

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

November 15, 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: Elliott, Feldpouch, Click, Cable, Hobler, Duggins, Brosman, and Bennett.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Feldpouch approving the minutes of the November 1, 2004 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman approving all Special Bills as presented: Craig Antenna Service in the amount of \$3,323.39 for radios in squad cars; Amerin IP in the amount of \$3,945.53 for Street lights; Pitney Works in the amount of \$3,044.00 for postage; Donnelle Conaway in the amount of \$16,000.00 for TIF reimbursement; General Fund in the amount of \$2,393.81 for TIF Postage reimbursement; Leader Union in the

amount of \$1,881.12 for T.I.F. publishing; HMG in the amount of \$8,733.49 for the raw water intake project; Amerin IP in the amount of \$20,303.54 for electric; Vandalia City Garage in the amount of \$1,546.03 for equipment repairs; Howell Paving in the amount of \$91,345.66 for retainage; Motion carried.

ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2004-11-15-A:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Ordinance 2004-11-15-A, authorizing the Sale of Personal Property by Sealed Bids.

Voting by roll call: Elliott, yea; Brosman, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Cable, yea; Click, yea; Bennett, yea; Duggins, yea; Hobler, yea. Motion carried.

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MET IN NOVEMBER:

Neibert reported that the Downtown Advisory Committee met on November 10, 2004. The revised engineering agreement has been submitted to I.D.O.T., where we are awaiting their approval on the engineering agreement. Once we have received the agreement from I.D.O.T., the City can approve the agreement and then we can ask the engineers to begin work on the design engineering. Anticipated design work on the project will encompass all of calendar year of 2005 with construction beginning in 2006.

CITY HELD FINAL HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT PLANS:

Neibert reported that the City held its second and final hearing on its proposed Tax Increment Financing District Plans was held prior to the City Council meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler authorizing the purchase of \$5,072.00 in materials for the construction of a storage loft in

the new garage, at the public works facility on Randolph Street. Motion carried.

Brosman scheduled a meeting for the Street and Sewer Committee for 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 22.

At the meeting, committee will consider a request to change parking restrictions in the area of the former Lincoln School.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman to seek bids on a three-quarter ton pickup for the Public Works Water Department. Motion carried.

Cable scheduled a meeting for the Water and Disposal Plant for Monday, November 22nd following the Street and Sewer Committee Meeting.

Cable reported the raw water intake project is virtually completed.

Gottman announced that the City of Vandalia received a letter from the Illinois Department of Labor in regard to a roof replacement project for the Water Treatment Plant.

Illinois Department of Labor is seeking certain information concerning compliance with the prevailing wage act.

Neibert reported on where the City stands at this time on the insurance for negotiations.

Neibert stated that the City has submitted three enrollment forms with different insurance companies

Once we receive firm prices from the

companies on insurance plans, it will be taken to the Personnel Committee to decide which plan will best be suitable to submit to the unions for negotiations.

Neibert reported that at the EDC Meeting today, discussion of a retention and expansion meeting will be held Wednesday, November 17th at 12:00 noon with representatives of Graham Packaging formerly known as Owens-Brockway.

Neibert stated that we have several prospects that the City is still dealing with on industrial sites as well as one for a call center that might utilize the old Wal-Mart building.

Elliott announced that she attended a workshop at Pierre Marquette sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

One of the speakers, Todd Hill from I.D.O.T. spoke on the statewide bike trail plan.

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Click authorizing Elliott to submit a bike trail plan application to include Vandalia in the Illinois Trails Program.

Elliott announced that the American Celebration plans are underway for July 2, 3, and 4th, 2005.

Gehrke, Main Street Coordinator reminded everyone to attend the "Olde Tyme Christmas" this Friday evening from 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Gehrke announced that a Holiday Concert would be held on November 20th

at 7:00 P.M. at The First Baptist Church in Vandalia.

Gehrke also announced that the tree lighting would take place at 6:00 P.M. followed by Spirit Singers from the First United Methodist Church.

Mayor Gottman announced the letter he received from Charter Communications indicated a rate increase.

Mayor Gottman announced that he received a letter from Illinois Department of Transportation.

The letter stated the traffic lights at the intersection of Randolph Street and U.S. Route 51 would be placed in operation on November 15, 2004.

Mayor Gottman announced that he and City Administrator Neibert went to Springfield last week to meet with Julie Curry, Director of Economic Development and Labor, in regard to issues of the third interchange and reminded them of their interest to keep the Route 51 Expansion Project in the forefront.

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with others spoke with Julie Curry about the Kaskaskia College Campus.

Mayor Gottman announced that the City Christmas Party would be held on Friday, December 3rd.

Mayor Gottman announced a ceremony to mark the signing of a contract between Fayette County Hospital and Long Term Care and Heartland Health System would be held at 7:00 P.M. this Thursday in the Fayette County Hospital Conference Room. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayor Gottman announced that it has been four years since we reviewed the Vandalia Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Gottman would be meeting with some of the committee members, asking them to revise their area of the plan.

A report will follow to let everyone know what has been completed and what still needs to be completed for the future.

Hobler announced that a Lake Committee meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on November 30th in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Gottman announced the tickets for the Vandalia Volunteer Fire Departments Annual Fireman's Ball are now on sale.

This year's ball will be held on Saturday, November 27th at the Vandalia Moose Lodge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:15 P.M.:

A motion was moved by Brosman and seconded by Duggins to move into Executive Session to review Executive Session Minutes from previous meetings for release as required by law. Motion carried.

MEETING RECONVENED:

The Executive Session ended at 8:25 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting.

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Brosman to release the following minutes from Executive

Session including:

July 21, 1997	June 19, 2000
Feb. 2, 1998	July 10, 2000
Feb. 17, 1998	July 10, 2000

		(Recessed Mtg)
May 4, 1998		Aug. 7, 2000
Aug. 3, 1998		Aug. 21, 2000
Sept. 8, 1998		Oct. 2, 2000
Oct. 5, 1998		Nov. 6, 2000
Oct. 4, 1999		Dec. 4, 2000
Dec. 6, 1999		Feb. 5, 2001
Dec. 20, 1999		March 19, 2001
Jan. 3, 2000		April 2, 2001
		Aug. 20, 2001

MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business requiring Council action, a motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

