

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 16, 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, Crawford, B. John Clark, Lester, Swarm, Hobler and Rebbe.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FORMER
TREASURER MARJORIE BLYTHE:**

A moment of silence was observed for Marjorie Blythe, former treasurer for the City of Vandalia.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the March 2, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Neil Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving all Special Bills include: The Copper Penny Bar & Grille in the amount of \$3,732.51 for food for the hospitality night with the Law Dawgs Annual Convention; South Central FS

Inc. in the amount of \$6,194.06 for garage fuel; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$2,880.00 for sewer solvent; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$4,832.28 for chemicals; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$3,523.78 for chemicals; Sidener Environment Services in the amount of \$3,099.40 for the Annual Service on S10K System; CedarChem, in the amount of \$10,990.98 for cedarclear; Okawville Electric Co. in the amount of \$2,100.00 for the drive on the Plant Pump; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL PLANNED MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THREE GENERATORS FOR WTP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,500.81:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark approving the annual Planned Maintenance Agreement with Mid-South for Three Generators at the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$3,500.81. Motion carried.

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF DANIEL CONDER AS POLICE TELECOMMUNICATOR EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Hobler accepting the resignation of Daniel Conder as Vandalia Police Telecommunicator, effective April 1, 2015. Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO MOVE PART-TIME DISPATCHER TO FULL-TIME POLICE TELECOMMUNICATOR STATUS:

A motion was made Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark, allowing Chief of Police Ray to appoint a part-time dispatcher to full-time telecommunicator status. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH MAP-N-TOUR, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,800.00:

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Crawford approving the contract with MapNTour in the amount of \$3,800.00. Motion carried.

The Vandalia Historical Society will pledge \$2,000.00 to the project.

Map-N-Tour will be used as a marketing tool to create a virtual tour of the area to attract tourism revenue into the community.

**APPROVAL OF VANDALIA TOURISM
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving the Vandalia Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the Vandalia Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the Vandalia Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark approving the Vandalia Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Crawford and seconded by Stunkel approving the Vandalia Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FROM MARCH 4, 2015:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MAYOR
GOTTMAN'S 2015 COUNCIL
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark accepting the appointments made by Mayor Gottman to the 2015 Council Committees. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS FOR NEW
PICKUP TRUCK FOR WATER
PLANT:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler to accept the low bid from Arthur Young Chevrolet in the amount of \$23,544.99 for a 2015 Chevrolet ½ ton regular cab 4 x 4 to be used at the Water Plant. Motion carried.

The City did receive one other bid from Hosick Motors in the amount of \$24,041.00 for a 2015 GMC Sierra 1500 4WD regular cab.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY
PURCHASE OF SLUDGE AERATOR
AT WWTP:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by N. Clark authorizing the emergency purchase of a Sludge Aerator At The Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$3,059.00. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF WEBSITE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FROM FEBRUARY 12, 2015:**

A motion was made by Crawford and seconded by N. Clark approving the Website Committee Meeting Minutes from February 12, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2015-3-16-A:
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF
THIRD ST. & FOURTH ST. FOR
ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESENTERS'
CONVENTION**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford adopting Resolution #2015-3-16-A, Street Closure for April 18, 2015 for the Abraham Lincoln Presenters' Convention. Motion carried.

This Convention will require temporary closure of Old Rt. 140, from Third St. to Fourth Street between 7:00 A.M. & 3:00 P.M.

**CLEAN UP WEEK IS SET FOR MAY
18TH-MAY 22ND:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving the week of May 18th thru May 22nd as the Annual Cleanup Week. Motion carried.

**OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR
TWO YEAR FARM CASH RENT
LEASE OF FARM GROUND:**

The City of Vandalia received two bids for a two year farm cash rent lease of approximately 120 acres.

The first bid was from Pruett Farms in the amount of \$256.00 per acre.

The second bid received was from Emerick Farms in the amount of \$261.57 per acre.

**ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF
BIDS FOR TWO YEAR FARM CASH
RENT LEASE OF FARM GROUND:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Swarm accepting the bid from Emerick Farms in the amount of \$261.57 per acre.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman reported that he along with other mayors in the area met with Governor Rauner in reference to Governor Rauner's four month plan on the budget.

Mayor Gottman said that anyone in the public who would like to pick up a copy of the information could stop by City Hall and send in your feedback by Monday, March 23rd.

Mayor Gottman is asking the aldermen to review the ideas and give your opinion on how you feel about each of these items.

Mayor Gottman said that he has asked the Economic Development Council for the City of Vandalia and the Economic Development Council of the Vandalia Chamber of Commerce who we are partners with asking them the same question.

Mayor Gottman said that Governor Rauner made it very clear that he will not raise taxes to balance this piece of the budget.

**CLERK REPORTS THAT LOCAL
DEBT RECOVERY PROGRAM IS
PAYING OFF:**

Clerk Bowen reported on the Local Debt Recovery Program Training Conference she attended in Springfield in 2012.

The late Judy Baar Topinka who served as the State's Comptroller at the time coordinated the implementation of the Local Debt Recovery Program.

You as the council for the City of Vandalia entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the state for purposes of collecting bad debt from water bills.

I would like to report at this time we have collected a little over \$1,100.00 in bad debt. So, we know the program is working.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark to move forward with an emergency purchase in the amount of \$4,700.00 for parts for the sewer vac truck.

Swarm announced that there will be a Water & Sewer Committee Meeting on Monday, March 30th at 4:00 P.M.

Swarm asked if we received a check from the insurance company on the squad car that was damaged last November.

Mayor Gottman said that we are working with the insurance company on a fair reimbursement.

Mayor Gottman said that the Cemetery Department is looking at purchasing a metal building instead of repairing the building that is at the cemetery.

Mayor Gottman said that he felt this would be cheaper than fixing the building on site.

Mayor Gottman directed Public Works Director, Marlin Filer to get a quote from Interstate Motors on a metal building.

Hobler said that it is time to hire our seasonal workers at the lake.

Hobler said that we need to update our Lake Ordinance Book.

Hobler questioned if the Lions Club has a back-up plan to hold the circus elsewhere in the event of heavy rains out at the lake.

Paslay said she would make contact with them to see if they have another plan if it would happen to rain.

Mayor Gottman reported that Home Field Energy had their bid opening on March 12th. It came in at .05569 per kilo watt hour for 36 months.

Stunkel asked to have an ad put in the paper to hire for seasonal workers at the lake & cemetery.

Paslay reported that the Abraham Lincoln Presenters Convention will be held on Vandalia from April 16th-19th. On Saturday, April 18th lunch will be served at noon on the Statehouse lawn, a parade at 1:00 p.m. followed by Cemetery Walk. There will be a dinner buffet at the Moose Saturday evening followed by a Lincoln Ball. Tickets are available at City Hall. At this time there are thirty-one Lincoln presenters registered.

The Law Dogs Convention will be held in Vandalia June 18th-20th. At this time they are tentatively planning on three hundred fifty (350) people being in Vandalia for the event.

B. John Clark asked if we have entered into an agreement with the gas prices with South Central.

Mayor Gottman said no. He spoke with Andy Lester about it.

Filer was asked what they are paying at the present time and he stated \$1.57.

CONCERNS FROM THE ALDERMEN:

Crawford said that she has been asked by several people what the city plans on doing about the roads on the north-side of town when we have three hundred extra children on Fletcher?

Alderman B. John Clark said that he spoke with Rich Well and he will approach the City Council after they have reached a decision.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS:

Max Chaperelle questioned the \$300,000.00 that could be taken from the Local Government Distributive Fund. Asked if that was certain?

Mayor Gottman said that this would have to be approved by our legislators. This is only a proposal that Gov. Rauner has proposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

