

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 19, 2014

7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all 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: Lester, Swarm, Stunkel, Neil Clark, B. John Clark, Crawford, Beesley and Hobler.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the May 5, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made N. Clark and seconded by Swarm approving the Special Bills as listed: The Tourism Bureau in the amount of \$8,255.00 for the 4th quarter advertising and marketing; Tune Trucking in the amount of \$15,134.40 for hauling CA 6; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$3,693.60 for patch mix; Contech Engineered Solutions in the amount of \$4,595.90 for galvanized pipe; Irwin's

Roofing in the amount of \$3,900.00 for roof repair on the Interpretive Center; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$1,536.35 for garage fuel; Hurst Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$5,211.67 for engineering fees for Fifth & Randolph Bridge repair; Irwin's Roofing in the amount of \$13,600.00 for roof repair on Fire Department; Irwin's Roofing in the amount of \$2,800.00 for roof repair on the Water Plant; Brenntag in the amount of \$8,868.56 for chemicals; Direct Energy Business in the amount of \$2,651.53 for electric; Aquafix, Inc. in the amount of \$2,864.89 for chemical supplies; Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2014-5-19-A:
APPROVING A NINTH MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY
OF VANDALIA AND LABORERS'
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH
AMERICA, THE SOUTHERN &
CENTRAL ILLINOIS LABORERS'
DISTRICT COUNCIL & LABORERS'
LOCAL 11197:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel adopting Resolution #2014-5-19-A, Approving A Ninth Memorandum Of Agreement Between City of Vandalia And Laborers' International Union Of North America, The Southern & Central Illinois Laborers' District Council And Laborers' Local 1197 from May 1, 2014 thru April 30, 2018.

This agreement will reflect a 2% pay increase in each of the next four years.

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

**ORDINANCE #2014-5-19-B:
SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR MAY
1, 2014-APRIL 30, 2015**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving Ordinance #2014-5-19-B, Pertaining To Salaries For Fiscal Year May 1, 2014-April 30, 2015.

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

**CIRCLE K REQUEST LIQUOR
LICENSE:**

Mayor Gottman reported to the council that Circle K is requesting a liquor license to offer video gaming.

This is the first reading for a request from Circle K for a liquor license. It will be voted on at the June 2, 2014 council meeting.

**APPROVAL OF BUILDING/GROUNDS
& CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES FROM MAY 5, 2014:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving the Building/Grounds & Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2014 with one correction that there will not be an outside spigot added to the plans. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TOURISM
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
FROM APRIL 16, 2014:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Beesley approving the Vandalia Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT
OR REJECT BIDS FOR LEASE
VEHICLE:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark accepting the low bid from Hosick Motors on a 2014 Chrysler 200 Limited Mid-size sedan for \$207.87 per month.

It is a 36 month lease agreement for a vehicle to be used by city employees for travel to meetings for city business. Motion carried.

The city did receive one other bid from Arthur Young Chevrolet for a 2014 Chev. Malibu LS sedan for \$317.75 per month.

**ACCEPTANCE OF RETIREMENT
OF STREET EMPLOYEE, STEVE
SPARKS:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark accepting the retirement of public works employee Steve Sparks, effective October 1, 2014. Motion carried.

**TIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 15,
2014:**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Hobler approving the TIF Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from May 15, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE APPROVING A
CERTAIN TAX INCREMENT
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA
AND DENNIS GRUBAUGH:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler to consider the request from Dennis Grubaugh for Tax Increment Financing assistance for the former Twisters building

The request was to help replace the roof on the building. Grubaugh was requesting \$75,000 in the form of three annual payments of \$25,000.

After much discussion the council requested that Grubaugh submit a funding commitment from a financial institution and proof from an engineer that the building is structurally sound.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Beesley to table this request until reports are submitted. It will be brought up again at the June 16, 2014 council meeting.

Roll call to bring back to the council on June 16th: Beesley, yea; Hobler, yea; Lester, yea; N. Clark, yea; Stunkel, yea; Swarm, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Crawford, yea. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman praised the Vandalia and

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Brownstown Fire Department along with other agencies and individuals who responded to the fire at the Central High Apartments.

Mayor Gottman noted that the Starmax Theatre is moving along very well.

Mayor Gottman stated that construction on Veterans Avenue started today.

Mayor Gottman reported that representatives from IDOT inspected the bridge on Thrill Hill Road.

Mayor Gottman said that photos of the bridge's condition have been sent to the IDOT office in Springfield and he asked that engineers from Hurst-Rosche also come and inspect the bridge.

Mayor Gottman said that he will be asking for emergency road funds to repair the bridge.

Mayor Gottman stated that some motorists have been moving barricades and driving over the bridge and said if they are caught doing so they will be arrested.

Mayor Gottman announced that Pioneer Railroad had reached an agreement with an off loading company for offloading oil from semis onto train cars.

Congratulations to all of the seniors who have graduated from VCHS.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

N. Clark announced that the Cemetery Committee met this evening to discuss personnel matters at the Cemetery.

Lester announced that Irwin's Roofing finished the roof repairs on the fire hall, water plant and the Interpretive Center.

Mayor Gottman said that he was in contact with Amanda Ade-Harlow, Assistant State's Attorney in reference to the information given to Mayor Gottman from the parents of one of the juvenile's charged with vandalism to the Caboose.

Mayor Gottman said that the parents are requesting to pay for the repairs to the Caboose and have their child work for the city throughout the summer under adult supervision in exchange for having charges reduced in the matter.

Mayor Gottman stated that he does not have a problem with this.

Chief Jeff Ray asked if somehow the city could recoup the \$500.00 that was given as a reward for information leading to the matter.

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Crawford to work with the parents and the juvenile concerning the charges.

Mayor Gottman announced that the AT&T Store has sold.

Stunkel announced that the Personnel Committee and Cemetery met this evening. A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark to hire Kyle Ladner as a part time employee to help at the Cemetery this summer. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman announced that the A.B.A.T.E. Family Fun Festival went well over the weekend.

Mayor Gottman said that he was disappointed in the turn out for the Armed Forces Tribute that took place on Friday, May 16th.

**CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL
MEMBERS:**

B. John Clark announced that he along with N. Clark attended the Fayette County Board meeting in reference to the animal control problem.

County Board Chairman Steve Knebel assured B. John & Neil Clark that they would look into the problem and something would be done.

Stunkel asked if signage has been completed at the lake showing that no lifeguard on duty. Hobler said, that Rob Schukar will be taking care of that.

Beesley wish to thank some of the firemen's wives who helped in bringing food and retired firefighters for their assistance in the recent fire.

**ELIZABETH CORRADO SPEAKS TO
COUNCIL ON SAVINGS ON ENERGY
BILL:**

Elizabeth Corrado, Field Organizer for Elevate Energy spoke to the council on savings on energy bills.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

