

**CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

October 20, 2014

7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Gottman called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Vandalia City Council to order at 7:30 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all present.

**ROLL CALL:**

Aldermen present were: Swarm, Stunkel, Beesley, N. Clark, Hobler, B. John Clark and Crawford. Lester was absent.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the regular minutes from the October 6, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**REGULAR BILLS:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark approving the regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Special Bills as presented: Environmental Audits & Consultants in the amount of \$4,250.00 for demolition at 604 S. Seventh St.; Il. Director Of Employment in the amount of \$2,995.38 for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter unemployment; Tourism Bureau in the amount of \$5,752.00 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Qt. Commitment for full page ad; Woody's Municipal Supply Co. in the amount of \$2,360.81 for sweeper parts; Midwest

Meter Inc. in the amount of \$1,909.08 for meter locals; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of 19,413.49 for chemical supplies; Direct Energy in the amount of \$6,243.79 for electric; IMRF in the amount of \$5,274.21 for reimbursement for Daniel Brantley; Aeration Industries in the amount of \$2,433.00 for diffuser, kit, etc. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL,  
FINANCE & INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FROM 10-01-14:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel approving the Personnel, Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes from October 1, 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.

**BRUCE BOAZ, JR. TO REPLACE  
STEVE SPARKS AT PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the hiring of Bruce Boaz, Jr. to replace Steve Sparks in the Public Works Department. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF WATER & SEWER  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FROM 10-06-14:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark approving the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR PAY  
ESTIMATE #2 TO PLUM CONCRETE  
FOR CEMETERY BUILDING:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark authorizing payment of Pay Estimate #2 to Plum Concrete Creations for Cemetery Maintenance Building in the amount of \$46,192.84. Motion carried.

**LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM  
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JOHN  
MOYER:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by B. John Clark accepting a letter of retirement from Public Works Director John Moyer effective January 2, 2015. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman along with the City Council praised Moyer for his commitment to the city.

Mayor Gottman stated as the position is a mayoral appointment that he will be bringing a couple names to the table in the near future.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gottman reported that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency has approved the replacement of the two bridges at Fifth & Randolph Street.

The paperwork must be approved by federal historic preservation officials as well.

The council agreed to allow for the detour of US Route 51 north of town to the old path of Rt. 51 while Marathon makes repairs to a line. The work will be done in the near future and Marathon estimates that the project will take 72 hours to complete.

Mayor Gottman announced that Our Sorrowful Mothers Ministry will be hosting a conference in Vandalia on October 31<sup>st</sup> with approximately 300 plus people in town.

Police Chief Jeff Ray reported that the Fayette County Health Department had hosted a meeting concerning the response of area emergency responders in the event of an Ebola case in the county.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Neil Clark reported that the new Cemetery Building is almost completed. They hope to finish it up by the middle of November.

Mayor Gottman said that a ribbon cutting will take place and would like to recognize Rep. John Cavaletto and former Representative Ron Stephens when the project is complete.

Stunkel reported that Bruce Boaz Jr. was recommended from a group of about 50 applicants, with the committee narrowing it down to five.

The Armed Forces Tribute World War II & Vietnam War Re-Enactments took place on October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. The event was well attended.

The Downtown Trick or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The Olde Tyme Christmas will be held on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Downtown Vandalia.

The lighting of the Christmas tree will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> followed by the Annual Rotary Christmas Parade.

The City of Vandalia Tourism Commission would like to invite all Downtown Merchants to participate in the window decorating contest that will coincide with Olde Tyme Christmas. The theme is Christmas Galore!

Mayor Gottman wished to thank the couple who gave him one of the original desks used by one of the aldermen for the City of Vandalia. The desk is on display at City Hall but noted in the minutes the desk was a gift to Rick Gottman personally.

**COUNCIL RECONSIDERS CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSES:**

Alderman B. John Clark asked to bring the ordinance up for reconsideration to allow two more Class A liquor licenses which was rejected at the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Swarm to bring it back for reconsideration.

After much discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Ordinance #2014-10-20-A:

N. Clark, yea; Stunkel, yea; Crawford, yea; Hobler, nay; Beesley, nay; B. John Clark, yea; Swarm, nay. Ordinance passed 4 yea and 3 nay. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:21 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel to move into Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. for personnel matters under Section 5/ILCS120/2.

Roll call: Swarm, yea; Stunkel, yea; Hobler, yea; N. Clark, yea; Beesley, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Crawford, yea;

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:28 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:28 p.m.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT 8:29 P.M.:**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:29 p.m. with a roll call: Hobler, yea; N. Clark, yea; N. Clark, yea; Swarm, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Beesley, yea; Crawford, yea.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing to report from Executive Session a motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to adjourn. Motion carried.

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