

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 3, 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, Hobler and Stunkel. Lester and B. John Clark were absent from the meeting.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the May 20, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL COUNCIL BILLS:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Hobler approving the Special Bills as presented: ADS Electric in the amount of \$2,846.90 to replace ground anchors; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,783.33 for street light; Ennis Paint in the amount of \$2,079.99 for street paint; Southwestern Electric Co. in the amount of \$ 2,000.00 for construction; St. Jacob Winwater Works in the amount of \$4,844.50

for brass couplings; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$2,874.00 for sewer solvent; Hurst Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$2,010.00 for the Vandalia Water Treatment Plant Roof Replacement; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$8,8,406.56 for chemical supplies; Motion carried.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Tony Lawler spoke for the residents that were present at the council meeting in opposition of the restaurant that Michael & Latisha Mabry plan to operate near Vandalia Lake.

Lawler said it was their understanding that the Mabrys' plan to open a business on property that is zoned single family residence. They wondered if the city is ever going to do anything about it.

Lawler commented that we are really counting on the city to stand up for us.

Mayor Gottman said that the council would be discussing this in executive session later on.

EAGLES CLUB REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR BEER GARDEN ON JUNE 22, 2013:

Donna Hale and Curt Goldsmith representing the Eagles attended the council asking permission for a beer garden.

The special event will take place on June 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

A request from Curt Goldsmith to set up walls with four foot boxes weighing more than 200 pounds each was asked if that would comply with the city codes.

The council agreed to allow the Eagles to use this method.

ORDINANCE #2013-6-3-A:
AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL
PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Beesley adopting Ordinance #2013-6-3-A, Authorizing Sale of Personal Property At Public Auction.

The vehicles will be sold at public auction by Richard DeMent of the Mt. Vernon I-64 Auto Auction.

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

PERSONNEL MEETING MINUTES FROM
MAY 20, 2013:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Personnel Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2013 as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES FROM MAY
20, 2013:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the Public Hearing on May 20, 2013. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 22,
2013:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford approving the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2013 as presented.

AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE
FOUR AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATORS (A.E.D.'S)

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving the purchase of four automated external defibrillators from DXE Medical Inc. of Brentwood, TN. in the amount of \$5,300.00. Motion carried.

Two of the defibrillators will be purchased with funds from the Old Capitol Foundation and two will be bought with city funds.

Chief of Police Jeff Ray said that they would be placed in squad cars.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF KUBOTA
TRACTOR/MOWER FOR CEMETERY:**

N. Clark reported that the city received three bids for a tractor/mower to be used at the cemetery.

Bluff Equipment submitted a bid of \$18,500.00 for a Kubota tractor and originally offered a trade in of \$2,000 on a 2004 New Holland tractor, but after the Cemetery Committee Meeting found out that the power steering hydraulic went out so the trade-in amount lowered to \$1,000.00 raising the purchase price to \$17,500; John Deere submitted a bid of \$21,130.00; Midwest Tractor Sales submitted a bid of \$19,500.00.

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Beesley to accept the bid from Bluff Equipment. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2013-6-3-B:
AMENDING THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL
CODE AT CHAPTER 8.16 GARBAGE
COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL BY THE
ADDITION THERETO OF SECTION
8.16.050 RESIDENTIAL MANDATORY
PICK UP**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel amending Ordinance #2013-6-3-B, The Vandalia Municipal Code At Chapter 8.16 Garbage Collection And Disposal By The Addition Thereto Of Section 8.16.050 Residential Mandatory Pick-up.

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

Mayor Gottman reported that the

DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT:

downtown streetscape project is moving along very well. The target date for completion is set for June 30th

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Beesley reported that the Water & Sewer Committee will meet in the near future to discuss plans for a new water plant.

Chief of Police Jeff Ray reported that three dispatcher's from the Police Department attended a meeting in Greenville for training.

Hobler announced that the Lake Committee will hold a meeting on Saturday, June 8th at 9:00 A.M. at the Marina.

Hobler questioned why there was no full time secretary at the Police Department.

Mayor Gottman replied by saying there is no money in the budget for a fulltime secretary.

Mayor Gottman said that position was cut in 2010 when we had layoffs at the City.

Mayor Gottman referred this off to the Personnel Committee for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR GOTTMAN:

Mayor Gottman announced that he would be meeting Thursday with Byron Sikma about TIF and Enterprise Zone possibilities for South Central FS.

Mayor Gottman told the council that floors have been cut and plumbing will soon be installed at the future Little Caesar's, next to Los Amigos.

Vicki Ellsworth submitted her plans

for the Huddle House and the Embers for review.

Mayor Gottman met with Rick Cripe in regards to the theater. He is still moving forward with that project as soon as the farming is completed.

Mayor Gottman gave a report on the unemployment figures for Fayette County.

Paslay reported on an upcoming event, The National Road Festival that will take place on June 14th and 15th.

Mayor Gottman talked about the Municipal Opt-Out Electricity Aggregation Bid Results.

Homefield was the low bidder at 0.04433/KWH. The bid allows the city to receive \$.001 KW, since the city will not take any fee the rate will be \$0.04333 that will pass the savings on to the residents.

On Wednesday, June 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the Illinois Department of Corrections in partnership with Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation & Illinois Horseman's Benevolent Association presents a "Second Chance Ranch".

This is a program designed to rescue Thorough Horses from slaughter, and provide vocational training in preparation for employment.

Mayor Gottman announced that a Public Hearing will be held prior to the regular council meeting on June 17th at 7:00 p.m. for the city's budget for next year.

**ALDERWOMAN CRAWFORD THANKS
OFFICER'S FOR ASSISTANCE IN 5K
RUN FOR BAND BOOSTERS:**

Crawford publicly thanked the city and a special thank you to Jeff Ray and the two officers who assisted with the 5K run held by the Vandalia Band Boosters on May 25th for traffic control.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 8:20 P.M.:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Beesley to move into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to probable litigation. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Stunkel, yea; Beesley, yea; N. Clark, yea; Swarm, yea; Hobler, yea; Crawford, yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:48
P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:48 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT
8:49 P.M.:**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular meeting at 8:49 p.m. with a roll call: Swarm, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hobler, yea; N. Clark, yea; Crawford, yea.

Alderman Beesley did leave the closed meeting due to a family relationship to the Mabry family.

**CITY TO ENFORCE CITY
ORDINANCES:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the City of Vandalia will be enforcing our city ordinances.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark to adjourn. Motion carried.

