

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

November 3, 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, Crawford, N. Clark, B. John Clark, Stunkel, Beesley, Hobler and Lester.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MOTHER & THREE CHILDREN KILLED WHEN VAN THEY WERE TRAVELING IN WAS STRUCK BY TRAIN:

A moment of silence was observed for Crystal Anna, Abby Wisnasky, Drake Wisnasky & Alyssa Sewell who were all killed in a collision involving their SUV and a train on Thursday, October 30, 2014. The City of Vandalia extends its prayers and condolences to the family involved in the accident.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the funeral taking place at 11:00 a.m. Friday at the First Christian Church in Greenville.

PRAYER FOR RYAN CUNNINGHAM:

A moment of prayer for Ryan Cunningham who on Sunday was involved in a motocross accident. Our prayers continue to be with him and his family at this difficult time.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark approving the minutes from the October 20, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel 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 all Special Bills as submitted: Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,487.66 for street lights; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$12,488.50 for fire truck payment; Direct Energy in the amount of \$9,213.77 for electric; Allen Hunter in the amount of \$2,190.73 for TIF reimbursement; Mike Wehrle in the amount of \$3,478.55 for TIF reimbursement; MikeJo LLC. In the amount of \$5,709.79 for TIF reimbursement; Octochem in the amount of \$48,829.12 for TIF reimbursement; Rich Jenner in the amount \$12,500.00 for TIF reimbursement; Robert M. Johnson in the amount of \$1,700.73 for TIF reimbursement;; Vandalia Comm. High School in the amount of \$65,0.000 for TIF reimbursement; Rick Cripe in the amount of \$11,032.23 for TIF reimbursement; Sloan Implement in the amount of \$35,316.66 for TIF reimbursement; South Central FS Inc. in the amount of \$41,954.69 for TIF reimbursement; Kevin & Jessica Satterwaite in the amount of \$7,416.98 for TIF reimbursement; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$6,633.35 for supplies; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$2,880.00 for sewer solvent; Hawkins in the amount of \$2,105.33 for chemicals; USEMCO, Inc. in the amount of \$3,044.76 to rebuild pump; Cedarchem, LLC. For supplies; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by N. Clark approving the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2014-11-03-A:
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF
THE IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM
CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark adopting Ordinance #2014-11-3-A, Authorizing Execution of IMLRMA in the amount of \$142,728.47.

The contribution agreement is for one year period beginning 12/31/2014 to 12/31/2015.

Clerk Bowen said that this insurance includes General Liability, Auto, Prop., Workmen's Comp, Purchased, Rented or Leased Equipment, Boiler Insurance & Mechanical Breakdown.

Bowen said that it is a 3.2% increase from last year's agreement.

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

**TIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES FROM 10/20/
14:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by N. Clark approving the TIF Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from October 20, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2014-11-03-B:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Beesley adopting Ordinance #2014-11-03-B, Approving Certain Tax Increment Development Agreement Between The City of Vandalia and Brain Clot, Inc. dba Mr. Lube.

Bryan & Belinda Francois is requesting \$11,100.00 to replace the concrete and drainage will be expanded to ensure interior flooding will cease.

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

ORDINANCE #2014-11-03-C:
APPROVING A TIF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA
& WEHRLE PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark adopting Ordinance #2014-11-03-C, Approving A Certain TIF Agreement Between The City of Vandalia and Wehrle Properties.

Mike Wehrle is requesting \$13,882.00 to renovate the façade of the structure with windows, doors, trim for doors and windows, remove and replace steel, install stone front, repair & install new concrete from entrance into the facility.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman noted that a "thank you" note was sent to the elected officials from the Vernon Meyer family for the memorial sent in memory of Vernon Meyer.

Clerk Bowen thanked the Mayor & council members for their act of kindness.

Mayor Gottman praised all emergency personnel who responded to the car-train accident on October 30th.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Beesley to go out for bid for a new squad car. Motion carried.

The City received a check for \$27,047.66 through drug forfeitures and seizures in the county to be used towards the purchase of the vehicle.

Stunkel asked where does the city stand in appointing a new City Administrator. Mayor Gottman said that he was working on a job description and will bring that back to the council shortly.

Stunkel asked where do we stand with the replacement for Public Works Director John Moyer? Mayor Gottman said that he will be making that appointment at the November 17th council meeting.

Crawford reported that the Downtown Trick or Treat which was held on Saturday, October 25th went well.

The Olde Tyme Christmas will be held on Friday, November 14th and Saturday November 15th.

The Annual Rotary Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, November 14th.

**COMMENTS & CONCERNS FROM
ALDERMEN:**

N. Clark mentioned that he read the article in the Illinois Municipal Review requiring the State of Illinois to make timely Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) payments to municipalities and counties.

He asked Mayor Gottman if he had any idea when this would take effect.

Mayor Gottman said that he would check the bill to see when it will take effect.

Stunkel said that he would like to whatever is appropriate or legally discuss the Lake House. Stunkel would like to see where we are at and where we are going.

Mayor Gottman said that our legal council is not here tonight and he would have to refer that off to him before we go into Executive Session. He would be the one to give us the information.

Beesley told the council two weeks ago we heard from two people in the audience Mike Wehrle & Gene Hebenstreit in regard to the video gaming.

Beesley voiced his opposition to the reversal, stating that the council sold the public out in changing its mind. Beesley stated that some members had changed their minds solely based on a phone call from one of the license applicants Mike Wehrle.

Beesley said, "that we overturned this based on one phone call from one person who wanted it his way, who to the best of my knowledge isn't one of our constituents." Beesley felt that we've overruled this for special interest reasons, not for the constituents.

Beesley felt that the gaming terminals would not be as beneficial to the city as suggested by the applicants, based on calculations he had done regarding the amount of money the gaming machines generate.

Crawford asked Beesley if he would ask the two why they changed their minds.

Beesley said, "they can vote however they want and I'm not asking them why they changed their vote."

Stunkel said the group cannot stop people from spending their money on gambling. When does it stop? Stunkel said, "Are you going to stop people from buying lottery tickets in Vandalia?"

Beesley continued to express his disagreement with the approval of the gaming ordinance when Stunkel said I think it's all been said, we've got your opinion. Stunkel tried to make a motion to adjourn the meeting when Beesley immediately got up from his seat and left the meeting.

**WOMEN'S CLUB TO BEAUTIFY
FLOWER AREA AT INTERPRETIVE
CENTER:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford to have the Women's Club take over the flower area by the Interpretive Center with a master gardener taking charge of it. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Crawford and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn. Motion carried.

