Club in the amount of \$9,428.43 for 2013 lease agreement; City of Vandalia Water & Sewer Adm. in the amount of \$1,501.06 for postage; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$2,874.00 for sewer solvent; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$27,418.89 for chemical supplies; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM
WILL BALDOCK FOR WILLY'S DRIVE-
IN RESTAURANT:**

Will Baldock is requesting a beer and wine license for Willy's Drive-In.

Baldock is actually interested in the gaming terminals but to have the gaming devices he is required by the state to have a liquor license.

This was the first reading for the request. The license will be voted on at the October 21st council meeting.

APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2013:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF HACH BENCH SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Service agreement with Hach Bench in the amount of \$615.00 for a new piece of equipment. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2013-10-7-A: APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA & MORAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LLC:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel adopting Resolution #2013-10-7-A, Approving An Agreement For Technical Services And Assistance Between The City of Vandalia and Moran Economic Development, LLC.

The consultant shall be compensated with the flat fee of \$1,560.00 under this agreement.

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

CLOSURE OF FLETCHER STREET FROM OCTOBER 11, 2013-OCTOBER 13, 2013 FOR ARMED FORCES TRIBUTE WWII & VIETNAM WAR RE-ENACTMENTS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Closure of Fletcher Street Friday, October 11 through Sunday, October 13th, 2013 For "Armed Forces Tribute WWII & Vietnam War Re-Enactments". Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LATISHA PASLAY:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by N. Clark approving the amount of \$2,348.00 for continued education for LaTisha Paslay. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF SIDEWALK
REPLACEMENT BIDS:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Beesley approving the low bid from Sheldon Schulte Construction in the amount of \$21,553.40 to replace 4,400 square foot of sidewalks. The bid is \$4.85 per square foot. Motion carried.

The city received eight bids for the sidewalk replacements.

Cornerstone Concrete Construction-\$6.95 sq. ft; JP Mowing-\$6.50 sq. ft.; Sheldon Schulte-\$4.85 sq. ft.; R. L. Contractors, Inc.-\$8.34 sq. ft.; Mettler Development LLC-\$11.00 sq. ft.; Evans-Mason, Inc.-\$7.22 sq. ft., Precise Construction Services, Inc.-\$8.45 sq. ft.; Eubanks Construction-\$6.25 sq. ft.

**APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT
WITH PITNEY BOWES:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the service agreement with Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$306.00 per quarter for a new postage machine. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2013-10-7-B:
AMENDING CHAPTER 10 VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC AT SECTION
10.16.030 PARKING PROHIBITED OR
CONTROLLED**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark adopting Ordinance #2013-10-7-B, Amending Chapter 10 Vehicles And Traffic At Section 10.16.030 Parking Prohibited or Controlled.

This will allow for one single parking space located on the north side of the Mother of Dolars Catholic Church on St. Clair Street. The space shall be the first space east of the intersection of Seventh & St. Clair Streets.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Alderman Swarm reported that the City of Vandalia received two bids for a new ladder truck.

The bids were open as follows:

Pierce Manufacturing Co. out of Appleton, Wisconsin submitted a bid in the amount of \$798,600.00 for a truck with a 75' aerial ladder. If the city would like to make a 100% pre payment at contract execution a discount of \$24,950.00 would be subtracted from the above sale price resulting in a revised contract price of \$773,650.00.

Delivery is 7½-8½ months from receipt of contract.

KME Fire Apparatus out of Pennsylvania, through Mac's Fire and Safety of Litchfield submitted a bid in the amount of \$720,829.00 for a truck with a 79' aerial ladder.

Mayor Gottman stated that the public safety committee will meet with the officers of the Fire Department.

A meeting was set for Tuesday, October 15th at 4:00 P.M. to review the bids.

Stunkel commended Chief Jeff Ray on his proactive approach in social media with a Vandalia Police Facebook page.

Mayor Gottman asked the council if they would go out for bid for a new squad vehicle. Possibly a four-wheel drive pickup truck.

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Crawford to seek bids for a new squad vehicle. Motion carried.

A dedication ceremony for the newly created Meditation Garden by the Girl Scout Troop No. 382 will be held Saturday, October 12th at 10:00 a.m.

The annual fall event at Vandalia Little Community Garden will be held from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 12th.

There will be several vendors on sight along with local artwork by Lynn Reznick and Lorraine White and homemade pies baked by Nori Pruett.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR
GOTTMAN:**

Mayor Gottman announced that Pioneer Railroad would like to partner with the city on economic development.

Mayor Gottman announced that he has spoken with Rick Cripe and Cripe plans to file all the necessary building permits next week. After that he will have a ground breaking for the theatre.

Pasley reported on Saturday & Sunday October 12th & 13th there will be an Armed Forces Tribute along with World War II and Vietnam War re-enactments in Sonnemann and Greer parks at 1:00 and 3:00 both days.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be attended the IML Board of Directors Meeting next week.

LaTisha Paslay will be attending the Enterprize Zone meeting next week in Decatur, Il.

Josh Berger from the Salem, Il area addressed the council with concern with the synthetic drug problem in the Salem area and asked if Fayette County were experiencing any similar problems with drugs.

Mayor Gottman said that Fayette County Coroner Bruce Bowen is working with Greg Starnes, CEO at Fayette County Hospital on implementing a testing system for synthetic drugs.

Chief Jeff Ray said that it is a problem in Fayette County.

Alderman Neil Clark commended the Leader Union for recognizing the fire fighters in the area.

Fire Prevention Week is observed this week.

Clark also mentioned that Vandalia is a part of the Fayette Mosquito Abatement District. The trustees for the Fayette Mosquito Abatement District are appointed by the Vandalia Township Board of Trustees and he reported that he along with Alderman Russ Stunkel have been appointed to that Board of Trustees along with the reappointment of Gregg Hubler and his mother Doris Hubler.

Alderman B. John Clark reported that they have started work on the old Kroger Building.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 8:29 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark to move into Executive Session under Code 5 ILCS 120/2 at 8:29 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to sale or acquire of land. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Stunkel, yea; Beesley, yea; N. Clark, yea; Swarm, yea; Lester yea; Crawford, yea; B. John Clark, yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 9:19
P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 9:19 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT
9:20 P.M.:**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular meeting at 9:20 p.m. with a roll call: Swarm, yea; Stunkel, yea; Beesley, yea; N. Clark, yea; Crawford, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Lester, yea.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing to report from Executive Session a motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK

