

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

December 20, 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 Hobler approving the minutes of the December 6, 2004 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins to approve the November Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving all Special Bills as presented: The Depot in the amount of \$1,874.31 for catering the annual Christmas Party; Amerin IP in the amount of \$3,945.53 for street lights; Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende in the amount of \$11,581.57 for water projects and elevated tank cleaning; and Amerin IP for \$10,603.26 for electricity at the Water and Sewer Plants; and Siciliano Inc. for \$259,322.46 for work on the Raw Water

Intake Project was approved but on hold pending reimbursement. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2004-12-20-A:**

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Duggins adopting Ordinance 2004-12-20-A, approving An Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Doris D. Conaway and Eugene R. Conaway. The agreement is for improvements to the "Old Cuppy Building" and will be eligible for T.I.F. Funds.

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

**ORDINANCE 2004-12-20-B:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Click approving Ordinance 2004-12-20-B, An agreement Between the City of Vandalia and the Vandalia Community Unit School District #203. They are eligible for T.I.F. monies for upgrades to the High School parking lot entrance, subject to meeting certain criteria.

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

**ORDINANCE 2004-12-20-C:**

Brosman moved and Click seconded a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-12-20-C, Making Tax Levy for Fiscal Year May 1, 2004 through April 30, 2005. It was noted that the property tax levy for fiscal year was below the 5% guideline.

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

carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mayor Gottman informed the Council that the Effingham Illinois Department of Transportation Office is working on the T21 Grant Project on the City's behalf.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Cable had a meeting last week with the contractor on the River Intake Project and was advised that he would not leave until the project is finished. He asked for a time extension to the end of January. A change order will be coming up.

Cable announced that the bids on the Water Treatment Plant generator just came back and will be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

Cable reported that the Water Tower Inspection Report is complete and on file for review.

Hobler requested City Administrator Neibert to prepare bid specs for repairs to the Marina dock.

Elliott announced that the winners for the recent Tourism Logo Contest were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kevin Schaal and Chuck Harris (Prize - \$250.00)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Tammy Summers (Prize - \$50.00)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: JoAnn Hubbard (Prize - \$25.00)

Main Street Director Gehrke thanked the City and Council for their help and support throughout the past year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman asked the Council to consider the appointment of Charles Schilling to the Zoning Board. Alderman Click moved and Cable

seconded. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman invited everyone to the City's Employee Christmas Party on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at The Depot. He also announced that the City Hall will be closed Thursday afternoon, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and all day Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, in observance of the holidays.

Charter Communications Governmental Affairs Manager James Ray was present to answer questions and concerns about increasing rates and the lack of local stations and DSL Internet Service as previously promised. Ray will call the Mayor back this week with some information regarding these concerns.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business for the Council's consideration, a motion was made by Click and seconded by Brosman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

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CITY CLERK

