

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

February 2, 2015
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, B. John Clark, Swarm, Lester, Hobler, Crawford and Stunkel.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the January 19, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL COUNCIL BILLS:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Special Bills as presented: Ameren Illinois In the amount of \$6,765.42 for street lights; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$12,488.50 Loan #1 & Loan #2 for fire truck; Stombaugh Htg & Air Inc. in the amount of \$3,619.00 for installing two hanging heaters at Fire Hall; Wehrle Properties in the amount of \$13,882.00 for TIF Reimbursement; Durbin Seamless

Guttering in the amount of \$2,655.00 for a garage door at the City garage; Midwest Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$1,909.08 for residential water meters; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$6,635.10 for chemical supplies; Certified Balance & Scale in the amount of \$2,282.25 to replace unit for EPA testing. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TIF ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM
JANUARY 22, 2015:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark approving the TIF Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2015-2-2-A:
APPROVING CERTAIN TAX INCREMENT
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY &
BETWEEN CITY OF VANDALIA &
CLAYTON & BRANDI GATHE**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving Ordinance #2015-2-2-A, Approving Certain Tax Increment Development Agreement By And between City of Vandalia and Clayton & Brandi Gathe.

The total of estimated TIF eligible costs is \$14,258.63.

This will be Phase I of the project. In this phase they plan to update the building at rear of property to turn into storage units.

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

**ORDINANCE #2015-2-2-B:
APPROVING A CERTAIN TAX
INCREMENT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, IL & BRIAN J. STOUT**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark approving Ordinance #2015-2-2-B, Approving A Certain Tax Increment Development Agreement By And Between The City of Vandalia, and IL & Brian J. Stout.

The total of estimated TIF eligible costs is \$19,824.50.

This project will include the following projects: New exterior doors, energy efficient windows, HVAC repairs & proper venting, tuck-pointing, shingle siding replaced with steel siding, driveway repairs on Orchard Street side only due to safety concerns for customers, new shingles on roof.

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

ORDINANCE #2015-2-2-C:
APPROVING A CERTAIN TAX
INCREMENT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA, IL & RUSANI, INC. dba
THE CHUCKWAGON

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by B. John Clark approving Ordinance #2015-2-2-C, Approving a Certain Tax Increment Development Agreement By And Between The City of Vandalia, IL & Rusani, Inc. dba The Chuckwagon.

The total estimated TIF eligible costs is \$23,500.00.

This will be Phase II of the project. In this phase they plan to update an unused portion of restaurant to create more seating and a bar area for customers. This will include new floors, walls, ceilings, wiring, plumbing, etc. In adjourning building, a new roof will done in order to insure storage for staples of the restaurant are kept dry.

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR
BIDS FOR FARM CASH RENT LEASE:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark giving authorization to advertise for bids for farm cash rent lease. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman requested that all bidders be present at the council meeting when bids are open.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark making the lease agreement for a period of two years. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

An email received from Hurst-Rosche Engineers was given to each council member in regards to the repairs to the Thrill Hill Bridge.

Mayor Gottman stated that there is no update on the Fifth & Randolph St. bridge.

Mayor Gottman reported that the Public Works Department boarded up the windows at the Caboose.

Mayor Gottman said that he has been in contact with the States Attorney's Office and the repairs should begin shortly on the Caboose.

Mayor Gottman reported that he has received eight resumes for the City Administrator's position.

Mayor Gottman reported that the Illinois Department of Employment Security shows that the unemployment rate for December 2014 was at 7.4% compared to 11.1% in December 2013.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Debra Spencer, owner of Nails 10 is requesting a Do Not Block Drive by her business at 810 W. Fletcher.

Mayor Gottman questioned if that was a "property owners responsibility".

Mayor Gottman directed Public Works Director Marlin Filer to contact Mic Rogers about this issue.

Mayor Gottman reported that he has been working with a couple leads that the city has received.

Stunkel reported that the two positions at the Water Plant has been posted in the paper.

The Water & Personnel Committee will meet to review the applications.

In regard to the interviewing for the City Administrator's job, a committee from the outside which includes members of the Chamber along with businessmen and then the council according to Mayor Gottman.

Mayor Gottman congratulated Todd Stapleton who will serve as the new president of the Vandalia Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Chamber of Commerce Board voted Mayor Gottman as a voting member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to the two individuals who were awarded with Abe Awards at the Vandalia Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet.

Lester said that it was brought to his attention that there is a small box trailer parked in the downtown area for about a week.

Chief Ray stated that there has been a couple of issues with parking in the downtown area.

One of the issues is the two hour parking downtown. Chief Ray said that some individuals have complained about being ticketed for parking in an area that is currently not marked as a parking spot but no sign saying that parking is not prohibited in that spot.

Chief Ray said that a parked vehicle obstructs the vision of motorists coming out of the alley.

The area in question is east of the alley by All About You Day Spa.

Hobler suggested referring it off to the Street Committee as far as the downtown parking.

Mayor Gottman directed Public Works Director Marlin Filer and Alderman B. John Clark to take a look at the parking areas in questions and bring a suggestion back to the council.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 8:09 P.M. :**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel to move into Executive Session at 8:09 P.M. for sale or inquire of land under Executive Session 5ILCS 120/2.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:25
P.M. :**

Executive Session ended at 8:25 P.M.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT
8:25 P.M. :**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:25 p.m. with a roll call: N. Clark, yea; Lester,

yea; Hobler, yea; Crawford, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Stunkel, yea; Swarm, yea.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

