

**CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

July 6, 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.

**ROLL CALL:**

Aldermen present were: Hubler, Stunkel, Crawford, B. John Clark, Swarm and Rebbe. Hobler & Lester were absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR  
DOLORES BONE:**

A moment of silence was observed for Dolores Bone, mother of former employee Randy Bone.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Stunkel approving the minutes from the June 15, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Swarm approving all regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving all Special Bills include: Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$12,488.50 for fire truck payment; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$122,655.16 for chip mix,

HFE 300 and oil; South Central FS, Inc. in the amount of \$11,170.14 for fuel; Direct Energy in the amount of \$15,574.06 for electric; Illinois EPA Bureau of Water/Drinking Water Project in the amount of \$22,787.56; Dee's Cleaning Service in the amount of \$7,658.00 for clean-up to sewer backup; Ron Robinson in the amount of \$2,363.00 for reimbursement on sewer backup; Ken Higginbotham in the amount of \$2,655.00 for reimbursement on sewer backup; HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$4,389.70 for supplies; Brenntag Mid South, Inc. in the amount of \$15,182.66 for chemicals; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$2,168.05 for chemicals; Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**APPROVAL OF BID FOR PRINTING OF NEW CITY BROCHURE:**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Stunkel approving the bid from Kingery Printing in the amount of \$2,713.45 for printing 75,000 brochures. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2015:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Crawford approving the Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2015 as submitted. Motion carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF 2015 BRIDGE INSPECTIONS:**

A motion was made B. John Clark and seconded by Crawford approving the bridge inspection report for the 24 month routine NBIS inspections. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO UPDATE THE**

**CITY OF VANDALIA MUNICIPAL  
CODE:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Hubler giving authorization to update the City of Vandalia Municipal Code in the amount of \$2,595.00. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO CLOSE  
FILLMORE ST FROM BURTSCHI TO  
LOCUST & FLETCHER ST. FROM  
FILLMORE TO HIGH SCHOOL  
BASEBALL FIELD ON SAT. JULY  
11<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY, JULY 12<sup>th</sup>:**

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford authorizing to close Fillmore Street from Burtschi St. to Locust St. & Fletcher St. from Fillmore To High School Baseball Field on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2015-7-6-A:  
APPROVING A CASH RENT FARM  
LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
VANDALIA AS LESSOR AND  
EMERICK FARMS, AS LESSEE**

A motion was made by B. John Clark and seconded by Swarm approving Resolution #2015-7-6-A, A Cash Rent Farm Lease Between The City of Vandalia As Lessor And Emerick Farms, As Lessee. Motion carried.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Gottman said that he had authorized an emergency expenditure recently regarding a major water break at the Water Treatment Plant that required pumping thousands of gallons of water.

Mayor Gottman said that about 1,000 linear feet of the supply line will have to be replaced.

He said the estimated cost of having an outside company perform the work would cost approximately \$90,000.00.

By having Marlin Filer and Marty Huskeys' departments do the work, it will cost between \$40,000/\$50,000.00.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by B. John Clark authorizing Mayor Gottman to follow through with the emergency expenditure. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman reported that the attorney is working on the liquor ordinance to allow alcohol to be served by restaurant employees under the age of twenty-one.

Mayor Gottman announced that China King plans to open this week.

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be a personnel work session on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to review all applications for the City Administrator position.

The Council will go into Executive Session.

**CITY CLERK'S REPORT:**

City Clerk Peggy Bowen reported that her office has received several calls about mosquito spraying; asking when they plan to spray?

Bowen said that she realizes that the city is not responsible for spraying but Alderman Stunkel is a member of the MAD Board and asked him to relay the message to the board.

Stunkel said that they are out spraying, but they are covering a large area.

He also added that pellets and foam do work better than spraying and they are limited on the amounts of time per year they can spray. With the heavy rains, it has left standing water making the mosquito problem worse.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Mayor Gottman reported that they had their first ad hoc committee meeting on the beautification program. They will be meeting again very soon.

Public Works Director, Marlin Filer told the council that he received a call from a resident who lives on Mark Drive requesting a speed limit along with a "Slow Children Playing" sign on Mark Drive.

Alderman B. John Clark felt that the resident should address the council with the request.

The council tabled the request at this time.

Alderman Ken Hubler announced that the Cemetery Committee will meet on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss cemetery plots.

Mayor Gottman reported that Illini Restoration, Inc. out of Brownstown, IL started the tuck point work on City Hall this week.

Slack Glass is replacing the blue panel on the west side of the building.

Mayor Gottman announced that there was a huge turnout at Vandalia Lake for the fireworks on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be meeting with a developer on Wednesday of this week.

Mayor Gottman reported that within the next three to four months, the city will start seeing the influx of people with Enbridge Pipeline.

Mayor Gottman said those that are looking to relocate to Vandalia during construction are having a tough time finding properties to rent at a reasonable price.

Mayor Gottman said that several of the pipeline workers have campers and suggested that the council consider temporary waiving variance for campers or RV's.

Mayor Gottman said that he would have the city's attorney look into the zoning laws to see what sort of alterations can be made.

**CONCERNS FROM THE ALDERMEN:**

Alderman Swarm asked for some help on Sunday after the Lincoln Heritage Festival to help take down backdrops and other things around 2:00 p.m. Anyone who can help it would be much appreciated.

**AUDIENCE:**

Walt Barenfanger, with Kaskaskia Springs Water Company announced that they received their operating permits for two wells to supply water to the city.

Barenfanger said that the one-year agreement kicks in when the partners begin providing water.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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CITY CLERK



