

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

July 7, 2014
7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving the minutes from the June 16, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL COUNCIL BILLS & PREPAID BILLS:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Special Bills as presented: Fayette Co. Sheriff's office in the amount of \$2,976.00 for 2014 IWIN Fees; Ameren Illinois In the amount of \$2,254.36 for street lights; Il Director of Employment in the amount of \$2,926.66 for 2nd quarter unemployment; State Treasurer in the amount of \$1,039,826.44 for reimbursement to the state for part of the construction work on the

Gallatin Street Project; Vandalia Asphalt Services in the amount of \$2,552.80 for patch mix; Overwork, Inc. in the amount of \$3,764.25 for TIF reimbursement; Mac's Fire & Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$1,899.10 for Fire Dept. uniforms; Illinois EPA Bureau of Water IEPA in the amount of \$22,787.56 for drinking water project; St. Jacob Winwater Works in the amount of \$1,842.00 for ball valves; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$2,880.00 for sewer solvent; Bluff Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$5,499.00 for Cub Cadet for Water Plant; Pro-Dive, Inc. in the amount of \$3,661.77 for inspection on the raw water intake; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$6,059.20 for chemical supplies; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$4,543.70 for chemicals; Hach Company in the amount of \$4,164.00 for a maintenance contract for turbulence equipment at the Water Plant; Illinois EPA (NPDES) in the amount of \$17,500.00 for state permits; Direct Energy in the amount of \$6,673.02 for electric; Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**REQUEST FOR LIQUOR LICENSE
DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND:**

A motion was made by Swarm but died for a lack of a second in regard to the request of a liquor license for Circle K.

**RESOLUTION #2014-7-7-A:
APPROVING AN EXTENSION
OF TELECOMMUNICATION
MANAGEMENT, LLC d/b/a NEW
WAVE COMMUNICATIONS FRANCHISE
AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Swarm approving Resolution #2014-7-7-A, Extension of Telecommunications Management, LLC d/b/a New Wave Communications Franchise Agreement.

Alderman N. Clark felt that ten years was too long for an extension. He suggested that five years would be more likeable.

Aldermen B. John Clark and Stunkel also agreed that five years is something the city should consider.

Alderman Swarm said that the length of the extension doesn't matter because another company is not going to come into town unless they sold the business to provide service.

Mayor Gottman said that New Wave has made improvements to its services in the past, and is in the process of extending service with the city's assistance out at the west interchange.

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

**APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE
CONTRACT WITH HACH COMPANY FOR
WATER PLANT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving a Maintenance Contract with Hach Company in the amount of \$4,164.00 for turbulence equipment at the Water Plant. Motion carried.

**ROAD CLOSURE FOR LINCOLN
HERITAGE FESTIVAL ON JULY 12TH &
13TH:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Beesley approving the road closures at Fillmore Street from Burtschi St. to Locust St. and Fletcher St. from high school baseball field to Fillmore Street on July 12th & 13th for the Lincoln Heritage Festival. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2014-7-7-B:
ADVOCATING A GUBERNATORIAL VETO
OR AMENDATORY VETO OF SENATE
BILL 3507

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by Hobler adopting Resolution #2014-7-7-B, Advocating A Gubernatorial Veto Or Amendatory Veto Of Senate Bill 3507, Which Amends 65ILCS5/11/150/1 To Restrict the Collection Of Connection Fees Charged By Municipalities.

Under Senate Bill 3507 charges imposed for connecting water and sewer systems would be limited to 1/6 of the annual rate of the estimated annual use charges for that class of service, essentially setting an upper limit on these fees.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT OR
REJECT BIDS FOR CEMETERY:

A motion was made by Beesley and seconded by B. John Clark approving the low bid from Plum Concrete Construction in the amount of \$80,490.00 for the construction of the cemetery maintenance building along with authorizing Mayor Gottman and Alderman Lester to make changes not to exceed the amount of the grant of \$85,000.00. Motion carried.

The city also received a bid from Sheldon Schulte Construction in the amount of \$82,524.00 and Precise Construction in the amount of \$111,050.00.

Alderman N. Clark publicly thanked former State Representative Ron Stephens who started the request for the grant and our current State Representative John Calvaletto for helping secure the funding for the grant.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman gave a brief report on the Illinois Department of Employment.

The unemployment rate declined in Fayette County from 9.1% in May 2013 to 8.5% in May 2014.

Mayor Gottman encouraged the council members to attend the 2nd Annual Lincoln Heritage Festival in the Vandalia City Parks on Fillmore St. on Saturday, July 12th & July 13th.

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked all of those involved in putting the event together.

Mayor Gottman announced that a Community Quarterly Update was in the packets. The update spotlighted two new businesses for the community. The South Central FS Fertilizer Plant on Pine Ridge Drive and the Starmax Cinemas, LLC on Mattes Ave.

Mayor Gottman reported he received drawings from the Illinois Department of Transportation for work needed to be done on the bridge on Thrill Hill Road.

The drawings have been forwarded on to Hurst-Roche Engineers for cost estimates for the project.

Prior to tonight's meeting a work session with the city council and the department heads was held in regard to the budget.

A public hearing will be held on Monday, July 14th at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall to take comments on the proposed FY 2014-2015 Appropriation Ordinance.

A Special City Council Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. to approve the Ordinance for the Annual Appropriations for the FY 2014-2015.

Mayor Gottman informed the council that the city will be spending some of their reserved monies this year.

The bridge on Fifth & Randolph will need to be replaced.

Also, which is not in this budget is the \$1,039,826.44 for the completed downtown street project.

Mayor Gottman said the city knew that it still owed IDOT money for the downtown project so the reserved money was set aside so when the city received the invoice the money would be available.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Tourism Commission will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 8th at 4:00 p.m. at the Tourist Information Center.

The Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 16, at 5:30 p.m. at City hall.

A petition for Special Use Permit from Health Care Management Corp. They are seeking a Special Use Permit to allow a Residential Group Home at 804 Old Theatre Drive.

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked the Vandalia Lions Club for a great Fourth of July Celebration.

Walt Barenfanger gave an update on the Water project.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cindy Shupe, with Lake Land college serves as a Coordinator for the Highway Construction Careers Training Program gave a brief talk on how they can help with projects at the Vandalia Lake sponsored by IDOT.

CONCERNS FROM THE COUNCIL:

Alderman Swarm asked what the status was on the repairs to be done to the caboose.

Mayor Gottman said that he would check with the Assistant States Attorney on that matter.

CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dave Hill who resides at 315 N. Shelby said that he understands that the city received complaints about signage that he put at each end of the street.

He said that he removed his signs but has seen signs all over this town and felt that he was being singled out.

Beesley said, most of what Keith Meadows, Code Officer does is complaint driven. The reason you got singled out is because someone complained.

Mr. Hill said, this is not how you administer. He said, I don't think this is proper.

Alderman Lester, I think what Mr. Hill is getting at, if he must comply everyone should have to comply.

Mr. Hill stressed that he does not have a complaint against those businesses that have signs out, he has a complaint about being signaled out.

Dennis Grubaugh told the council that he sent bid information for demolition of the former Twister building to five demolition businesses and did not receive any bids for the work.

Grubaugh was requesting bids in order to get a true estimate on the cost of demolition before preparing a request from Tax Increment Financing Committee.

Grubaugh was asked if he thought he could do the work himself and Grubaugh said that he could.

Alderman B. John Clark suggested that Grubaugh prepare the necessary paperwork to bring before the TIF committee to ask for assistance in this project.

Max Chappellear had questions about the past budget and the budget that will be acted on at the Special Council Meeting on July 14th.

Mayor Gottman acknowledged the many good deeds that Mr. Chappellear does to make the community look beautiful. Thank you for doing so.

Mayor Gottman introduced Ryan Conners who is sitting in this evening for City Attorney Johnston.

Attorney Conner has been with the firm, Johnston, Conners & Burnside for the past six years.

ADJOURNMENT :

There being nothing further to bring before the council a motion was made by Beesley and seconded by N. Clark to adjourn. Motion carried.

