

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

April 21, 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 and Beesley. Absent: Lester and Hobler.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR ARTHUR "BUDDY" YOUNG:

A moment of silence was observed for Arthur "Buddy" Young, owner of Arthur Young Chevrolet.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the April 7, 2014 meeting 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 Stunkel approving all Special Bills as submitted: South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$1,629.84 for tires; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$2,808.57 for street lighting; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$13,383.31 for fuel; Crawford & Associates in the amount of \$1,532.30 for engineering fees; Cummins Mid South in the amount of \$5,100.87 for equipment; Direct Energy

in the amount of \$12,393.95 for electric; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$7,425.56 for supplies. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF
FIRE TRUCK BIDS:**

Swarm reported that the Public Safety Committee met this evening to discuss the bids received for the aerial ladder truck. The committee agreed to reject both bids received.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Beesley to reject both bids for the aerial ladder truck. Motion carried.

Swarm said that a fire truck broker will come sometime this week to look at the fire truck and maybe make an offer.

**RESOLUTION #2014-4-21-A:
MANDATES OPEN MEETINGS ACT
TRAINING**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel adopting Resolution #2014-4-21-A, A Resolution Amending Resolution #2013-5-20-B, Designating Employee/Officers/Members Of The City of Vandalia To Receive Training Mandated By 5ILCS 120/1.05.

Voting by roll call: Swarm, yea; N. Clark, yea; Beesley, yea; Stunkel, yea; B. John Clark, yea. Crawford, yea. Hobler and Lester were absent. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE
TRANSMISSION FOR CODE
ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE:**

A motion was made by Beelsey and seconded by N. Clark approving the purchase of a rebuilt transmission for a 1993 Chevy 2500 truck from NAPA in the amount of \$1,889.00. This vehicle is used by Code Official Keith Meadows. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A
NEW NON-POTABLE WATER PUMP
FOR CHLORINE SYSTEM AT WWTP:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Swarm approving the authorization to purchase a new Non-Potable Water Pump for the Non-Potable water system at the WWTP from Vandevanter in the amount of \$5,630.00. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CEMETERY &
LANDFILL COMMITTEE MINUTES
FROM 04-07-14:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the Cemetery & Landfill Committee Minutes from April 7, 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2014-4-21-B:
AMENDING CHAPTER 12.20
CEMETERIES**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel adopting Ordinance #2014-4-21-B, Amending Chapter 12.20 Cemeteries. The charge for grave lots and miscellaneous services shall remain at the 2013 rates.

N. Clark explained that the reason the rates are higher at the city cemetery is that the city offers "perpetual care" which means as long as the City of Vandalia exist there will always be perpetual care.

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

SETTING CLEAN UP WEEK:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford setting May 19 thru May 23rd as Clean Up Week for residents that live in the city limits of Vandalia.

APPROVAL OF CHEMICAL BIDS:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel approving the chemical bids as submitted.

At the Disposal Plant a tied bid on the liquid chlorine from Brenntag and Hawkins, Inc. at \$535.00 per ton.

The council agreed to go with Brenntag. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2014-4-21-C:
ABATE BIKE SHOW AND FAMILY
FESTIVAL**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark approving the temporary closure of Old Rt. 140 from Fourth Street to Sixth Street on May 17, 2014 between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. for the annual ABATE Bike Show and Family Festival. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT
LETTER FROM OFFICER KENT
EMERICK AS OF MAY 1, 2014:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Swarm accepting the retirement letter from Officer Kent Emerick effective May 1, 2014 from the Vandalia Police Department. Motion carried.

Officer Emerick has worked as a police officer for the City of Vandalia for 26 years and 4 months.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR BOARD OF
POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION TO
HIRE POLICE OFFICER TO FILL
VACANCY LEFT BY OFFICER KENT
EMERICK:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark authorizing the Board of Police And Fire Commission to hire a police officer to fill the vacancy of Kent Emerick. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE
ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK AT
LAKE MARINA:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by N. Clark approving the contract with Superior Environmental Corp. in the amount of \$2,050.00 annually.

Superior will provide the required federally mandated quarterly underground storage tank inspections at the Lake Vandalia Marina. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VANDALIA TOURISM
MEETING MINUTES FROM
03-18-14:**

A motion was made by Crawford and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Vandalia Tourism Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman reported that he met with representatives from Enbridge.

This new pipeline will transport crude oil from Flanagan, IL. to a petroleum terminal hub near Patoka, IL.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be attending the IML board meeting on May 1, 2014 in Springfield.

Mayor Gottman announced that he attended the Illinois TIF Board meeting in Champaign, IL.

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked the Lions Club for a great Easter egg hunt yesterday in the park.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderman Swarm asked the Mayor along with other members of the council what do we plan to do with the three squad cars.

Mayor Gottman suggested that we have a local bid here in the City. Mayor Gottman said, "the taxpayers in the City of Vandalia paid for those and I think they should have the opportunity to bid on them". We have the right to reject any or all bids.

The Cemetery/Landfill Committee & Building/Grounds Committee will hold a joint meeting on Monday, May 5, 2014 at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Gottman stated the City is looking at getting rid of the lifeguards at the Vandalia Beach.

Mayor Gottman said that he has consulted with the Illinois Municipal League on this issue.

It will be addressed at the May 5th council meeting.

Mayor Gottman reported that he will contact Southwestern Electric to look at the front power pole that is located at the front entrance of the theatre.

Mayor Gottman said his concern is in the event of a transformer fire, people in line outside the theatre could be hurt or killed.

Mayor Gottman said that he did tour the theatre last week and it is coming along very well.

Alderman Stunkel stated that a meeting will be called very soon to review the applications for the Cemetery and the Lake.

**CONCERN FROM ALDERMAN CLARK
IN REGARD TO ANIMAL CONTROL:**

Alderman N. Clark spoke of his concern in regard to the number of dogs that are euthanized in Fayette County.

A report from Department of Agriculture showed that from 2010-2012 Fayette County received 2552 dogs and 2249 were euthanized. Montgomery County received 1632 and euthanized 96 for the same time period.

Aldermen B. John Clark and N. Clark said that they plan to attend the next Fayette County Board meeting in May to discuss the county's animal control contract.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 8:20 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark to move into Executive Session at 8:20 P.M. to discuss the sale and acquisition of land and personnel.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT
8:41 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:41 P.M.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES
AT 8:41 P.M.:**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:41 P.M. with a roll call: B. John Clark, yea; Swarm, yea; Stunkel, yea; Beesley, yea; Crawford, yea; N. Clark, yea;

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss, a motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Neil Clark to adjourn. Motion carried.

