

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

December 16, 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, Hobler and Stunkel.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Ruby Meadows, Step Mother of Keith Meadows, Code Enforcement Official.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving the minutes from the December 2, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL COUNCIL 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 \$2,742.52 for November small cases; Hosick Motors, Inc. in the amount of \$27,647.00 for a 2014 Pickup Truck for Police Dept.; Bodine Electric in the amount of \$\$3,457.98 to replace bad loop detectors at Veterans & Eighth Street; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,946.49 for street

lights; Dennis Young in the amount of \$15,000.00 for TIF reimbursement; First National Bank in the amount of \$99,076.53 for loan payment on the 120 acres on Mattes Avenue; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$5,922.80 for fuel; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$3,119.28 for chemical supplies; Direct Energy in the amount of \$6,071.99 for electric; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

2014 HOLIDAY LIST APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the 2014 Holiday List as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2014 COUNCIL MEETING LIST:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the 2014 Council Meeting List as presented. Motion carried.

MAYOR GOTTMAN APPOINTED AS REPRESENTATIVE DEPONENT IN VANDALIA v. STEVE MABRY, ETAL FAYETTE COUNTY 13-LM-35:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark that Mayor Gottman be appointed as representative deponent pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 206 (a) (1) in the matter of the City of Vandalia v. Mabry, Fayette 13-LM-35. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2012 M.F.T. AUDIT:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the 2012 M.F.T. Audit as submitted. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 2, 2013:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Beesley approving the Water & Sewer Committee Minutes from December 2, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF WEST INTERCHANGE
WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION BIDS:**

The council was presented with two bids for the West Interchange Water and Sewer Extension.

The first bid was a base bid to get the water and sewer extended for the new South Central FS Facility.

The second bid would take the line out further also get the line closer to the line between the City of Vandalia and outside the city limits into the county.

Mayor Gottman said when the Fayette County Board agreed to contribute to the project they requested the line get as close to the county line as possible outside city limits. The extension gets them 320' closer. The extension of the line also would make it available for other businesses to hook onto easier if there is further development in that area.

Hobler said, it's like throwing a quarter in a wishing well. I think there's \$30,000 that could be used well in other areas. Hobler said, he would love to see industry come in out that way. It's always been a bargaining tool in negotiations past as far as us providing that in an agreement on industry, but so far no one is interested in developing that 120 acres.

Swarm said, if we go the extra 320' that's going to be 320' less that we will have to worry about when it does develop.

Hobler said that 320' we will have to maintain and what about a break or something and it's also going to lay dormant.

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester approving the alternate bid for the West Interchange Water & Sewer Extension from Tri-S Excavating, LLC, Odin, Illinois in the amount of \$184,888.40.

A roll call vote was taken: Lester, yea; Hobler, nay; Crawford, nay; Swarm, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Beesley, nay; Stunkel, yea; N. Clark, yea. 5 yea and 3 nay, Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Mayor Gottman praised John Moyer and his crew for doing a great job in getting the wet snow removed in a timely fashion.

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by N. Clark to purchase three gate valves from HD Supply Waterworks, Granite City, Il. in the amount of \$2,025.00 for the Randolph Street Pump Station. Motion carried.

Swarm reported that the 2014 Ram Crew Cab for the Police Department has arrived.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR
GOTTMAN:**

Mayor Gottman reported that Jenny's is closed for the time being. They are doing some renovations. They plan to add a patio and reopen in the near future.

The four cinema theatre is moving along.

The Huddle House opened on Monday, December 9th and things are going well out there.

Embers plan to open mid March.

Now that the Huddle House has opened, Chuck Keller's obligation has been met.

Mayor Gottman reported that on December 12th, an auction was held at Graham Packaging but no bids were received on the building.

COMMENT FROM ALDERMAN CLARK:

Neil Clark remarked that he loves this time of year, the holiday season and this time of year we should reflect on family and friends. Clark was happy to say that I consider everyone sitting around this table and in the audience my friend.

HOLIDAY EVENTS AT THE OLD STATEHOUSE:

Mayor Gottman reported that on Friday, December 13th a new holiday event took place at the Old Statehouse.

The Friends of the Old State Capitol is sponsoring the Christmas event.

The Vandalia Statehouse held its long standing tradition on Saturday, December 14th with a candlelight tour and to the first 100 visitors received a miniature mason jar with a new Lincoln penny attached to the bottom as the Christmas ornament for this year.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Beesley to adjourn. Motion carried.

