

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

February 18, 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, N. Clark, B. John Clark, Hobler, Lester, Beesley and Crawford. Stunkel was absent.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving the regular minutes from the February 3, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm 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 Beesley approving the Special Bills as presented: Burnside, Johnston and Sheafor in the amount of \$3,350.00 for legal fees; Franklin University in the amount of \$4,889.08 for tuition fees for LaTisha Paslay; Cargill Ins. In the amount of \$11,941.29 for salt; South Central FS Inc. in the amount of \$12,543.53 for fuel; HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$2,240.85 for chemicals.

Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$4,446.56 for chemical supplies; Direct Energy in the amount of \$11,689.79. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SCOPE OF LAKE INTAKE AND PIPING:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by N. Clark approving the proposal from Liquid Engineering in the amount of \$2,300.00 to provide an internal pipeline inspection at the Vandalia Lake. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2014-2-18-A: MAINTENANCE OF STREETS & HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by B. John Clark approving Resolution #2-14-2-18-A, Maintenance of Streets And Highways By Municipality Under The Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$271,642.31. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR LATISHA PASLAY FOR WINTER 2014 TERM:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Crawford approving the educational assistance for LaTisha Paslay for the winter 2014 term in the amount of \$2,191.08 through Franklin University. Motion carried.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE CREATION & APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Beelsey approving the appointments made by Mayor Gottman to review the city's website maintenance and re-design.

The following have been asked to sit on the committee: LaTisha Paslay, Ward I Alderman Neil Clark, Ward II Alderwoman Dorothy Crawford, Alex Matthews, Graphics/Social Media Coordinator with the Tourism Bureau Illinois South, Sally Emerick County Appointed Member of the Tourism South and Vandalia resident Kyle Barker. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2014-2-18-B:
APPROVING A WATER PURCHASE
AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by B. John Clark approving Resolution #2014-2-18-B, Approving A Water Purchase Agreement.

Kaskaskia Springs Water Company, LLC, has tendered to the City of Vandalia an alternative and/or supplemental source for the obtaining of potable water.

Kaskaskia Springs Water Company is prepared to drill two EPA approved wells in the Thrill Hill area as and for potential supplemental raw water sources for the City of Vandalia.

The two wells in combination shall provide a minimum of 100 gallons per minute and shall interconnect to the City raw water line near the Vandalia Lake spillway road.

The City agrees to pay for all water purchased from Kaskaskia Springs Water at a rate of .40 cents per 1,000 gallons throughout the one year agreement.

Alderman Crawford questioned the city's share of the project cost. Asking, "how common is it for the city to pay the utility bills for a company we buy a product from?"

Crawford said, "If I am going to agree to pay someone's electric bill for a year, I want to know how much it is."

Alderman B. John Clark said, "we're the ones using it, aren't we?"

Walt Barenfanger stated the pumps will only be to pump water to the city, and not to other potential customers.

Alderman Hobler said, there is an alternative to dredge the lake which would cost several millions of dollars. This is an offer to add to our water supply that's affordable to us.

A roll call vote was taken: Hobler, yea; Swarm, yea; Lester, yea; Beesley, yea; N. Clark, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Crawford, nay; Stunkel, absent. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Beesley authorizing the Public Works Department permission to purchase a hoist for the new truck in the amount of \$2,300.00. Motion carried.

B. John Clark praised John Moyer and the Public Works Department for their work in keeping the streets clean due to another round of snow in the area.

Mayor Gottman stated that many of the city streets have suffered with potholes and cracks in roadways due to the bad weather. The city will do their best to make the repairs on the streets, but many will have to be repaired after the winter weather settles.

Alderman Swarm shared a concern that he has with the Fayette County Sheriff's Department.

On Monday, February 3rd at 4:30 p.m. two county deputy patrol cars traveling at a high rate of speed down Kennedy Boulevard without lights and sirens turned on Randolph.

Swarm said that his concern is that someone is going to get hurt if not killed. He said, that something needs to be done. Swarm asked Police Chief Jeff Ray to speak with the sheriff.

County Board member Jeff Beckman was on hand and said that he would see that it would be addressed.

Mayor Gottman said that he had a meeting set up with the FOP but cancelled due to the weather. Meeting will be rescheduled soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Mayor Gottman thanked John Moyer and his crew for their work at 109 S. Shelby St. that has sat vacant for several years since the homeowner has passed away.

The property at this time is sitting in limbo hopefully the city can obtain that property and donate it to Habitat for Humanity to build a home or two on the two lots.

Mayor Gottman announced that the west interchange water line is moving along very well.

Mayor Gottman congratulated Keith Meadows who was elected chief of the Vandalia Volunteer Fire Department at the annual meeting last Wednesday evening. Steve Stombaugh will serve as first assistant chief; Michael Brown as second assistant chief; Mark Miller as secretary; Mark Meadows as assistant secretary; Mark Burnam as treasurer and Ty McNary as assistant treasurer.

A big "thank you" to Ed Taylor who served as chief since October 2011. Ed did retire from the Vandalia Fire Department.

Mayor Gottman also announced that Keith Meadows who serves as the Code Official for the City of Vandalia has put on hold his plans to relocate to Missouri.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by N. Clark to adjourn. Motion carried.

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