

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 18, 2004
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: Hobler, Duggins, Click, Bennett, Brosman, Elliott, & Feldpouch. Cable was absent from the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes of the October 4, 2004 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Duggins approving the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Elliott approving all Special Bills as presented: GAC Mid-America, Inc. in the amount of \$2,218.56 for chemicals; HMG in the amount of \$22,359.12 for raw water intake project and the Gallatin Street project; Illinois Power in the amount of \$24,582.68 for electric and street lights; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$2,230.76 for patch mix; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of

\$2,340.00 for chemical supplies.
Motion carried.

**CITY CLERK ATTENDS ILLINOIS
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S
CONFERENCE:**

City Clerk Bowen announced that she attended the Illinois Municipal Clerk's Conference in Springfield last week. She thanked the Council for letting her attend the meeting in Springfield.

**JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY:**

City Administrator Neibert announced that the Joint Review Board Meeting was held Thursday.

**CITY AND HOWELL ASPHALT
MAKES PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENTS
ON KENNEDY AND JEFFERSON
INTERSECTION:**

Mayor Gottman reported the City worked out a deal with Howell Asphalt of Mattoon to make improvements to Kennedy Boulevard in the area of the Jefferson Street intersection.

The cost of improving the roadway was estimated at \$5,100 but Howell Paving agreed to do the work for \$2500.00 as long as the City provides street sweeping services in that area and in the area of Kennedy Boulevard and Randolph Street intersection.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch granting Howell Paving to do the work. Motion carried.

**CITY PREPARED TO MOVE AHEAD
WITH DOWNTOWN STREETScape
PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the City is now prepared to move ahead with the downtown streetscape project.

**HMG SUBMITTED UPDATED
FIGURES ON GALLATIN STREET
PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman stated HMG, who is the City's engineering firm has submitted updated figures on the Gallatin Street project.

The project will cost about \$1.4 million to complete.

The project will include new brick strips along the curb and brick

inserts in new concrete sidewalks along Gallatin Street, as well as new light posts, stop sign poles and street sign poles, all in period style.

Mayor Gottman said the next step in process is to take the updated figures to the committee for its approval. The committee will make a recommendation to the Council.

**VANDALIA LAKE CAMPING AREA
CLOSED:**

Hobler announced that the lake's camping area has been closed for the season.

**TOURISM COMMISSION AGREE TO
SOLICIT NEW TOURISM RELATED
SIGNS DISPLAYED ON I-70:**

Elliott reported that the Tourism Commission agreed to solicit the input of local artists on new tourism related signs that will be displayed on I-70.

**"PAINT THE TOWN PINK" FOR
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS:**

Kim Gehrke reminded everyone that Saturday October 23rd will be "Paint the Town Pink" promoting awareness to breast cancer.

The event will take place from 10:00 A.M. until noon on Gallatin Street.

**MAINSTREET'S OLDE TYME
CHRISTMAS WILL BE HELD
NOVEMBER 19TH:**

Gehrke reminded the Council that Mainstreet's Olde Tyme Christmas would be held downtown on November 19th.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOLD
NEW BUSINESS BREAKFAST**

Mayor Gottman announced the Chamber of Commerce will hold its New Business Breakfast this Thursday morning at 7:00 at The Depot.

**MAYOR GOTTMAN AND CITY
ADMINISTRATOR ATTENDS THE
SOUTH CENTRAL ILLINOIS
GROWTH ALLIANCE MEETING:**

Mayor Gottman announced that he and City Administrator Neibert attended the South Central Illinois Growth Alliance meeting at Kaskaskia College on October 13th.

**KASKASKIA COLLEGE TO CONFIRM
A DATE POSSIBLY WHEN THE**

Mayor Gottman announced that Kaskaskia College will confirm a date possibly

**PROPERTY FOR THE NEW CAMPUS
WILL BE PURCHASED:**

tomorrow when they will do a purchase of the property for the new Kaskaskia Campus located at Fillmore and Veterans Avenue.

**ALDERMAN FELDPOUCH UNHAPPY
WITH NOT GIVING LOCAL
MERCHANTS OPPORTUNITY TO BID
ON SQUAD CARS:**

Feldpouch stated that he was unhappy with the decision of not giving our local merchants the opportunity to bid on the two squad cars that were purchased at Miles Chevrolet in Decatur, Illinois. The vehicles were bought at the state bid.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business to bring before the Council a motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Feldpouch to adjourn. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK