

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

June 1, 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, Hubler, Rebbe, Stunkel, Hobler and Crawford.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR CLEO WAGNER:

A moment of silence was observed for Cleo Wagner, father of police officers Shanon Neiber and Todd Wagner.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the May 18, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded B. John Clark approving the Special Bills as presented: Online Solutions in the amount of \$1,800.00 ; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$12,488.50 for payment of fire truck; Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$15,850.75 for hauling CA6; HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$1,547.41 for street supplies; Metal Culverts, Inc. in the amount of \$2,471.35 for culverts & pipe;

Vandalia Asphalt Supplies in the amount of \$ 4,426.40 for patch mix; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$5,615.80 for chemicals; Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING
MINUTES FROM MAY 20, 2015:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the Zoning Board Of Adjustments Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2015-6-1-A:
AMENDING CITY OF VANDALIA
MUNICIPAL CODE AT CHAPTER 9,
PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS &
WELFARE AT SECTION 9.08
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC
PEACE & DECENCY**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving Ordinance #2015-6-1-A, Amending The City of Vandalia Municipal Code At Chapter 9, Public Peace, Morals And Welfare At Section 9.08 Offenses Against Public Peace & Decency.

The approved amendment states no person shall beg or solicit alms within the city limits except when acting as a representative of a recognized charitable organization.

Chief Ray said that there have been complaints of individuals that are sitting out begging near stop signs and it made people uncomfortable.

Alderman Swarm asked whether or not this might get the city in trouble for violating someone's first amendment rights to free speech, but City Attorney Ryan Connor said he wasn't sure this fell under protected speech and it would be a tough sell, as these ordinances have pretty successful statewide.

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

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE AN
ENGINE FOR A KUBOTA ZERO
TURN MOWER FOR CEMETERY:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Stunkel authorizing Mayor Gottman not to exceed \$2,500.00 to replace the engine for the Kubota Zero-turn Mower for the cemetery. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2015-6-1-B:
AMENDING CHAPTER 5.08
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES OF
THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving Ordinance #2015-6-1-B, Amending Chapter 5.08 Alcoholic Beverage Sales Of The Vandalia Municipal Code.

By created a Class T-5 license it will allow civic, service, charitable or other not-for-pecuniary-profit organization which shall permit the retail and or wholesale consumption or sale of wine.

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford setting the fee at \$100.00 for a one day event. Each organization had to have a A 501C-3 in good standing. Motion carried.

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

REPORTS:

Mayor Gottman reported that a copy of the Illinois Department of Revenue stats that show Fayette County was in your packets.

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be a Townhall meeting on synthetic drugs on Thursday, June 4th at the Vandalia Junior High School hosted by Senator Kyle McCarter.

The rise of synthetic drugs in Illinois and across the nation is keeping law enforcement working overtime.

Senator McCarter says an important tool to combat the serious health threat is to get families and communities involved through education and awareness.

Mayor Gottman said that he had Public Works Director Marlin Filer get him a price on running a water line for the Bark Park. The price came in at \$500.00. It will go inside the fence.

Mayor Gottman said that he spoke with the president of the Park Board asking him to send a letter authorizing him permission to go on the property and a letter stating that the Park District will be responsible for the monthly water bill.

Once the letter is received at the city, Filer will proceed with the water line.

Mayor Gottman reported that the Copper Penny is requesting a Catering/Picnic License.

This would allow restaurant to sell liquor offsite.

This was the first reading. The council will vote on this at their June 15th meeting.

Mayor Gottman said that they have received notice from a developer that is interested in potentially locating in Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman said there is very little we know about the developer which has the secret name of House.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

B. John Clark said that he spoke with Marlin Filer and they will begin oiling streets next week.

Filer said that they will oil streets south of Main Street from First Street to Stone St. and north of the Interstate this year.

Mayor Gottman said that he spoke with Brian Stout today, they are moving forward with the bakery on Orchard St.

CONCERNS FROM THE ALDERMEN:

Crawford asked if any news on the school board coming to talk to the council in regard to the school traffic situation for the fall of 2015-2016.

B. John Clark said, he doesn't expect to hear a thing until the construction is done at the school.

Lester responded to the open letter that was given to each council member in reference to revising the city ordinance about used manufactured/modular houses in the city limits.

Alderman Lester will call a Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting soon.

It was the consensus of the council not to change the city ordinance that would allow Tony Flowers Jr. to have a dog kennel at his residence on N. First Street.

Teresa Greenwood publicly thanked the council for taking action on getting the grass mowed close to their residence.

Mike Halford addressed the council in regard to the issue where Fletcher St. meets Sunset Drive.

It will be addressed again after the pins are set.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 8:21 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel to move into Executive Session at 8:21 P.M. for personnel matters under Section 5/ILCS120/2.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT
8:46 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES
AT 8:48 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:46 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular meeting at 8:48 P.M. with a roll call: Rebbe, yea; Stunkel, yea, Hubler, yea; Swarm, yea; Lester, yea; Hobler, yea; Crawford, yea; B. John Clark, yea.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Gottman said there was nothing to

report out of Executive Session. A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler to adjourn. Motion carried.

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