

CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

December 2, 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, Swarm, Lester, B. John Clark, and Hobler. Crawford and Stunkel were absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Ross Hill who served as Vandalia's City Cemetery Sexton for many years; also for Steve Hawk, former owner of Old Capital Tree Service.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Neil Clark approving the minutes from the November 18, 2013 Council Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Neil Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Special Bills as presented: Woody's Municipal Supply in the amount of \$1,789.70 for a street sweeper blade; Allen R. Hunter in the amount of \$2,195.09 for 2013 TIF reimbursement; Vandalia Community Schools in the amount of \$65,000.00 for 2013 TIF reimbursement; Vandalia Capitol, LLC in the amount of \$15,000.00 for 2013 TIF reimbursement; South Central FS in the amount of \$42,038.33 for 2013 TIF reimbursement; St. Jacob Winwater Works in the amount of \$2,959.20 for water meters and Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$9,121.84 for water treatment chemicals. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Treasurer's Report as submitted. It was noted that the Sales Tax Revenues were down. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2013-12-2-A:  
TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING MAY 1, 2013 AND  
ENDING APRIL 30, 2014:

A motion was made by Neil Clark and was seconded by B. John Clark adopting Ordinance 2013-12-2-A, Making The Annual Tax Levy For Fiscal Year Beginning On The First Day Of May 2013, And Ending On The Thirtieth Day Of April 2014.

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

ORDINANCE #2013-12-2-B:  
ABATING THE TAX LEVY  
REQUIREMENTS OF  
ORDINANCE 2007-4-16-A:

A motion was made by Swarm and Neil Clark seconded adopting Ordinance 2013-12-2-B, Abating The Tax Levy Requirements Of Ordinance 2007-4-16-A, Otherwise Entitled An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007, Of The City Of Vandalia.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM  
MAYOR GOTTMAN:

Mayor Gottman commended Moyer and the Street Crew for their work handling the leaf situation in town which has cut down on the amount of leaf burning.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Alderman Beesley informed the Council that Water Plant Superintendent Martin Huskey had encountered some problems with the Lake Intake but they have been resolved.

Alderman Beesley announced a Water and Sewer Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Several events are scheduled for this weekend. The Rotary Christmas Parade, bringing Santa Claus to town is on Saturday.

The Candlelight Tour at the Vandalia State House will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Soroptimist Club is sponsoring their annual "Breakfast With Santa" at St. James Lutheran Church from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Gottman informed the Council that the City received a check from Fayette County for \$50,000.00 to be used on the West Interchange Water/Sewer Extension project. He thanked the County Board for their commitment to help to bring development into the City of Vandalia and Fayette County.

Mayor Gottman announced that the "Huddle House" plans to open December 9, 2013.

Ground work has begun on the new four cinema/theater. The developer has sent additional plans to Crawford and Associates for review.

In 2009, when Sloan Implement Co. came to Vandalia, the City had applied for a \$200,000.00 grant from the State of Illinois. Mayor Gottman announced that the City had recently received the grant money and \$100,000.00 went back into

the Revolving Loan Fund, \$50,000.00 went into Capital Improvement Public Works Water and \$50,000.00 went into Capital Improvement Public Works Sewer. He wanted to publicly thank the Legislators and Governor for their work.

Mayor Gottman informed the Council that Senator Kyle McCarter would have liked to be here to announce that the City has received a \$150,000.00 grant through I.D.O.T. It is for "design work only" on the roadway from Jefferson Street to Veteran's Avenue. We will be receiving the engineering agreement from Crawford and Associates.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Beesley and seconded by B. John Clark to adjourn. Motion carried.









