

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

January 17, 2005
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: Feldpouch, Cable, Hobler, Duggins, Elliott, Bennett, Click and Brosman.

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 Feldpouch approving the minutes of the January 3, 2005 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Click approving all Special Bills as presented: Burnside, Johnston, Choisser & Sheafor in the amount of \$6,014.66 for small cases; Amerin IP in the amount of \$3,945.53 for street lights; Leader Union in the amount of \$3,706.81 for publications for the month of December; Doris Donelle & Eugene Conaway in the amount of \$3,000.00 for T.I.F. reimbursement; HMG in the amount of \$1,550.50 for vulnerability assessment; Amerin IP in the amount of \$10,119.34 for electric; REP (R.E. Pedrotti Co. Inc.) in the amount of \$1,800.00 for electronic equipment (In Touch Run 500 Tag WO 1/0 V9); Van Devanter Engineering in the amount of \$2,172.50 for inspection of Flygt pump.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Click adopting Ordinance No. 2005-1-17-A, Authorizing Refinancing of Short Term Debt By A Lease - Purchase Agreement.

The City agreed to a lease purchase agreement with First National Bank of Vandalia.

The City agreed to enter into a 20-year lease purchase agreement with the first payment due in December 2005.

Voting by roll call: Cable, yea; Hobler, yea; Duggins, yea; Brosman,

yea; Click, yea; Bennett, yea; Elliott, yea and Feldpouch, yea. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

City Administrator Neibert reported that he has been in contact with I.D.O.T. in Springfield and they are working with our engineers to approve the necessary paperwork on the T21 grant.

Mayor Gottman directed Neibert to call I.D.O.T. tomorrow to follow up on the project.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Cable announced that work on the river water intake project continues to be on hold because of the high levels and flooding from the Kaskaskia River.

Cable also announced that work on the residential water hook up on Eighth Street would finish up this week.

Cable reported that demolition on the former Taylor Ready-Mix building on Eighth Street would begin soon.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Bennett approving an engineering agreement with the City's consulting engineers, HMG for an upcoming water distribution system improvement project. Motion carried.

Cable stated that this would provide a higher-pressure system to the east side of Eighth Street, which will

benefit Fayette County Hospital.

The estimated cost of the project is \$450,000.00.

Gottman stated that the improvements are in the most recent version of the City's comprehensive plan.

Click reported that the Police Department would receive three laptop computers through a grant program.

Click stated the laptops would be installed in three squad cars and officers may use them to check vehicle registrations and run criminal backgrounds.

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Elliott approving the cost of the computers including the software licensing in the amount of \$5,540.61.

The City will then pay \$788.88 per laptop each year for unlimited use of the computers. A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler accepting the low bid of \$5,860.00 from JS&B Demolition & Escavating of Vandalia for the demolition of a house at 834 W. Washington Street. Motion carried.

The other bid came from Durbin Trucking and Excavating of St. Elmo in the amount of \$7,150.00.

Mayor Gottman announced that the City received a check from Wal-Mart in the amount of \$1,120,431.08 meeting their obligation for their share for road construction costs to the Super Wal-Mart.

Mayor Gottman announced that several City officials would be making a trip to Pennsylvania in the near future to meet with officials of Graham Packaging. Graham is the new owner of the former Owens-Illinois in Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman stated the intention of the meeting is to see what assistance the City can offer to the company to help them remain viable in Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman stated that they would also like to talk to them about bringing a fill plant to the area as well.

Main Street Coordinator Kim Gehrke announced that Main Street is planning a fundraiser for February 19th at the Vandalia Country Club. The fundraiser will be a "A Nite at the Races."

Mayor Gottman extended the invitation to the Chamber Banquet to be held January 27th.

Mayor Gottman announced that he would be meeting with State Senator Watson on January 28th in regard to

Kaskaskia College, Vandalia
Correctional Center and Route 51.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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

CITY CLERK