

**CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

June 2, 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: Swarm, B. John Clark, N. Clark, Lester, Stunkel, Hobler and Crawford. Beesley was absent.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the May 19, 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 Neil Clark and seconded By Hobler approving the Special Bills as presented: Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$6,027.06 for chemicals; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$2,880.00 for sewer solvent. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OR REJECTION OF  
BIDS FOR MOWER FOR WATER  
PLANT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the bid for a Cub Cadet tractor mower for the Water Plant from Bluff Equipment, Inc. in the amount \$5,499.00. Motion carried.

The City received two other bids:

Bluff Equipment for a Kubota GR2020G in the amount of \$7,600.00.

Sloan Implement for a John Deere tractor & mower in the amount of \$4,499.00, but does not have direct drive transmission.

**RESOLUTION #2014-6-2-A:**  
**APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR**  
**ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN**  
**THE CITY OF VANDALIA & HURST**  
**-ROSCHE ENGINEERS, INC.**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by N. Clark approving Resolution #2014-6-2-A, Approving An Agreement For Engineering Services Between The City of Vandalia, Il. And Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc.

This agreement is with Hurst-Rosche Engineers for engineering fees for the bridge located on Thrill Hill Road.

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

**APPROVAL OF VARIABLE**  
**FREQUENCY DRIVE TO REPLACE**  
**STARTER AT RANOLPH STREET**  
**PUMP STATION:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving the purchase of a VSD (variable speed drive) for the Water Plant in the amount of \$6,521.25. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2014-6-2-B:**  
**PREVAILING RATE OF WAGES**  
**FOR LABORERS, WORKMEN &**  
**MECHANICS:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving Ordinance #2014-6-2-B, Of The City of Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois, Ascertainning The Prevailing Rate of Wages For Laborers, Workmen And Mechanics Employed On Public Works Of Said City.

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

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

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by N. Clark approving the lease agreement with Hosick Motors for a 2015 Chrysler 200 in the amount of \$273.57 per month.

A letter was submitted from Hosick Motors stating Chrysler uses several programs for lease incentives. The bid the council approved at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was on a 2014 Chrysler 200 in a 36 month lease that is no longer available on this vehicle.

As the 2015 Chrysler 200 is a new release, Chrysler has incentivized the 2015 model such that a 36 month lease is lower for it than a 2014 model.

Stunkel questioned if we could entertain the option of purchasing a good used car.

In six years, which would be two three year lease terms, you've paid a pretty good chunk of money and have nothing to show for it.

Stunkel thought for \$10,000, you could buy a pretty good used car.

Mayor Gottman said, the only problem you run into is this would include all of the maintenance. If you buy a used car you are buying someone else's problems.

Mayor Gottman said that we do not have the cash to lay out right now.

Lester said he thought it would be worth considering, but we already approved this.

Swarm suggested that the city should go with this and see what it will cost to buy the leased vehicle before the three year term is up.

B. John Clark, N. Clark, Lester, Swarm, Crawford, Hobler, yea; Stunkel, nay. Beesley, was absent. Motion carried.

**APPROVE OR REJECT BIDS FOR  
SURPLUS VEHICLES:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by N. Clark approving the bids for surplus vehicles:

1999- Ford Crown Victoria in the amount of \$871.00.

2001- Ford Crown Victoria in the amount of \$777.00.

2004- Chev. Impala in the amount of \$697.00.

Total amount the city received for surplus vehicles was \$2,345.00. Motion carried.

**DENNIS GRUBAUGH DISCUSSION  
RE: PROPERTY/BUILDING ON  
VETERAN'S AVENUE:**

Dennis Grubaugh addressed the council with another plan he has for the former Twister Building.

Grubaugh stated based on his re-evaluation of the structure and concerns from others, he has decided to demolish the existing building and construct a new one.

Grubaugh said that he can't certify that the roof can be made safe or the building can be safe.

Grubaugh said that he would be interested in getting the city's consideration to demolish the building and build a structure that would be properly inspected and properly built.

Mayor Gottman asked Grubaugh if he knew how much it would cost to demolish the existing structure, and Grubaugh said he's in the process of drawing up specs for the work, with plans to contact several firms to get estimates.

Mayor Gottman said once he has everything together he should meet with the TIF advisory committee again.

The council felt like this was a better plan.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gottman reported that he toured the Starmax Theatre this evening and things are moving along very well.

Mayor Gottman reported that he checked with Scott Hunt, engineer for Hurst Rosche to see if there is any state grants that would fully fund the work needed to the bridge on Thrill Hill Road.

Mayor Gottman said that the road is closed at this time. He directed Public Works Director John Moyer to place gravel at both sides of the brige.

Mayor Gottman announced after seven years the City received the final bill for the downtown project.

The final bill is \$1,039,826.44. Clerk Peggy Bowen, Executive Assistant LaTisha Paslay and Treasurer Alyssa Matar are reviewing the project paperwork to make sure the city pays only what is owed.

Mayor Gottman said that the money is there to pay the bill.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Lester reported that the plans to build the Cemetery Building is at Crawford & Associates Building. He is encouraging contractors to pick up plans to bid on the project.

Mayor Gottman said they are required to pay prevailing wage.

Charlene Jett spoke to the council about a concern she had in regard to her neighbor's open fire pit.

Ms. Jett told the council that the open fire pit is directly under her electrical wires.

She said the police have been there but could not get him to comply.

She said that she did not know how to do deal with this. It is an ongoing problem.

Chief Ray said according to ordinance he can have a fire in his fire pit but if he leaves it unattended or smoldering overnight he can be cited for the city ordinance violation.

Mayor Gottman told her if there is another issue then you need to notify the Police Department and he will be issued a ticket.

**ADJOURNMENT :**

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Hobler to adjourn. Motion carried.

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