

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 6, 2014
7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all 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: Swarm, Beesley, Lester, B.J. Clark, N. Clark, Hobler, Stunkel and Crawford.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Roger Helm, former business owner; Fred Willms, Sr., Father of retired Detective Fred Willms; David Miller, former local attorney and Vernon Meyer, father of City Clerk Peggy Bowen. Condolences to the families mentioned.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the September 15, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stunkel moved and N. Clark seconded to approve the September Treasurer's Report 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 BILLS:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. J. Clark to approve all special bills as submitted:

Buxton Company in the amount of \$15,000.00 for basic computer program; Leon Uniform Co. in the amount of \$1,511.91 for Officer Cade's uniforms; Dale Williams Trucking in the amount of \$2,271.42 for stone; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,419.63 for street light electricity; First National Bank in the amount of \$179,040.63 for G.O. Bonds; Vandalia Country Club in the amount of \$9,428.43 for 2014 water tower lease; St. Jacob Winwater Works in the amount of \$1,553.80 for water meter parts; Vandalia City Garage Fund in the amount of \$1,723.00 for public works sewer repair expenses in September; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$9,199.56 for Water Plant chemicals; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$2,039.84 for Water Plant chemicals and Direct Energy in the amount of \$7,604.78 for electricity at Water and Sewer Plants. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE AMENDING
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE
AT TITLE V-BUSINESS
LICENSES AND REGULATIONS

It was moved by N. Clark and seconded by Crawford to approve an Ordinance Amending Vandalia Municipal Code At Title V Business Licenses And Regulations At

AT SECTION 5.08.070-
NUMBER OF LICENSES-
GAMING LICENSES:

Section 5.08.070-Number of Licenses.
These requests for gaming licenses had been presented at the last Council Meeting. After discussion of the request, the Council voted.

Roll call vote: Beesley, nay; N. Clark, yea; Hobler, nay; Crawford, yea; Stunkel, nay; B. Clark, nay; Swarm, nay and Lester, nay. Resolution failed.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL
SERVICE PLAN FOR EPA
REQUIRED LAB CERTIFI-
CATION OF WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT TEST-
ING EQUIPMENT:

It was moved by Beesley and B. J. Clark seconded the motion to approve the Annual Service Plan For Lab Certification of Wastewater Treatment Plant Testing Equipment, as required by the E.P.A. in the amount of \$637.00. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR
PURCHASE OF MIXER
AND CHEMICAL FEED
FOR FILLMORE STREET
WATER TOWER:

Beesley moved and Hober seconded to accept the lowest bid for the purchase of a Mixer and Chemical Feed for the Fillmore Street Water Tower. Utility Service Co. Inc. had submitted a proposal for \$23,380.00. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2014-10-6-A:
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION
OF TEMPORARY CON-
STRUCTION EASEMENT-
FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel Authorizing Execution Of Temporary Construction Easement for the First United Methodist Church during the construction of their new recreation center, corner of 4th and Main Streets.

Voting by roll call: Swarm, yea; Stunkel, yea; Crawford, yea; Hobler, yea; N. Clark, yea; B. Clark, yea and Beesley, yea. Lester abstained because he is involved in the construction of the new building. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WATER &
SEWER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES FROM
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Hobler approving the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR
JOHN H. CRAWFORD &
ASSOCIATES TO SEEK
BIDS FOR REPAIRS AT
WATER TREATMENT
PLANT:

It was moved by Beesley and seconded by B. John Clark authorizing John H. Crawford & Associates to seek bids for needed repairs at the Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS:

Beesley announced that the cost for electrical repairs on the newest generator on Randolph Street will be \$8,695.00 and after the "Energy Efficiency Standards" rebate of \$7,173.00, the City's final cost will be approximately \$1,500.00.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Volunteer Firemen have started their training for the new fire truck. It will be going to Peoria to be featured at a fire show and in a calendar.

Swarm informed the Council the new Police Officer, Dustin Cade, has begun his training at the Police Academy.

N. Clark reported that he checked the condition of the Cemetery grounds after receiving a complaint. He found it to be in good shape now. The new Cemetery building is progressing, possibly completed by the end of October.

N. Clark informed the Council that Betsy Brannon Mills and Kathy Schultz are working to raise money to purchase a Marker for the mass grave in South Hill Cemetery.

Hobler announced that the Vandalia Lake Campgrounds are officially closed for the season and everything is winterized.

Stunkel reported that the Personnel Committee has interviewed applicants and will reach a decision on an employee to fill the Street Department vacancy. They will make their recommendation at the next Council Meeting for the Council's approval.

Crawford updated the Council on the Tourism activities. The Grande Levee was held last weekend. The Military Renactments are this coming weekend.

The Community Garden's Annual Festival will be held this coming weekend. He urged the public to support it. The foods they grow are donated to the needy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lester inquired about the status of the Thrill Hill Bridge Project. Gottman reported that the project is presently on hold. The engineers have the designs but haven't been able to get any estimates as the contractors have all been too busy to bid on the project.

Stunkel asked about the status of the City Administrator position. Mayor Gottman responded that he was waiting until the audits were completed and is now in the process of preparing the ads.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS:

Susan Etcheson spoke to the Council requesting they consider an ordinance amendment that would allow new manufactured homes in the City limits. The preliminary ordinance was referred to the Building And Grounds Committee for their review, and they will notify the Etchesons when a meeting date has been set.

Gene Hebenstreit addressed the Council and requested they reconsider the gaming license decision. His plan was to put one at the strip mall for the use of truckers.

Jane Berger addressed the Council to update them on the concerns and on-going problems they have at 511 West Orchard Street. Others in the neighborhood are having problems but are afraid to file complaints, fearing retaliation.

Max Chappalear, 422 North Fifth Street, asked if the Street Department employees could paint the rusted sign posts in town. He will put together a list as he sees them, and will get it to Public Works Director Moyer.

Chappalear was thanked by the Council, for all the work he does around town to clean it up.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Beesley moved and N. Clark seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.