

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

December 4, 2017
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: B. John Clark, Hobler, Hubler, Stunkel, Lester and Barker and Crawford. Rebbe was absent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR LORRAINE WHITE:

A moment of silence was observed for Lorraine White a life long resident of Vandalia.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Barker and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the November 20, 2017 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Barker approving the Special Bills as listed: Ron Whiteside Communication in the amount of \$4,481.00 for installing radio equipment in the new squad car; Key Equipment in the amount of \$35,833.00 for Xtreme leaf vac XV600; Hurst Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$3,860.34 for professional services

on the Thrill Hill Bridge Construction; Land of Lincoln Credit Union in the amount of \$12,488.50 for fire truck; Radliff Properties in the amount of \$83,350.00 for TIF reimbursement; Durbin Rental properties in the amount of \$4,750.00 for TIF reimbursement; Culbertson Heating in the amount of \$2,350.00 for Phase I for a gas furnace; Vandalia Country Club in the amount of \$5,451.58 for tower rental; U.S. Bancorp in the amount of \$14,781.19 for water meters; Core & Main in the amount of \$3,087.01 for meter yoke; County Materials Corp. in the amount of \$1,720.00 materials for water meters; Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$3,660.80 for chemicals; Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #38
FROM SCOTT ZOLA, COLUMBIA,
IL TO TODD TEETER,
BELLEVILLE, IL.:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Stunkel approving the transfer of Lake Lot #38 from Scott Zola, Columbia, IL to Todd Teeter, Belleville, IL. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WATER & SEWER
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FROM NOVEMBER 30, 2017:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Lester approving the Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes from November 30, 2017 as submitted. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO INSTALL NEW
ROTATING ELEMENT FOR SPLIT
CASE PUMP AT WTP IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$14,781.00:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by Crawford authorizing the purchase a new rotating element for the Peerless Split Case Pump in the amount of \$14,781.00 for the Water Plant. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE ON-
SITE REMEDIATION EXPERT AT
TIME OF DEMO AT 307 N ROCK
ISLAND AVE.:

A motion was made by Stunkel and seconded by B. John Clark approving the quote from Triple A Asbestos Services, Pana, Illinois for removal of ACM (Asbestos Containing Material) located at 307 N. Rock Island.

The cost for competent person for 8 hour shift is \$875.00 after 8 hour shift is \$150.00 per hour. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE
TRACTOR BLADE FOR WWTP:**

A motion was made by Crawford and seconded by Barker authorizing the purchase of a tractor blade for the WWTP from Midwest Tractor Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$1,350.00. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO SELL USED
FIRE/RESCUE EQUIPMENT:**

A motion was made by Lester and seconded by Stunkel authorizing the volunteer fire department to sell used fire/rescue equipment. Motion carried.

Lester asked the status on the formation of a fire protection district and Mayor Gottman said that two meetings have been held to discuss this issue.

Lester said he believes that until something is done on that front, the city needs to reassess its fee structure for outside fire calls.

LEAF BURNING DISCUSSION:

Mayor Gottman reported prior to the council meeting, a Street Committee was held to discuss leaf burning within the city.

There was no one from the public present. Mayor Gottman asked that the media get it out there for more input from the general public.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman announced after January 1st of 2018 we will be working on the comprehensive plan. PGAV is working behind the scenes with the mapping.

Mayor Gottman reported on the Memory Unit on Sunset Drive. It is moving along very well. They hope to open the first part of 2018.

Mayor Gottman reported that renovation is under way at the Holiday Inn Express.

Mayor Gottman announced that a new business has opened in town named, Fifth Street Printing.

Anthony's Restaurant opened today.

Mama Antonio's Pizza is still working on his building on Gallatin Street.

Peoples State Bank of Newton has purchased three branches in the area; Vandalia, Salem and Greenville.

Mayor Gottman and some of the Chamber members met with Josh Downs, with the Illinois Comptroller's Office. It was very profitable to meet with him. Several of the individuals that have met with him have received some of their money.

The Raising of The Flag took place today at noon at the Old Capitol Statehouse for the kick off of Illinois 200th Birthday in 2018.

Mayor Gottman attended the Illinois Municipal League Board Meeting in Chicago on Saturday.

Mayor Gottman announced that the council will act on a Sexual Harassment Policy that each municipality must pass by January 15th.

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked Dennis Grubaugh for removing the buildings that once housed Nedra's Printing & George Huber Law Office across from City Hall.

Mayor Gottman announced that the restaurant in the Distillery plans to open after the first of the year.

The Thrill Hill Bridge is underway. The project has started.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

B. John Clark reported that the sidewalk project is moving along.

Crawford reported on another water main break on N. Seventh St.

Crawford along with Marlin Filer & Marty Huskey would like to have a monthly meeting of the Water & Sewer Committee beginning after the first of the year.

Lester reported that Slack Glass will order the new windows for the front windows of City Hall.

Stunkel announced that after the first of the year a meeting will be held to review the Personnel Handbook and restructure of the fees.

Barker announced that the Tourism Committee will meet after the first of the year to make plans for the upcoming year.

Mayor Gottman reported that the Christmas Gala was held Saturday evening to support the Vandalia Historical Society's window renovation project at the Statehouse.

