

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

April 6, 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, Stunkel, Rebbe and Hobler.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark approving the minutes from the March 16, 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.

SPECIAL COUNCIL BILLS:

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the Special Bills as presented: ADS Electric Corp. in the amount of \$1,983.07 to replace the pole & base on traffic signal on Mattes Ave.; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$12,488.50 for loan payment on fire truck; Il. Dept. of Employment in the amount of \$29,433.67 for 1st quarter of unemployment; Map-N-Tour, Inc. in the amount of \$5,564.00 for the initial

set-up and 1 yr. of maintenance fees; Clayton & Brandi Gathe in the amount of \$14,258.63 for TIF agreement; First National Bank in the amount of \$46,628.13 for GO Bond payment; Brenntag Mid South Inc. in the amount of \$14,438.45 for chemical supplies; HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$3,435.71 for supplies; Coe Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$4,695.00 for Warthog WGP-1 max pull package & 8" soil surgeon with flat vactor flange; Direct Energy in the amount of \$17,060.42 for electric; Cummins Mid South in the amount of \$1,522.70 to replace voltage regulator and tested under load. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**APPROVAL OF LAKE LOT #607
TRANSFER FROM CITY OF VANDALIA
TO JOHN "KIM" SHANKS:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by N. Clark approving the transfer of Lake Lot #607 from the City of Vandalia to John "Kim" Shanks, Vandalia. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF LAKE LOT #138
TRANSFER FROM MORGAN PRYOR, JR.
TO STEVEN EDWARD PRYOR,
GREENVILLE, IL:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the transfer of Lake Lot #138 from Morgan Pryor, Jr., Grinnell, Ia. to Steven Edward Pryor, Greenville, IL. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF RESULTS FROM MFT
IDOT BID LETTING OF MARCH 30,
2015:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the results of the MFT IDOT Bid Letting from March 30, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

**WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
FOR RAILROAD SAFETY ON MARCH
16, 2015:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the Railroad Safety Committee Meeting from March 16, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF WEBSITE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 16,
2015:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark approving the minutes from the Website Committee Meeting from March 16, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR SHOP
LIGHTING AT CITY GARAGE:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the bid from ADS Electric for additional lighting for the City Garage in the amount of \$3,560.00. Motion carried.

The City also received a bid from:

Tomlinson Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$3,872.00.

Montgomery Electric in the amount of \$3,750.00.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSURE OF THIRD
ST. FROM GALLATIN ST. TO
JOHNSON ST. FOR CAGES EVENT:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the closure of Third St. from Gallatin St. to Johnson St. on Thursday, June 18, 2015 from 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. for Cages Event. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSURE OF FOURTH
ST. FROM MAIN ST. TO GALLATIN
ST. FOR RELAY FOR LIFE
HAMBURGER COOK-OFF:**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by B. John Clark approving the closure of Fourth St. from Main St. to Gallatin St. on Saturday, May 30, 2015 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for the "Relay For Life Hamburger Cook-Off". Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSURE OF FOURTH
ST. FROM GALLATIN ST. TO MAIN
ST. FOR "LAW DOGS ANNUAL
CONVENTION":**

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the closure of Fourth St. from Gallatin St. to Main St. on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for the

"Law Dogs Annual Convention".
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2015-4-6-A:
STREET CLOSURE OF GALLATIN ST.
FROM THIRD ST. TO FOURTH ST.
FOR LAW DOGS ANNUAL CONVENTION

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel adopting Resolution #2015-4-6-A, approving the street closure of Gallatin St. from Third St. to Fourth St. for the Law Dogs Annual Convention on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2015-4-6-B:
APPROVING A NOVATION OF WASTE
COLLECTION AGREEMENT &
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION THEREOF
(CORRECTION)

A motion was made by N. Clark and seconded by Stunkel adopting Resolution #2015-4-6-B, approving a Novation of Waste Collection Agreement And Authorizing Execution with David A. Doty, d/b/a Doty's Sanitation Service, LLC.

The City of Vandalia and David A. Doty, d/b/a Doty's Sanitation Service entered into a certain Waste Collection Agreement on July 18, 2011.

There was an error as to duration or term of the Agreement.

It is agreed that the term of this Waste Collection Agreement shall be from August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2016.

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

CITY TO PURCHASE A MANLIFT FOR
STREET DEPARTMENT REQUIRED BY
OSHA:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel to purchase a manlift for the Street Department in the amount of \$1,866.04. This is a requirement from OSHA. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WATER & SEWER

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM
MARCH 30, 2015:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by N. Clark approving the minutes from the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting from March 30, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

Alderman Neil Clark complimented Melinda Garrison for the fine job she did in transcribing the minutes from the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting. Job well done!

CRAWFORD JOINS COUNCIL MEETING:

Dorothy Crawford joined the council meeting at 7:48 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF CITY BEAUTIFICATION
COMMITTEE & MEMBERS:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark endorsing the creation of a City Beautification Committee. Co-chairs of the committee will be Joyce Staff, Dorothy Jenkins and Kyle Barker. These members will then bring others in to serve on the committee with them. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2015-4-6-C:
AUTHORIZING STREET CLOSURE OF
GALLATIN ST. FROM 3RD TO 5TH FOR
ABATE FAMILY FUN FEST**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by N. Clark authorizing Street Closure of Gallatin Street from 3rd to 5th for ABATE Family Fun Fest on Saturday, May 16th from 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman received documentation from IDOT in regards to the individuals who went through a flag training course certifying them for three years.

Listed are those that completed the course: Mark Etcheson, Bruce Boaz, James Jackson, Marlin Filer, Brian Tedrick, Ted Miller and Mark Tessman.

Mayor Gottman asked if any of the elected officials plan to attend the Lincoln Presenters Conference meals need to contact LaTisha Paslay for a meal count.

Mayor Gottman gave an update on the ICC agreement. The City has received the agreement and it has been forwarded to our City Attorney to review the agreements that were put in place in 1868 and then challenged in 1879 and ruled in favor of the City.

ICC is in agreement that the City provide the painted crossings at the intersections and the raised curbs.

Mayor Gottman said that his goal is to have this agreement on the agenda for the April 20th council meeting.

Mayor Gottman reported that he has received 17 applications for City Administrator.

Mayor Gottman commended the Public Works Department and Ronnie Smith on the work that was done on Elm Street and St. Louis Ave.

Mayor Gottman is asking the aldermen who did not forward their feedback to him on Governor Rauner's four month plan on the budget should do so before the April 20th meeting.

Mayor Gottman is working on the final negotiations on the squad car with the insurance company that was damaged in November of 2014.

Mayor Gottman said that he had Marlin Filer and Andy Lester look at the building at the cemetery. Lester said that it needs a new roof and siding and Filer felt that it would be cheaper to purchase a pre-fab metal building. A bigger door also needs to be purchased.

Rodney Potts with Crawford & Associates will check to see if we can use the remainder of the grant money to put towards the purchase of a metal building & bigger door.

Mayor Gottman said that he plans on getting some pricing on replacing the bridge on Thrill Hill.

Hopeful in receiving some grant money when Governor Rauner releases the grant money for the state.

Mayor Gottman said that the unemployment rates continue to drop in Fayette County.

In January 2014 the unemployment rate was 10.2%. January of 2015 it dropped to 7.9%.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Gottman reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

Swarm reported that the Water & Sewer Committee met this afternoon.

Sensus System gave a presentation on their meters. Swarm asked Filer to contact Badger Meters to have them give the committee a presentation also.

Mayor Gottman said that he has asked Andy Lester to get a quote on repairing the back wall on the upper level on City Hall and the eastside. Also repairs to the back door.

Hobler asked where we stand on the applications for summer help at the lake.

An ad will be placed in the paper next week stating we are accepting applications for summer help for mowing at the Vandalia Lake or City Cemetery.

Hobler said that the camp grounds should open around the middle of May.

Mayor Gottman said that he will get with Stunkel to set up a meeting to review the applications for City Administrator.

Crawford mentioned that the Lincoln Presenters Conference will be held April 16-19th. Please plan to attend.

Mayor Gottman reported that he received a text from the State House manager that he did receive approval for summer help at the State House.

CONCERNS FROM ALDERMEN:

Crawford asked about the crypt in the Vandalia Cemetery that has been mentioned lately in the Vandalia Memories Facebook page.

Alderman N. Clark said that he will be getting with the sexton on this and some other history that they are checking into on that.

Crawford said that another thing mentioned was the unmarked pauper's grave.

Swarm said that he along with a neighbor of his Travis Towler would like to see some adjustments made to the ordinance on the Dog Park on Madison St.

They are asking from East Madison Street from First Street eastward to its ending, parking on north side only; North side of East Madison Street from First Street westward to Kennedy Blvd.; the alley bisecting Block 31 of the City of Vandalia shall be North-bound only; Not less than two speed bumps shall be placed within the alley bisecting Block 31 of the City of Vandalia.

Swarm had one other concern asking if we could make an adjustment to our nuisance ordinance whereas if a tree is taken down or fallen down they have so many days to get it cleaned up if you don't have the contractor clean it up.

Mayor Gottman said that he will have the city attorney look into it what we can legally do with that.

Mayor Gottman asked the council if they were in agreement to rent the house located at 119 E. Jackson St. which the city bought for the future Water Treatment Plant. They were all in agreement to do so.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

CITY CLERK

