

**CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

May 4, 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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**ALDERMEN SWORN IN BY CITY CLERK PEGGY BOWEN:**

City Clerk Peggy Bowen issued the oath of office to the newly elected & appointed aldermen, Ken Hubler, Ward I; Russ Stunkel, Ward II, Joel Rebbe, Ward III & B. J. Clark, Ward IV.

**NEW OFFICER TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE:**

Jonathan "Blaine" Redman took the oath of office as a new patrolman for the City of Vandalia.

**ROLL CALL:**

Swarm, Hubler, Rebbe, B. John Clark, Lester, Stunkel and Crawford.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the April 20, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford approving the Special City Council Minutes from April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Crawford approving the Special Bills as submitted:

Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$12,488.50 on loan of the fire truck; Beelman Trucking in the amount of \$17,695.73 for hauling CA6; Fastenal in the amount of \$1,866.04 for tripod; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$6,452.28 for chemicals; RWL Water-USA in the amount of 3,177.48 for rebuilding aerator; Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #604  
FROM KAY PRYOR, VANDALIA TO  
MARCIA PEMBERTON,  
BROWNSTOWN:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the transfer of Lake Lot #604 from Kay L. Pryor, Vandalia to Marcia Pemberton, Brownstown, IL. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #118  
FROM MIKE LIGIBEL, TROY, IL.  
TO GLENN SCOTT, O'FALLON, IL**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the transfer of Lake Lot #118 from Mike Ligibel, Troy, IL to Glenn Scott, O'Fallon, IL. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #116  
FROM BRAD MANN,  
COLLINSVILLE, IL TO MIKE  
LIGIBEL, TROY, IL:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving the transfer of Lake Lot #116 From Brad Mann, Collinsville, IL to Mike Ligibel, Troy, IL. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF 2015 STANDING  
COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the appointments to the 2015 Standing City Council Committees. Motion carried.

**CITY TO PURCHASE KUBOTA  
MOWER FOR PUBLIC WORKS  
DEPARTMENT:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the purchase of a 2015 Kubota Mower with 60" deck in the amount of \$11,067.00 from Bluff Equipment. Motion carried.

The City also received a bid from Sloan Implement Company for a John Deere Tractor in the amount of \$11,240.00.

**ORDINANCE #2015-5-4-A:**  
**AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO**  
**SALARIES FOR FISCAL YEAR MAY**  
**1, 2015-APRIL 30, 2016:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford adopting Ordinance #2015-5-4-A, Pertaining To Salaries For Fiscal Year May 1, 2015-April 30, 2016.

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

**ORDINANCE #2015-5-4-B:**  
**AMENDING THE VANDALIA**  
**MUNICIPAL CODE AT TITLE 10,**  
**VEHICLES & TRAFFIC**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel adopting Ordinance #2015-5-4-B, Amending The Vandalia Municipal Code At Title 10, Vehicles & Traffic.

There will be no parking on the north-side only on East Madison Street from First St. eastward to its ending; also no parking from First St. on W. Madison to Third St. on the north-side only.

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

**APPROVAL OF WATER & SEWER**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**FROM APRIL 20, 2015:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Hubler approving the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2015-5-4-C:**  
**AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04 WATER**  
**SERVICE SYSTEM AT SECTION**  
**13.08.090 E**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Stunkel amending Ordinance #2015-5-4-C, Amending Chapter 13.04 Water Service System At Section 13.08.090 E.

This ordinance pertains to grease trap inspections to all restaurants, including but not limited to all sellers of food and or beverages on site.

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

**ORDER OF APPOINTMENT OF  
ALYSSA MATAR (RECITALS)**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the appointment of Alyssa Matar to the position of Treasurer of the City of Vandalia for the period of May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2017 for an annual salary of \$4,000.00. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2015-5-4-D:  
RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND  
AFFIRMING ORDER OF  
APPOINTMENT OF CITY  
TREASURER**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler approving Resolution #2015-5-4-D, Ratifying & Affirming Order of Appointment Of City Treasurer Alyssa Matar from May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2017.

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

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO.  
4 FOR CEMETERY MAINTENANCE  
BUILDING PROJECT:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hubler approving a Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$200.00 for an outside phone bell for the Cemetery Maintenance Building. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION OF PAY  
ESTIMATE #5 FINAL PAYMENT ON  
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE  
BUILDING PROJECT:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Crawford authorizing Pay Estimate #5 final payment on the Cemetery Maintenance Building Project to Plum Concrete Creations in the amount of \$1,054.00. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2015-5-4-E:**  
**URGING THE GOVERNOR AND**  
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROTECT**  
**FULL FUNDING OF LOCAL**  
**GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUND**  
**REVENUES**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford approving Resolution #2015-5-4-E, Urging The Governor And General Assembly To protect Full Funding Of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues. The Governor proposed a 50 percent reduction in the local share of the income tax during his FY2016 Budget Address, reducing the City of Vandalia revenues by \$348,579.00.

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

The City of Vandalia urges the Governor and the General Assembly to protect full funding of the Local Government Distributive Fund and other revenue sources that allow local governments to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of their residents.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MASONRY**  
**REPAIRS ON CITY HALL**  
**BUILDING ON NORTH SIDE OF**  
**SECOND STORY:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Stunkel authorizing Illini Restoration, Inc. of Brownstown to repair the north side of City Hall's second story in the amount of \$9,900.00. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MASONRY**  
**REPAIRS ON EAST SIDE OF**  
**SECOND STORY:**

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Stunkel authorizing Illini Restoration, Inc. of Brownstown to also repair the east side of the second story of City Hall in the amount of \$19,800.00. Motion carried.

Alderman Lester explained that the repairs are urgently needed to avoid voiding the warranty on the roof.

Lester said the repairs were not put out for bid due to the emergency scenario that needed taken care of.

**AUTHORIZATION TO  
ADVERTISE/MARKET VANDALIA IN  
TRADE & INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT  
MAGAZINE:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford authorizing the City of Vandalia to Advertise/Market Vandalia in the Trade & Industry Development Magazine for September/October that Vandalia has already committed to in the amount of \$2,800.00. Motion carried. Lester voted nay.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gottman stated the City of Vandalia received a letter from the Association of Lincoln Presenters thanking the city for their hospitality in hosting the conference April 16-19<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gottman praised LaTisha Paslay for all the hard work that she put into the event to make it a success.

There will be a Grand Opening of the "Bark Park on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The City Council has been invited to attend.

Mayor Gottman reported that a new Chinese restaurant will be opening in the former GameStop location.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Fayette County Hospital is under renovation at this time.

Liberty Utilities is under construction at this time.

The Fayette County Courthouse is doing renovations on the roof at their facility.

Dates will be set for some "ribbon cuttings" in the community shortly.

The Red Door has opened their Café.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Alderman Swarm reported that Second Chance Animal Rescue is requesting the city help in getting water to the new Dog Park.

Swarm said that the Vandalia Park District has agreed to pay for the water bill at the park but Second Chance is asking the city's assistance to get water lines to the dog park.

Marlin Filer who is the Public Works Director said that there is just a small line that feeds that block and it was possible to tie on to it, but eventually have to have a large line for that area of town.

Swarm said that he could see problems with that. The water not being turned off.

Mayor Gottman asked Filer to get some information on the cost of the project to get the line to the Dog Park and bring it back to the May 18<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

Police Chief Jeff Ray will be attending a seminar in O'Fallon, Il on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> on "Police Deadly Force Events" How municipal officials should prepare and respond.

This event is being sponsored by the Illinois Municipal League and the law firm Ancel Glink.

Alderman Lester spoke with Rodney Potts in regard to the repairs at the Water Plant. They should be completed by the end of the month.

The Lake Committee will meet on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Vandalia Lake Marina.

Mayor Gottman has signed the ICC agreement that was approved by the city council.

Alderman Stunkel scheduled a Personnel Meeting for Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. to review the applications for the City Administrator's position.

LaTisha Paslay reported on Tourism.

The Vandalia Tourism Commission is sponsoring the annual "Abate Family Fun Fest" on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> also tying in our Armed Forces Tribute to be held also May 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Lincoln Heritage Festival will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> in the park. There will be a plant sale that day.

Alderman Stunkel asked if the Grande Levee was going to be held this year.

Paslay said that she has been told that the Grande Levee is not going to happen; it is still being discussed.

The Grande Levee is a state event and not a city one.

**ALDERMEN' S CONCERNS :**

Alderman Lester had a concern on the appearance of Third St. and Gallatin St. and the condition of the former Liberty Theater.

Lester said that he had spoken with Dennis Grubaugh sometime ago on more than one occasion and had not gotten any response.

Grubaugh said that he contacted the police about issues with individuals getting inside of the theater building and also pulling bricks out of the building, but hasn't gotten any response from the police on that



issue.

Grubaugh asked "how much am I supposed to put up with as a taxpayer, without police protection."

Lester was referring to the brick that were 15 to 18' high, so they were not pulled out by individuals.

Grubaugh said, "I've done a lot for the city, and I catch flack for anything, I don't take care of right away."

Lester asked Grubaugh what his definition of right away six or eight months?"

Grubaugh asked Lester if he had any idea how many buildings he had to take care of in Vandalia? How small of a crew Grubaugh has. It's himself and his nephew.

B. John Clark stated if the building was tuck pointed you wouldn't be able to pull the bricks out.

No resolution of any kind came about.

**AUDIENCE REQUEST:**

Neil Clark asked that besides a copy of the agenda for the public to review during the City Council meeting, he is asking that a complete packet be made for the audience.

Sandy Branham, representing the American Legion Auxiliary requesting a special event license.

This will allow the auxiliary to host wine tastings in conjunction with craft festivals at the American Legion.

Mayor Gottman said this was the first reading on the request. This will be a wine license only.

The city will have their legal counsel to draft an ordinance to act on at the May 18<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

Lester apologized for his actions earlier in the meeting.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION AT 8:34 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel to move into Executive Session at 8:34 P.M. for personnel matters under Section 5/ILCS120/2.

Roll call: Crawford, yea; Swarm, yea; Stunkel, yea; Rebbe, yea; Lester, yea; Hubler, yea; B. John Clark, yea.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT  
9:02 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 9:02 P.M.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES  
AT 9:04 P.M.:**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 9:04 P.M. with a roll call: Swarm, yea; Lester, yea; Hubler, yea; Stunkel, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Rebbe, yea; Crawford, yea.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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CITY CLERK



