

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

January 19, 2015

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.

ROLL CALL:

Aldermen present were: Neil Clark, Stunkel, B. John Clark, Swarm and Hobler.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was given by all present.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR
JENNIFER ROGERS KNEBEL,
BRIAN GARNER & DENNIS
GERKIN, JR.:**

A moment of silence was observed for Jennifer Rogers Knebel, Vandalia Elementary School Teacher & Co-owner of 6th Street Pub; Brian Garner, Friend of the Vandalia Tourism; Dennis Gerkin Jr., owner of Gerkin Insurance Agency.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the January 5, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving all regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Neil Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving all Special Bills include: Burnside,

Johnston & Connor in the amount of \$7,496.73 for legal charges for November & December 2014; Civic Systems, LLC in the amount of \$3,296.00 for semi-annual software support fees for Clerk's Office & Water & Sewer Department; IL State Police Academy in the amount of \$3,358.27 for police academy expenses; Fayette County Treasurer in the amount of \$2,615.62 for first quarter animal control; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$2,500.00 for patch mix; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$5,795.88 for fuel expenses for December; Plum Concrete Creations in the amount of \$3,750.00 for the cemetery project; D. W. Swofford Enterprises in the amount of \$2,195.00 for sewer backup/cleanup expenses; Cummins Mid South in the amount of \$1,613.74 for control panel repairs; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$5,783.57 for chemicals; Vandevanter Engineer Inc., in the amount of \$4,773.85 for terminal lift station repairs @ sewer plant; Certified Balance & Scale Corp. in the amount of \$2,255.25 to replace unit for EPA testing. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO FILL
VACANCIES AT WATER TREATMENT
PLANT:**

A motion was made by Neil Clark and seconded by Stunkel giving authorization to hire two at the Water Plant with Randy Bone & David Goodin retiring this summer.

The city will contact the union representing public works employees to see if any of those employees are interested in the positions.

If they are not interested it will go out to the public.

**CONTRACT FUEL PRICES WITH
SOUTH CENTRAL FS:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel authorizing Mayor Gottman to enter into an agreement with South Central FS on the futures market once prices start to rise. Motion carried.

N. Clark says he follows the oil price market pretty close and with the information that is out there at this point show oil prices more than likely staying low until the middle or last quarter of this year or the first quarter of 2016.

**ORDINANCE #2015-1-19-A:
AMENDING CHAPTER 10 VEHICLES
& TRAFFIC AT PARAGRAPH
10.16.030 PARKING PROHIBITED
OR CONTROLLED, AT SCHEDULE D
THEREOF**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark adopting Ordinance #2015-1-19-A, Amending Chapter 10 Vehicles & Traffic At Paragraph 10.16.030 Parking Prohibited Or Controlled, At Schedule D Thereof.

There will be no parking on Second Street between Johnson Street & Edwards Street, east side only.

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

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #3
FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE
BUILDING PROJECT-INCREASE
\$750.00**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving Contract Change Order #3 with Plum Concrete Creations in the amount of \$750.00 to build downspout drain piping at the Cemetery Maintenance Building. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION OF PAY
ESTIMATE #4 FOR CEMETERY
MAINTENANCE BUILDING
PROJECT-\$3,750.00

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving Pay Estimate #4 in the amount of \$3,750.00 for the Cemetery Maintenance Building. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman announced the city is waiting for approval from the state and federal agencies for replacement of the two bridges at Fifth and Randolph Streets.

Mayor Gottman said that they plan on going out for bid this summer.

Mayor Gottman said that he spoke with Scott Hunt with Hurst-Roche in regard to the repairs to the Thrill Hill Bridge.

Hunt spoke with several contractors about making the repairs to the bridge with no luck at this time.

Mayor Gottman said that he plans to contact legislators to see if they can get state funds to help with the repairs of the bridge.

Mayor Gottman asked the Cemetery & Landfill Committee to start the process on the city's contract for garbage pickup. The contract expires on July 31, 2015.

N. Clark said that he has already contacted Mr. Doty about the contract.

Mayor Gottman said that the contract has expired with Cripe Farms on the farm lease with the City of Vandalia.

The council was in agreement to review the specifications from last time and bring it back for approval for the next council meeting.

Mayor Gottman said that he is working with the Assistant State's Attorney on extending the time frame for repairs to the Little Red Caboose until July 30, 2015.

If the repairs are not completed by this date, the State's Attorney will follow through with full prosecution.

Swarm asked if the windows could be covered up temporarily.

Mayor Gottman asked Marlin Filer, Public Works Director to cover up the windows at this time.

Mayor Gottman said that he wrote the advertisement that he wanted to do before the paper came out seeking a new City Administrator.

Mayor Gottman announced that he has advertised in the Illinois Municipal League Review in February, the IML website; Illinois Development Council website which is emailed out to 250 members, the Illinois City/County Management Association website & will be printed in the February newsletter.

Mayor Gottman said at this time he has received three applications.

The resumes are to be back in Mayor Gottman's office by March 28, 2015.

If anyone wishes to have a copy of the job description they need to contact Mayor Gottman.

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with Chief of Police Jeff Ray attended the inauguration ceremony for Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner.

Mayor Gottman announced that the February 2nd Council Meeting he will need everyone present.

Mayor Gottman will be inviting residents from Gallatin Street to Randolph Street on Fifth & Sixth Street to the meeting.

The Federal Government and the State Government Commerce will be here along with IDOT, CSX and Pioneer Railroad in regard to the railroad crossings in Vandalia.

The meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be a joint meeting of the TIF Advisory Committee with the City Council on Tuesday, February 17th at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

The purpose of the meeting is for Keith Moran of Moran Economic Development to meet with both groups and discuss TIF matters and concerns.

Mayor Gottman reported that he is working with two prospects on a couple buildings downtown.

Mayor Gottman announced that Fayette County Real Estate have purchased Schaal & Associates Real Estate.

The South Central Illinois LawDogs will hold their National Rally in Vandalia sometime in June. Days Inn and the Ramada Inn are completely booked for the event.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 8:04 P.M. :**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler to move into Executive Session at 8:04 P.M. for sale or inquire of land under Executive Session 5ILCS 120/2.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT
8:13 P.M. :**

Executive Session ended at 8:13 P.M.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES
AT 8:13 P.M. :**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:13 p.m. with a roll call: B. John Clark, yea; Stunkel, yea; N. Clark, yea; Hobler, yea; Swarm, yea.

ADJOURNMENT :

With nothing to report out of Executive Session a motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Hobler to adjourn. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK

