

**CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

October 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: Hubler, Lester, Hobler, B. John Clark, Swarm and Rebbe. Crawford & Stunkel were absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DOLORES BONE:**

A moment of silence was observed for Laurie Mabry. Mabry was a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments for the City of Vandalia several years ago.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark approving the minutes from the October 05, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Swarm approving all Special Bills include: Mark Boelling in the amount of \$1,560.00 for mowing; Illinois South Tourism in the

amount of \$3,360.00 for the second quarter for advertising; Cargill Inc. in the amount of \$10,914.84 for salt; South Central Fs, Inc. in the amount of \$6,909.19 for fuel; Direct Energy in the amount of \$17,665.38 for electric; Allen Hunter in the amount of \$2,232.79 for a TIF Reimbursement; Burnside, Johnston, Connor in the amount of \$2,050.00 for legal fees; Sloan Implement Co. in the amount of \$35,670.41 for TIF Reimbursement; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$42,762.38 for TIF Reimbursement; Wait Land Trust in the amount of \$7,597.93 for TIF Reimbursement; HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$3,519.21 for supplies; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$16,303.39 for chemicals; Kaskaskia Springs Water Co. in the amount of \$1,990.71 for energy pass thru 4.011 million gals delivered; Vandalia City garage in the amount of \$2,117.00 for oil changes/repairs/gasoline. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Hobler approving the Treasurer's Report to be filed for audit. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE  
FILTER ANTHRACITE FOR WATER  
PLANT:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Swarm approving the quote from Northern Filter Media, Inc. in the amount of \$2,155.00 for 3 pallets of filter anthracite. Motion carried.

The city also received a quote from:

All Service Contracting Corp. in the amount of \$2,875.00.

Unifilt Corp. in the amount of \$2,500.00.

**APPROVAL OF TOURISM  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2015:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler approving the Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2015-10-19-A:  
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A  
CONTRACT BETWEEN VANDALIA  
COMM. UNIT SCHOOL DIST. #203  
AND CITY OF VANDALIA  
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS  
OF 625ILCS5/11-209**

A motion was made B. John Clark and seconded by Rebbe Authorizing Execution Of A Contract Between Vandalia Comm. Unit School Dist. #203 & City of Vandalia Pursuant To The Provisions of 625 ILCS 5/11-209.

This ordinance will allow the city police to go onto school property to address loitering issues.

Roll Call: Lester, yea; Swarm, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Hubler, yea; Hobler, yea; Rebbe, yea; Crawford and Stunkel were absent. Motion carried.

**NO ACTION ON APPROVAL OF  
BIDS FOR SIDEWALK  
REPLACEMENT ON GALLATIN  
STREET:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Hubler to remove from the agenda approval of bids for sidewalk replacement on Gallatin Street. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE ZONING BOARD  
OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING  
MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 16,  
2015:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Hobler approving the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2015-10-19-B:  
APPROVING ASSIGNMENT OF  
REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
RIGHTS**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by B. John Clark, Approving Assignment Of Redevelopment Agreement Rights.

The rights are being transferred from Vandalia Green Energy, LLC to South Central FS.

Byron Sikma, Chief Executive Officer for South Central FS said that they have leased the property since it was developed some eight years ago and

that it made sense to purchase it at this time.

Roll call: Hobler, yea; Swarm, yea; Lester, yea; Rebbe, yea; Hubler, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Stunkel & Crawford were absent. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gottman reported that he is having Public Works Director Marlin Filer seek bids for sidewalk improvements in different locations in the city that are in the TIF District.

Mayor Gottman shared with the council a letter he received from City Attorney Jack Johnston in regard to the property where two partially collapsed buildings have been demolished.

At the time it was believed that Robert Anderson was the owner of the property, but Mr. Anderson passed away in August of this year. City Attorney Johnston states in his letter that no will has been filed and no estate proceeding had been initiated at this time stating it could be awhile before it is sorted out.

Mayor Gottman reported that he attended two ribbon cuttings in the city since our last meeting.

Mayor Gottman reported that Olde Tyme Christmas is coming up. It will be held on Friday, November 13, 2015 from 5:00-10:00 P.M. and Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-2:00 P.M.

Also in your packet is an Enbridge Report.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

City Clerk Peggy Bowen reported that she attended the annual Municipal Clerks of Illinois Conference in Springfield last week.

Bowen reported that we are not the only one not receiving funding from the state in reference to MFT or Video Gaming Tax monies.

We were told that we will not receive any funding until the state passes a budget or they pass a bill authorizing those expenditures.

It was mentioned that the IML is working on Legislation to get us our MFT money.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
REPORT:**

Public Works Director said that the city received their first delivery of 150 tons of salt in preparation for winter.

Filer said that the city has 350 tons spoken for if needed.

Mayor Gottman said that he has received a lot of questions on what is going on with the Thrill Hill Bridge project.

Mayor Gottman said that the public works crew has put up guard rails across the entrance to the bridge on each side at the request of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Mayor Gottman told the council and the audience that IDOT controls all bridges in the state. Some people don't understand that. The city cannot go in and put a whistle through there and fill it in and walk away and we have a passage way.

Mayor Gottman said at this time there is no funds available from the city to repair the bridge.

Mayor Gottman said that he is working with legislators to see if there is any money available to help out.

The cost to repair the bridge would be somewhere around \$500,000.00.

Mayor Gottman said that the city is already committed on two bridge projects in the city. Fifth Street and Randolph St and Sixth Street bridge shortly after that.

Mayor Gottman asked Building & Grounds Chairman Andy Lester to take a look at the sealant between the sidewalk and the building is coming out. Lester will take a look at it.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Lester to revoke Lake Lot #161 due to non-payment and failure of the lot lessee to respond to correspondence from City Attorney Jack Johnston. Motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Gottman said that he has signed off on the final documents for the railroad improvements in regards to the Fifth & Sixth St. railroad crossings.

Mayor Gottman said that the City of Vandalia is only responsible for the rail crossing markings painted on the streets.

Mayor Gottman says there has been a plan outlined for this year's Halloween Parade.

Chief Ray met with the Vandalia Lions Club to discuss the plans.

**CONCERNS FROM THE ALDERMEN:**

Mayor Gottman says the plan will include having an extra person manning a post at the Sixth St. crossing and asking that there be no line up of any parade participants on Eighth St. to the north, only to the west or south.

Mayor Gottman said that he is also communicating with CSX Railroad to ask that trains slow down on the night of the parade, basically asking them to crawl thru town at a very low rate of speed.

Mayor Gottman said that they will also contact Troy who works for CSX the day of the parade to remind them.

Mayor Gottman said that when he asked the CSX railroad to slow down the trains when the downtown buildings had partially collapsed, the slow down only lasted a few hours.

Mayor Gottman said that he would like to see trains permanently slow down coming thru town.

They will also notify the CSX railroad to slow down for the Olde Tyme Christmas also.

Mayor Gottman said that 55 to 65 miles per hour coming thru is too fast.

**AUDIENCE:**

Teresa Greenwood and David Burk asked the council if any action such as a ticket being written on the property located at 127 W. Madison St. They told the council that this has been an ongoing problem since last December.

Mayor Gottman said that he spoke with the attorney and he told him that we need to do a ticket and then wait ten days then the city will take care of the problem then the city will put a lien on the property.

Mayor Gottman will have Code Official Keith Meadows meet with City Attorney Ryan Connor to write up the ticket tomorrow.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being nothing further to bring before the council, a motion was made by Lester and seconded by B. John Clark to adjourn. Motion carried.

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CITY CLERK

