

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 15, 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.

ROLL CALL:

Swarm, Hubler, Rebbe, Lester, Stunkel, Hobler and Crawford.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the June 1, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford approving the Special Bills as submitted: Burnside, Johnston, Connor & Jensen in the amount of \$3,087.50 for legal fees; McDaniels Marketing in the amount of \$5,300.00 for the down payment on creating the website for the City of Vandalia; Ameren Illinois in the amount of \$6,790.18 for street lights; Breathing Air Systems in the amount of \$19,800.00 for a compressor system for the fire department; Tourism Bureau in the amount of \$4,000.00 for annual membership dues; Crawford & Associates in the amount of \$50,000.00 for engineering fees for the Sunset Drive Project;

Beelman Logistics, LLC in the amount of \$62,634.01 for CA-6; Superior Environmental in the amount of \$2,050.00 for quarterly UST inspections by Class B Operator; Dennis Grubaugh in the amount of \$15,000.00 for TIF Reimbursement; Vandalia City Garage in the amount of \$1,515.25 for vehicle operating costs; Plum Concrete Creations in the amount of \$4,230.00 for concrete tank strengthening at the Water Treatment Plant; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$9,382.46 for chemicals; Cedarchem LLC in the amount of \$10,925.46 for 40,000 lbs. of CedarClear; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**REV. CARL RHODES SPEAKS ON
VETERANS OUTREACH PROGRAM:**

Rev. Carl Rhodes of the Northside Christian Church spoke to the council about the Veteran's Outreach Program.

Rev. Rhodes explained that he is not a trained counselor, but looks for signs of PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) as his part of helping veterans.

He asked if anyone who may know of someone suffering with this problem should contact him at the Northside Christian Church.

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR NAR-ANON
SUBSTANCE ABUSE:**

Another community member spoke to the council about a program called Nar-Anon family group. The support group will offer help for people in our community whose lives have been affected by substance abuse. The group will meet weekly.

The first meeting will be on Thursday, June 25th at 7:00 P.M. at the Northside Christian Church in Vandalia.

ORDINANCE #2015-6-15-A:
ASCERTAINING THE PREVAILING
RATE OF WAGES FOR LABORERS,
WORKMEN & MECHANICS EMPLOYED
ON PUBLIC WORKS OF SAID CITY

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford, adopting Ordinance #2015-6-15-A, Ascertainning The Prevailing Rate of Wages For Laborers, Workmen And Mechanics Employed On Public Works Of Said City.

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

REAPPOINTMENT OF DEAN BLACK
TO THE POLICE PENSION BOARD:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hobler approving the appointment of Dean Black to the Police Pension Board For the 2015-2017 Term. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY
ESTIMATE #1 TO PLUM CONCRETE
CREATIONS FOR WATER PLANT
FILTER REPAIR:

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Hobler authorizing payment of \$4,230.00 for Pay Estimate #1 to Plum Concrete Creations, Vandalia for filter repair at the Water Plant. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FROM JUNE 1, 2015:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LAKE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 9,
2015:

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Hubler approving the Lake Committee Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY JOHN H.

**CRAWFORD & ASSOCIATES FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES ON
SUNSET DR. PROJECT:**

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Hobler authorizing payment to Crawford & Associates in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the preliminary engineering services for the Sunset Drive Project. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF STREET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 1,
2015:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester approving the Street Committee Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

**QUOTE FOR CLEAN-OUT OF
COUNTRY CLUB WATER TOWER:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford approving the bid from J. F. Brennan Company, Inc. in the amount of \$11,295.00 to clean and inspect water reservoir at the Vandalia Country Club. This is a budgeted item. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE
TURBIDITY EQUIPMENT AT WATER
TREATMENT PLANT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm authorizing the purchase of turbidity equipment at the Water Treatment Plant from Hydro-Kinetics Corp. in the amount of \$4,386.40. Motion carried.

Huskey said the equipment is necessary to measure the clarity of the water.

**APPROVAL OF WATER PLANT
LAGOON CLEANOUT:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the Water Plant Lagoon Cleanout from Metro-AG, Inc. in the amount of \$108,000.00. Motion carried.

The work on the lagoon is set for October.

**ALDERMAN B. JOHN CLARK JOINS
MEETING:**

Alderman B. John Clark joins council meeting at 7:48 P.M.

ORDINANCE #2015-6-15-B:

AMENDING CHAPTER 5.08
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SALES OF
THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford adopting Ordinance #2015-6-15-B, Amending Chapter 5.08 Alcoholic Beverage Sales of The Vandalia Municipal Code.

A Class T Licenses, authorizing the retail and or wholesale sale of alcoholic beverages as specified at 5.08.270. The fee will be set at \$100.00 per event.

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

1ST READING FOR A REQUEST FOR
A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF
TWENTY-ONE YEARS TO SERVE
ALCOHOL:

The first reading of a request from The Gallatin Street Grille and Copper Penny to allow alcohol to be served by restaurant employees under the age of twenty-one.

Several area towns such as: Salem, Centralia, Greenville, Effingham, Hillsboro and Pana allow servers eighteen to serve alcohol.

The City's attorney, Ryan Connor would take a look at other community's ordinances on the issue to see how they handled the situation. The issue will be acted on at the July 6th meeting.

CRAWFORD ASKED TO HAVE
BEGGING ORDINANCE
RECONSIDERED:

A motion was made by Crawford and seconded by Stunkel to reconsider the ordinance for discussion that was passed at the June 1, 2015 council meeting in regard to begging.

Crawford said she had reconsidered and felt the ordinance was not given the discussion it really warranted and made poverty or being poor a crime.

City Attorney Ryan Connor said the matter or ordinance was made "content neutral" so that it would not get into any constitutional issues.

Chief Ray said the only reason it was brought up they had several complaints from citizens. Without this ordinance in place they had no way to stop it.

Linda Kinney was not in favor of the ordinance either. Saying it was an ordinance that hurts the poor, mentally ill and the mentally challenged.

Dennis Shuckhart said that he felt that some of the individuals who are panhandling have mental issues. They have issues that prevent them from getting help.

A motion was made by Crawford to revote on the issue but the motion died for a lack of a second.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman said that the American Legion Post 95 celebrated its 95th birthday over the past weekend honoring local World War II veterans of Fayette County.

Mayor Gottman said that the City of Vandalia submitted the second round of paperwork to a developer who is considering Vandalia for their location.

The Law Dogs' National Convention will be held in Vandalia this weekend.

Law Dogs' is a group made up of current and retired law enforcement and military personnel, firefighters and emergency medical personnel.

Mayor Gottman said that he received a letter today from State Rep. John Cavaletto in appreciation to the Lincoln Presenters who were in Vandalia in April of this year.

A resolution was passed by the Illinois House of Representatives to commemorate the convention.

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked Marty Huskey and Marlin Filer for dealing with the leak from the lake intake.

Huskey said that they are dealing with a water leak from their intake at Vandalia Lake.

They asked Rodney Potts who is the city's engineer to help figure out the issue.

Huskey said at this time they have a portable pump set up at the Kaskaskia River with a floating intake to grab water and they will be bringing in an electric pump tomorrow.

Huskey is concerned about the heavy rain that is in the forecast as it could cause problems for the intake situation.

Mayor Gottman asked Rodney Potts to contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and ask them to back off the amount of water they are releasing from Lake Shelbyville.

Huskey said that they are beginning to pinpoint the area of the leak from the lake.

STANDING COMMITTEE'S:

B. John Clark reported that he along with Mayor Gottman and Chief Jeff Ray met with the Vandalia School Board in regard to the traffic congestion to the Elementary & Jr. High buildings

A public hearing on the issue will be held before the start of the upcoming school year.

Hobler announced that the fireworks at Vandalia Lake will be on Friday, July 3rd.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 9:02 P.M. FOR
PERSONNEL MATTERS:**

Swarm announced that the Lincoln Heritage Festival will be held on July 13th and 14th.

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Swarm to move into Executive Session at 9:02 P.M. for personnel matters under Section 5/ILCS120/2.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS ENDS AT
9:15 P.M.:**

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

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES
AT 9:16 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 9:15 P.M.

**NOTHING TO REPORT FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 9:16 P.M. with a roll call: Crawford, yea; Lester, yea; Hubler, yea; B. John Clark, yea; Hobler, yea; Swarm, yea; Rebbe, yea; Stunkel, yea;

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no action taken from Executive Session.

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford to adjourn. Motion carried.

