

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 7, 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for John Harris, co-owner of The Hair Stop and Bill Augenstein, brother of Mark Augenstein, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent.

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Crawford approving the minutes from the March 17, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark 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 submitted. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Special Bills as submitted: Burnside, Johnston & Sheafor in the amount of \$4,371.53 for small cases; Terracon Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$22,416.35 for Phase II ESA fieldwork

on Wehrle properties. Petroleum Assessment Grant. Fayette Co. Treasurer in the amount of \$2,615.62 for 2nd quarter animal control contract; Woody's Municipal Supply Co. in the amount of \$1,519.55 for plow blades; IL. Director Of Employment in the amount of \$29,920.95 for 1st quarter Unemployment taxes; Historical Vandalia Inc. in the amount of \$2,662.47 for reimbursements for the Fay. Co. Museum salaries and electricity; Vandalia Park District in the amount of \$4,851.51 for TIF Reimbursement; Americana Building Production in the amount of \$2,971.60 for welding services; First National Bank in the amount of \$49,390.63 for G.O. Bond Long Term Debt; Tri S Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$105,707.34 for pay estimate #2 for west interchange water & sewer extension; Crawford & Associates in the amount of \$8,000 for engineering fees for west interchange water & sewer extension; Midwest Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$1,909.08 for a meter; St. Jacob Winwater Works in the amount of \$3,442.62 for couplings and etc.; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$12,920.12 for chemical supplies; Direct Energy in the amount of \$12,606.25 for electricity; CedarChem, LLC in the amount of \$1,960.88 for chemical supplies; Motion carried.

**CITY RECEIVES TWO BIDS ON
LADDER TRUCK:**

The City of Vandalia received two bids for the fire department's ladder truck.

Nokomis Area Fire Protection District in the amount of \$37,220.00

City of Litchfield in the amount of \$50,000.00.

Alderman Swarm said that the committee would take the bids under advisement before taking action on selling the fire truck.

WATER &SEWER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES-FEBRUARY 18,
2014:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Beesley approving the Water & Sewer Committee Minutes from February 18, 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.

WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES- MARCH 12,
2014:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Stunkel approving the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF M.F.T. BID
LETTING RESULTS FROM MARCH
24, 2014:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark approving the Motor Fuel Tax Bid Letting results as submitted. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS
MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 26,
2014:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark approving the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION# 2014-4-7-A:
EXECUTION OF A LAW
ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID
AGREEMENT AND THE EXISTENCE
& FORMATION OF THE ILLINOIS
LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM
SYSTEM BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL
COOPERATION

Chief of Police Jeff Ray gave a brief video presentation on the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation (ILEAS).

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark adopting Resolution #2014-4-7-A, Authorizing the Execution of a Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement and the Existence and Formation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System by Intergovernmental Cooperation.

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

**ANIMAL RESCUE GROUP OFFERS
TO HELP CITY TO HOUSE RESCUE
ANIMALS:**

James Cloud of Montgomery County PAWS spoke to the council about a service that they are willing to help Vandalia with the animal rescue.

Mr. Cloud told the council that there is a group of volunteers which includes twenty families that are licensed to house foster rescue animals.

B. John Clark told the council that we have a problem. It has come to our attention that a lot of animals are being euthanized unnecessarily.

Clark said hopefully we can eliminate some of this with the help from this animal group rescue.

Mayor Gottman told Mr. Cloud that the city receives animal control services through a contract with Fayette County.

Mayor Gottman encouraged Mr. Cloud to contact the County Board and speak with them

Mr. Cloud stated that they did reach out to the county but no answer from them. Mr. Cloud said that they would make another effort to discuss this with the county board.

Neil Clark said that the council earlier approved a bill of \$2,615.62 for the second quarter animal control services.

Clark asked to see details of city calls made this past quarter. He stated he would like to know what we're getting for the \$2,615.62 we spend every quarter.

**APPROVAL OF PAY ESTIMATE #2
TO TRI-S EXCAVATING IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$105,707.34:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Beesley approving partial Pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$105,707.34 for the West Interchange Water & Sewer Extension. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT CHANGE
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,627.61:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Beesley approving a contract change order #2 For West Interchange Water & Sewer Project I n a deduction of \$4,627.61. The change was casing materials from HDPE to Steel. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF WTP & VANDALIA
LAKE GENERATOR PLANNED
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by B. John Clark approving the planned maintenance renewal quote from Cummins Mid-South in the amount of \$2,488.04 for the generators at the Water Treatment Plant and Vandalia Lake. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY
ROOF REPAIR AT FIRE HALL:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark approving the bid from Irwin's Roofing, Alma, IL to repair the roof on the fire hall in the amount of \$13,600.00. The repair comes with a ten year guarantee against leakage. Motion carried.

It is noted that total payment will be made after completion of work.

Alderwoman Crawford questioned why the project wasn't put out for bid?

Alderman Lester said the project wasn't put out for bid because the ongoing nature of the leaks constituted an emergency.

**AUTHORIZATIOON FOR ROOF
REPAIR AT WATER TREATMENT
PLANT:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the bid from Irwin's Roofing, Alma, IL to seal and patch the roof at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$2,800.00. Motion carried.

It is noted that total payment will be made after completion of work.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR ROOF
REPAIR AT INTERPRETIVE
CENTER:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by N. Clark approving the bid from Irwin's Roofing, Alma, IL to repair the roof on the Historic National Road Building in the amount of \$3,900.00. There is a ten year guarantee against leakage. Motion carried.

It is noted that total payment will be made after completion of work.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FROM APRIL 1, 2014:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Crawford approving the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2014-4-7-B:
APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT
FOR COMMERCIAL USE ALONG
MATTES AVENUE**

A motion was made Hobler and seconded by Beesley adopting Ordinance #2014-4-7-B, Approving a Preliminary Plat for Mattes Subdivision.

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

**APPROVAL OF TIF ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FROM MARCH 26, 2014:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Beesley approving the TIF Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2014-4-7-C:
TIF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF VANDALIA & SOMETHING
SPECIAL FLORIST:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving Ordinance #2014-4-7-C, A Certain TIF Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Something Special Florist.

The Developer will receive no more than \$7,500.00 to rebuild a 86'x4'x2' Section along front of building due to water damage including plywood, flashing & brick; repair brick/concrete flower boxed on front of building.

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

ORDINANCE #2014-4-7-D:
TIF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF VANDALIA & JENCO
PRODUCTS DBA LIA'S GIFTS AND
HOME DÉCOR

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving Ordinance #2014-4-7-D, A Certain TIF Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and JENCO Products dba Lia's Gifts And Home Décor.

The Developer will receive no more than \$12,500.00 for removal of existing roof and replacement with new one.

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

ORDINANCE #2014-4-7-E:
TIF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF VANDALIA & NEWWAVE
COMMUNICATIONS

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving Ordinance #2014-4-7-E, A Certain TIF Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Telecommunications Management, LLC dba New Wave Communications.

The Developer will receive no more than \$30,000.00 for the expansion of telecommunication services, including high-speed internet.

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

RESOLUTION #2014-4-7-F:
AMENDING AN AGREEMENT
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA
AND JOHN H. CRAWFORD &
ASSOCIATES

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark amending Resolution #2014-4-7-F, Amending An Agreement For Engineering Services Between The City of Vandalia and John H. Crawford & Associates.

The agreement is for the purpose of the City employing John H. Crawford to provide work associated with preliminary engineering and design of a new potential water treatment plant for the City of Vandalia.

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

ORDINANCE #2014-4-7-G:
TIF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF VANDALIA AND RUSANI
INC. dba THE CHUCKWAGON

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving Ordinance #2014-4-7-G, A Certain TIF Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Rusani, Inc. dba The Chuckwagon.

The Developer will receive \$20,000.00 for a new roof and restrooms.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman told the council that he was making a donation to two nonprofit organizations with the \$300.000 pay raise the council approved last year.

He said half would go towards the First Baptist Church Youth Group, to help pay for a mission trip.

The other half is going toward Lincoln Park.

Mayor Gottman said that he attended the Rt. 51 meeting at the Catholic Church.

Mayor Gottman said that he will be asking the council to pass a resolution on the one that would best fit our community.

Mayor Gottman will be asking IDOT to have engineers on the US Route 51 to make a presentation on the route alternatives.

Mayor Gottman reported that Purina is downsizing their plant in Vandalia.

The facility will be used for warehousing only.

Mayor Gottman met with Barb Murphy & Co. in regards to the Graham Building in Vandalia. They will be the marketing company to bring a business into that facility.

Mayor Gottman met with representatives from Marathon Oil who is looking at a big project in the Patoka, IL area.

Mayor Gottman reported that the City of Vandalia had a major water main break near the Cole Street Bridge. The break was in a 10" water main

that transfers from underground to an exposed aerial crossing of the railroad. As a result of the break, the area around the bridge support structures encountered a large amount of erosion. The extent of the erosion was of such size, the city felt it necessary to close the roadway to traffic until the problem could be asserted by a structural engineer.

The field engineer was on site to help with repairs. The bridge had been closed to traffic for safety concerns to allow the water main repairs.

The engineering firm reported that it was their opinion that the bridge can be reopened to traffic as the repairs progress.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Neil Clark reported that the Cemetery Committee met earlier this evening with Crawford & Associates to discuss the plans for a new Cemetery Maintenance Building.

The committee asked that Crawford & Associates do some preliminary work on a new building.

Hobler announced that the marina campgrounds will be opening by the end of April.

Alderman Swarm reported that the truck that Code Official Keith Meadows drives for duties as Code Enforcement Officer is in need of a new transmission.

Due to not being listed on the agenda no action will be taken until the April 21st council meeting.

**REQUEST FROM ALDERMAN
HOBLER:**

Alderman Hobler asked that "scope of the work" be included in the TIF applications.

LaTisha Paslay stated that the information is in each file and that council members are more than welcome to come and review those.

Mayor Gottman said that copies would be made for everyone.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 8:38 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford to move into Executive Session at 8:38 P.M. to discuss the acquisition of sale or acquire of land.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT
8:52 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:52 P.M.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES
AT 8:52 P.M.:**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:52 P.M. with a roll call: Swarm, yea; Lester, yea; Crawford, yea; N. Clark, yea; Stunkel, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Beesley, yea; Hobler, yea.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing to report from Executive Session a motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel to adjourn. Motion carried.

