

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

January 5, 2015
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, Hobler and Crawford.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark approving the minutes from the December 15, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford approving the Treasurer's Report as submitted to put on file for audit. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by N. Clark approving the regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Neil Clark and seconded by Crawford approving the Special Bills as presented: Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$13,815.95 for chemicals; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$2,880.00 for sewer solvent; McKellar Robertson, McCarty & Click in the amount of \$2,208.00 for boiler insurance; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$5,616.21 for street lights; Old Dominion Brush in the amount of

\$1,834.75 for a tube broom; IDES in the amount of \$1,593.51 for unemployment insurance; Chuckwagon in the amount of \$20,000.00 for TIF reimbursement; Illinois EPA in the amount of \$22,787.56 for Annual NPDES Permit; Direct Energy in the amount of \$10,479.63; John H. Crawford & Associates in the amount of \$55,000.00 for Preliminary Engineering fees for Sunset Drive. Motion carried.

CONTRACT FUEL PRICES WITH SOUTH CENTRAL FS:

Barry Jahraus from South Central FS spoke to the council about locking in their fuel prices now for the remainder of the year.

Jahraus said that the city would have to agree to buy a certain number of gallons, and that the city could buy the fuel under contract by the quarter or a full year.

Jahraus also said that the city could agree to buy only a percentage of their fuel under contract as it tests this method of buying fuel.

The council agreed to think about the offer and revisit the issue at the January 19th meeting.

SEWER EXTENSION ON ELM STREET:

Public Works Director, Marlin Filer explained to council that there is an ongoing sewage problem on Elm Street. The sewage line in that area is approximately 50 years old.

The city received a bid from Smith Backhoe Service and also a bid from Bruce Concrete Construction, Inc.

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Hobler approving the bid from Smith Backhoe Service to provide for the trenching of that area. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2015-1-5-A
AMENDING CHAPTER 10 VEHICLES
& TRAFFIC AT PARAGRAPH
10.04.050 ONE WAY STREETS AT
SCHEDULE C:

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by N. Clark approving Ordinance #2015-1-5-A, Amending Chapter 10 Vehicles & Traffic At Paragraph 10.04.050 One Way Streets At Schedule C, will make the north-south alley between Sixth Street & Seventh Street only to have southbound traffic.

Mayor Gottman said they are looking at putting a restaurant in that might be looking at a drive-up window.

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

ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO
PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE ON
SECOND STREET:

An ordinance amending Chapter 10 Vehicles & Traffic At Paragraph 10.16.030 Parking Prohibited to No Parking Zones on Second Street between Johnson Street & Edwards Street, east side only.

Greg Hubler said that with the restrictions, those currently parking on the east side would begin parking on the west side, leaving fewer spaces for other vehicles.

Hubler said that this would cause a problem if you were having someone over to visit.

B. John Clark said that the proposed ordinance change seems to be the only answer to the existing problem.

Lester suggested that we table this parking issue until the January 19th meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman announced that Marlin Filer put together a small retirement party for John Moyer who retired as the Public Works Director at the end of 2014.

Mayor Gottman announced that South Hill Cemetery received a check for \$32,815.84 from the Hazel Simma Kelly Trust Restricted Fund for maintenance to the cemetery.

The Vandalia Volunteer Fire Department also received a check from the Hazel Simma Kelly Trust Restricted Fund in the amount of \$32,815.84 for customary services for the fire department.

Mayor Gottman reported that The Illinois Department of Employment Security reported that in November of 2013 the unemployment was at 11.0% for Fayette County and in November of 2014 it is at 7.6%.

Mayor Gottman announced after thirty-five years at the Water Plant, Randy Bone will retire effective May 12, 2015.

Also, after thirty-three years of employment with the City of Vandalia, David Goodin will retire effective June 14, 2015.

Mayor Gottman told the council to be prepared to act on these positions at the next council meeting. Both of these positions are licensed positions. Mayor Gottman would like to have authorization at the next council meeting to move forward in getting these two positions filled.

Mayor Gottman announced as of today, January 5th, David Wodtka sexton at the cemetery will report to the Public Works Director, Marlin Filer.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Neil Clark suggested now that the Cemetery Building is completed it needs a sign that says, Office. Mayor Gottman will take care of that.

CONCERNS FROM ALDERMEN:

N. Clark noted that after eight months of revenue coming in from gaming in the amount of \$73,577.53 that the city would be able to hire a city administrator/economic development director.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:13 P.M.:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark to move into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. for the sale or inquire of land under IL law 5ILCS 120/2.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:18 P.M.:

Executive Session ended at 8:18 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT 8:18 P.M.:

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:18 p.m. with roll call: N. Clark, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Hobler, yea; Lester, yea; Crawford, yea; Swarm, yea

ADJOURNMENT:

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

CITY CLERK

