

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

April 20, 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, Neil Clark, Rebbe, B. John Clark, Crawford, Hobler, Stunkel and Lester.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR IVAN C. RAY FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE STREET DEPT.:

A moment of silence was observed for Ivan C. Ray, a former employee for the City of Vandalia's Street Department.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Swarm approving the minutes from the April 6, 2015 City Council Meeting. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford approving the regular bills as presented. 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.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Special Bills as listed: Burnside, Johnston & Connor in the amount of \$1,650.00 for legal fees; South Central FS Inc. in the amount of

\$4,456.00 for tractor tires; Historical Vandalia, Inc. in the amount of \$2,503.37 for reimbursement for salary & AT&T bill; Ennis Traffic Safety Solutions for street paints; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$1,834.40 for patch mix; South Central FS Inc. in the amount of \$4,716.04 for fuel; HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$3,500.00 for fire hydrants; Smith Backhoe Service in the amount of \$1,630.00 for track hoe services; Brenntag Mid South in the amount of \$7,579.56 for chemical supplies; Direct Energy in the amount of \$15,279.86 for electricity. Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL TABLES SUPPORT OF THE "TURNAROUND AGENDA":

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Hobler to table the issue until they had a chance to read the turnaround proposal which included 38 pages.

A roll call vote was taken: Stunkel, yea; Lester, yea; Hobler, yea; N. Clark, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Swarm, yea; Crawford, nay; Rebbe, yea. Motion carried. 7 yea; 1 nay.

INTRODUCTION OF RON GILLETT, PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONSULTANT FOR ENBRIDGE ENERGY CO.:

Ron Gillett, Public Affairs Consultant addressed the council.

Gillett said that work should begin on the Southern Access Extension around June 18th.

APPROVAL OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT & WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CHEMICAL BIDS:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the chemical bids for the Water Treatment Plant and the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

**WATER & SEWER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES FROM APRIL 6,
2015:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark approving the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2015 as submitted.

**REQUEST FOR TAXICAB BUSINESS
LICENSE:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approved a taxicab business license application submitted by John Hankins D/B/A Litchfield Taxicab. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL TABLES ORDINANCE
AMENDING VANDALIA MUNICIPAL
CODE AT TITLE 10, VEHICLES &
TRAFFIC:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark to table the ordinance on Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code At Title 10, Vehicles & Traffic regarding the Dog Park on Madison Street.

**REQUEST FROM UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH FOR ROAD CLOSURE:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the closure for the street around the Methodist Church on Sunday, August 30, 2015 from noon till 10:00 P.M. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2015-4-20-A:
APPROVING STATE OF ILLINOIS
COMMERCE COMMISSION STIPULATED
AGREEMENT 1857:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Lester approving Resolution #2015-4-20-A, agreeing with the ICC on alterations to the crossings at Fifth and Main Streets and Sixth and Main Streets.

Rodney Potts engineer for Crawford & Associates gave a recap of some of the changes that would take place under the agreement.

Some of the changes include the implementation of a one-way route between Fifth & Sixth Streets on Main, running west to east; at one point, the ICC had requested a one-way section between Third & Eighth Streets to Main.

Northbound traffic on Sixth Street will be unable to make either a right-hand or left-hand turn onto Main Street.

The railroad crossing arms currently on the north side of Main Street at the Sixth Street crossing will be moved to the south side of Main.

Potts told the council that the city's financial responsibilities will be around \$1,000.00.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman announced that he attended the Illinois TIF Association Board Meeting. Mayor Gottman stated that he was reelected to the board for another term.

Mayor Gottman announced that O'Reilly's Auto Parts had broken ground on a piece of property west of Los Amigos Restaurant.

The Red Door Restaurant located in the former Eakin Hotel opened for business this week.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Lincoln Presenters held their convention in Vandalia over the weekend.

This is the first city to host the convention twice.

Mayor Gottman commended LaTisha Paslay for handling many of the duties prior to and during the convention.

The City received a very nice "thank you" note from the family of Marjorie Blythe for a donation made to the Christian Academy School in memory of Marjorie.

Mayor Gottman said that he talked with Stunkel this evening to set a personnel meeting to review the applications for the City Administrator's position.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Law Dogs Annual Convention will be held in Vandalia on Saturday, June 20th.

Several of the hotel rooms are fully booked.

A report from Hurst-Rosche was in your packet.

Mayor Gottman announced that he received notification that there will be no increase in the city's health insurance rate.

Mayor Gottman announced that South Hill Cemetery received a memorial from the family of James E. Mitchell in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Clerk Bowen sent the family a "thank you" for their generous donation.

Mayor Gottman said that he spoke with our insurance company, IMLRMA in regard to the claim with the squad car which was hit while responding to a call on I-70.

Our insurance company will issue the City of Vandalia two checks, one in the amount of \$8,707.94 and another for the transfer of equipment and for the graphics in the amount of \$2,375.00. A total of \$11,082.94.

The Code Official's report is in the packets.

City Clerk Bowen announced that at the May 4th Council Meeting the newly elected officials will be sworn in.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Lester to have a "Slow Children Playing" signs placed on Sunset Drive between Jefferson St. and Fillmore Streets. Motion carried. 7 yea and Hobler voting nay.

N. Clark also requested that similar signs be placed on South Sixth St.

Hobler asked if the city was going to put these signs in all the neighborhoods. He felt that these signs can't be placed everywhere. He said that it's up to the drivers' to pay attention while driving.

N. Clark expressed his gratitude for his time as an alderman.

It has truly been a pleasure to work with you people and a pleasure to have been chosen for four years to represent the citizens of Ward I, he stated. "It's been an honor and a privilege."

CONCERNS FROM ALDERMEN:

Crawford asked if we have heard anything from the school board on the move for next year.

B. John Clark said nothing at this time.

Crawford had a concern in regard to the crossing guard on the north-end

of town. Crawford is concerned for her safety.

Police Chief Ray will address this personnel matter.

ADJOURNMENT :

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

CITY CLERK

