

**CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

March 2, 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, Lester, B. John Clark, N. Clark, Rebbe, Stunkel, Hobler and Crawford.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the February 17, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded B. John Clark approving the Special Bills as presented: Land Of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$12,488.50 for payment of fire truck for February & March; Tourism Bureau in the amount of \$8,500.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Commitment; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$1,859.20 for patch mix; Sensus Metering System in the amount of \$1,570.34 for software; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount

of \$6,094.42 for chemicals; Direct Energy in the amount of \$18,002.64 for electric; Motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE  
COUNTERTOPS FOR FIRE  
DEPARTMENT KITCHEN:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark approving the bid from Depaolo's Flooring in the amount of \$3,765.00 for two countertops in the Fire Department kitchen. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL,  
FINANCE & INSURANCE MEETING  
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 23,  
2015:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving the minutes from the Personnel, Finance & Insurance Meeting Minutes from February 23, 2014 as submitted. Motion carried.

**TWO HIRED FOR WATER PLANT  
EMPLOYEES:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Swarm authorizing the hiring of two individuals, Andy Gelsinger & Steve Adams to fill the positions at the Water Plant. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES/TIF  
FUNDS FROM FEBRUARY 17,  
2015:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the City Council Work Session Minutes/TIF Funds from February 17, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF WEBSITE  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2015:**

A motion was made by Crawford and seconded by Stunkel approving the Website Committee Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR  
GOTTMAN TO SIGN ALL CLOSING  
DOCUMENTS ON REAL ESTATE  
PURCHASE ON JACKSON STREET:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark authorizing Mayor Gottman to sign all the necessary documents on real estate purchased on Jackson Street for the future Water Plant expansion. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2015-3-2-A:  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF  
A SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE  
SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by N. Clark approving Resolution #2015-3-2-A, Authorizing The Execution Of A Service Agreement For The Supply of Electricity For Residential And Small Commercial Retail Customers Who Do Not Opt Out Of Such A Program (Electric

Aggregation).

Mayor Gottman reported that in the first year, the savings for local residents totaled about \$50,000.00.

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

**ORDINANCE #2015-3-2-B:**  
**ANNEXATION FOR MARLIN FILER**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark adopting Ordinance #2015-3-2-B, Ordinance of Annexation for Marlin Filer.

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

**RESOLUTION #2015-3-2-C:**  
**MAINTENANCE OF STREETS &**  
**HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY**  
**UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY**  
**CODE**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Swarm Approving Resolution #2015-3-2-C, for Maintenance of Streets & Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$408,991.15. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked Marlin Filer who serves as the new Public Works Director and his crew for the great job they did during the most recent snows.

Mayor Gottman reported that Governor Rauner's proposal is to slash in half the Local Governmental Distribution Funds (LGDF). This would cost the City of Vandalia over \$300,000.00.

The IML will keep us informed on the happenings of this proposal.

Mayor Gottman reported that the request for proposal for the Website has been sent to three or four companies at this time.

The deadline for RFP's will be 5:00 P.M., Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gottman announced that the City is still working with Hurst & Rosche on the Thrill Hill Bridge.

Mayor Gottman reported that they are still working with the ICC on the Sixth St. crossing area.

Mayor Gottman reported that he has received fourteen applications at this time for the City Administrator's position.

He noted that we will be in competition with the City of Mt. Vernon due to Ron Neibert leaving to take a job in Florida.

Mayor Gottman is asking each aldermen to look at the committees that you have been assigned and if you would like to make any changes now is the time.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Alderman Swarm along with Alderman N. Clark stated that we have not received a report from the Code Official in quit sometime. Mayor Gottman will speak with Meadows in regard to a report for the next meeting.

B. John Clark said that he spoke with Rich Well, Superintendent of the School in regard to the transportation problem at the north end of town beginning in the fall of the year.

Well agreed to come before the council and give us their proposal.

Lester announced that the closing of the property on Jackson Street will be Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

Mayor Gottman said that he is working with two developers that have an interest in coming to Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman reported at this time there are 10 registered for the Lincoln Presenters to be held April 16-19, 2015 in Vandalia.

The South Central Illinois Law Dogs will hold their National Rally in Vandalia sometime in June.

Mayor Gottman announced that Todd Stapleton appointed him to the Chamber Board.

A meeting will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the FNBI.

**CRAWFORD THANKS POLICE &  
FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SENDING  
THE WRESTLERS' OFF IN STYLE:**

Alderwoman Crawford as a proud mother of a Vandalia wrestler publicly thanked Chief Ray and the Vandalia Police Department along with the Vandalia Fire Department for sending the wrestlers off in style.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by N. Clark to adjourn. Motion carried.









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