

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

December 15, 2014  
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, Crawford, Swarm, Lester, B. John Clark, Hobler and Stunkel.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A moment of silence was observed for Judy Baar Topinka, Comptroller for the State of Illinois. Topinka died following complications from a stroke.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the December 1, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark approving the regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL COUNCIL BILLS:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Special Bills as presented: Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,686.36 for street lights; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$3,201.79 for fuel; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$7,623.94 maintenance to equipment & chemicals; Direct Energy in the amount of \$4,324.53 for

electric; USEMCO Inc. in the amount of \$1,513.57 for parts for lift station. 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. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 12/01/14:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Hobler approving the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE STREET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 12/01//14:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the Street Committee Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

**2015 COUNCIL MEETING DATE LIST FOR APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by Neil Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving the 2015 Council Meeting Date List for approval. Motion carried.

**2015 HOLIDAY LIST APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by Neil Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the 2015 Holiday List as submitted. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BIDS TO PURCHASE OVERHEAD GARAGE DOOR & OPENER FOR THE CITY GARAGE:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark accepting the bid from Durbin's Seamless, Inc. in the amount of \$2,775.00 to install a new overhead door on the south building at the city garage. Motion carried. The city will be able to reduce that bill by \$150.00 by having employees remove the existing door and disposing of it. Motion carried.

The city did receive one other bid from Altamont Overhead Door in the amount of \$2,670.00.

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE BID  
FOR POLICE SQUAD CAR EQUIPMENT:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the bid from Whiteside Communications in the amount of \$5,574.00 to install equipment in the 2013 Chevrolet Impala for the Vandalia Police Department. The vehicle will be purchased with drug seizure money. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION OF REPLACEMENT OF  
POLICE SQUAD CAR:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler to authorize the purchase of a 2013 Chevrolet Impala from Arthur Young, Inc. in the amount of \$19,285.00 with funds from the individual's insurance company who struck the squad car on I-70. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BID FOR REPAIR OF  
WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER  
WALL:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by N. Clark approving the bid from Plum Concrete Creations in the amount of \$16,820.00 to do the concrete tank strengthening on the outside wall of the water treatment plant. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM  
DECEMBER 5, 2014 AS SUBMITTED:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2014-12-15-A:  
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF  
FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND  
TO CEMETERY OPERATIONS &  
MAINTENANCE FUND:**

A motion was made by Neil Clark and seconded by Stunkel adopting Resolution #2014-12-15-A, Authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund to Cemetery Operations & Maintenance Fund.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gottman reported Larry Frang, the IML Executive Director has retired after a 40-year career with the League.

Former Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole was named the executive director of the league by the Illinois Municipal League Board of Directors.

Mayor Gottman announced that he attended the ribbon cutting for Ma & Pa's Specialty Shop on Veterans & Sunset Drive.

Another ribbon cutting was at Little Blue Eyes Gift Shop located at 319 W. Main St.

Mayor Gottman announced that Liberty Utilities held a groundbreaking ceremony last Thursday at their new facility located at Main Street & Mattes Avenue.

**FIRST DAY OF FILING FOR THE  
APRIL 7, 2015 CONSOLIDATED  
ELECTION:**

City Clerk Peggy Bowen reported that today was the first day of filing for the April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election.

Those that filed on the first day were Kenneth Hubler, for Alderman in Ward I and B. John Clark, Alderman in Ward IV.

The final day to file will be Monday, December 22, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.

**TOURISM REPORT:**

Mayor Gottman reported that the Christmas open house at the Vandalia Statehouse was well attended.

The Statehouse also hosted a Winter Gala on Friday evening.

Proceeds from the gala will be used towards the cost of repairing window exteriors on the building.

**ALDERMEN'S CONCERNS:**

Alderman Neil Clark reported that Illinois Commerce Commission has authorized Ameren Illinois to increase rates which would result in an increase in power bills up from \$4.00 to \$6.00 a month. His concern is that this increase would impact our senior citizens. He stated as a senior citizen he intends to advocate to their welfare now and in the future.

**BARENFANGER & BECKMAN ADDRESS  
THE COUNCIL ON WATER PROJECT:**

Walt Barenfanger & Jeff Beckman of Kaskaskia Springs Water Co. gave the city council an update on the water project.

Barenfanger announced that he finally received their permit for the three wells that they put in and the water line be connected with the raw water main from the lake.

The next permit they need is the operating permit and hopefully that will be the last permit needed.

**CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Debbie Swain who resides on South Second Street addressed the council in regard to a parking problem on that street.

Mayor Gottman referred this problem off to the Public Safety Committee and the Street Committee to review and bring back a recommendation to the council at the January 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford to move into Executive Session at 7:59 P.M. under 5 ILCS120/2 for pending litigation

and the sale or inquire of land.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION AT 7:59 P.M.**

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

Executive Session ended at 8:33 P.M.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:33  
P.M.**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular  
council meeting at 8:35 p.m. with a  
roll call vote: B. John Clark, yea;  
Swarm, yea; Stunkel, yea; Lester,  
yea; N. Clark, yea; Hobler, yea;  
Crawford, yea;

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT  
8:35 P.M. :**

A motion was made by Crawford and  
seconded by N. Clark for the city  
attorney to take no further action  
on Case No.13-LM-35 City of Vandalia  
versus Mabrys in the light of the  
court's decision on December 11, 2014  
order.

**CITY WILL NOT CONTEST THE  
COURT'S DECISION ON MABRY CASE:**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being nothing further to bring  
before the council a motion was made  
by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel  
to adjourn. Motion carried.

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CITY CLERK

