

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

March 7, 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: Duggins, Brosman, Cable, Elliott, Hobler, Bennett, Click and Feldpouch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR CHARLES DAVIS:

The Council observed a moment of silence for Charles Davis, who passed away Saturday, February 26, 2005. Mr. Davis served as the City Treasurer from 1982 through 1997.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes of the February 22, 2005 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable approving the Special Bills as presented: Doty Sanitation Service in the amount of \$2,250.00 for pick-up at house on Cherry Street for demolition; Fayette Co. Treasurer in the amount of \$2,469.37 for animal contract for 1st quarter; Beelman Trucking Co. in the amount of \$6,223.18 for CM13; Metal Culverts in the amount of \$4,113.85 for bands; Donner Company in the amount of \$2,835.32 for AUSG07 Express; US Filter Zimbpro, Inc. in the amount of \$3,180.00 for hydrosand filters; JS/B Demolition/Excavating in the amount of \$5,860.00 for demolition work at 834 W. Washington Street, Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF LAKE LOTS

TRANSFERS:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the transfer of Lake Lot #141 from Joseph & Joann Hubbard to Vicki & Greg Hutchins, Mt. Auburn, Illinois. All necessary fees have been paid.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the transfer of Lake Lot #25 from Ron Christensen to Joseph and Joann Hubbard, Vandalia, Illinois. All necessary fees have been paid.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the transfer of Lake Lot #153 from David Walker, Brownstown, Il. to Kurt &

Becki Roach, Petersburg, Il. All necessary fees have been paid.

ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-3-7-A: A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Elliott adopting Ordinance No. 2005-3-7-A, Approving An Agreement Between the City and Dennis Grubaugh.

The tax increment allocation redevelopment agreement is work on the Easterday Building.

The completion of Phase 1,2,3 equals 70% complete at an estimated cost of \$188,130.00 with the balance of project cost of \$78,382.00.

His plans include creating commercial and office spaces in the building.

Voting by roll call: Bennett, yea; Brosman, yea; Cable, yea; Click, yea; Duggins, nay, Elliott, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Hobler, nay; Motion carried. 6-2.

ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-3-7-B: A motion was made by Click and seconded by Elliott adopting Ordinance No. 2005-3-7-B, Approving An Agreement Between the City and Doris Donnelle Conaway and Eugene R. Conaway.

The tax increment allocation redevelopment agreement is work on the Cuppy building.

The agreement states the City shall

provide assistance in the amount of \$9,000.00 toward the payment of \$19,883.00 worth of improvements.

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

APPROVING MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION:

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes of the Planning Commission from February 15, 2005. Motion carried.

APPROVING RESOLUTION 2005-3-7-C:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable approving the request from Main Street to have the Illinois Department of Transportation approve Resolution 2005-3-7-C, allowing the closure of Illinois Rt. 140 from Third Street to Sixth Street on May 14, 2005 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Main Street is sponsoring the "Heritage Day Celebration". Motion carried.

ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-3-7-D:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman adopting Ordinance No. 2005-3-7-D, approving the annexation from Eugene R. Thompson and Tommy W. Thompson into the City of Vandalia.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Neibert reported that Scott Rakers, an engineer for HMG, received a call from Illinois Department of Transportation about the City's proposed downtown streetscape project.

I.D.O.T. officials stated that they hope to have the City's revised plan completed by the end of the month.

Mayor Gottman remarked that he plans to contact Senator Watson and Rep. Stephens to see if they can help speed up the process.

REPORTS:

City Administrator Neibert announced that on March 21, at 6:00 P.M. there would be a Public Hearing regarding the proposed extension of the Enterprise Zone in Council Chambers.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Brosman proposed May 9th - 13th as the City's annual Cleanup Week.

Residential customers of Doty Sanitation are allowed to put unwanted items out with their regular trash on their regular trash pickup day.

John Moyer, Public Works Director, added that certain "guidelines" should be addressed this year.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Click to contact Doty Sanitation to see if this week will work in their schedule.

ADVERTISE FOR CHEMICAL BIDS: Cable moved and Brosman seconded to advertise for chemical bids. Motion carried.

Cable wished to have inserted on the bid specs that their price will include fuel sur-charge.

WORK ON EIGHTH STREET: Cable reported that sidewalks on Eighth Street are in the process of completion.

CHLORINE BUILDING TO BE DELIVERED: Cable reported that the Water Treatment Plant is waiting on the chlorine building to be delivered.

PERSONNEL, FINANCE, AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEET: Bennett reported that the Personnel, Finance and Insurance Committee met at 6:00 P.M. this evening.

Bennett stated the meeting would reconvene at 10:00 A.M. on Friday to discuss employee benefits that are part of collective bargaining agreements.

ADVERTISE FOR SUMMER HELP AT CEMETERY: A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Click to direct City Administrator Neibert to advertise for summer help at the Cemetery. Motion carried.

LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING SET: Hobler announced that the Lake Committee would meet at 6:00 P.M. on April 19th.

MAIN STREET EVENTS:

Brosman reported that the last fundraiser that Main Street sponsored "A Nite at the Races" was well attended.

Brosman also reported that Main Street would be sponsoring the Heritage Day Celebration as a spring event on May 14, 2005.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that he attended the Southwest Illinois Council of Mayors on February 24th.

Mayor Gottman announced that he attended the South Central Illinois Growth Alliance, which is out of Kaskaskia College on March 2nd.

Mayor Gottman announced that there would be a ribbon cutting on March 8, at 4:15 P.M. at Cunetto's.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Rt. 51 Coalition would meet on March 9th in Springfield for Lobby Day in the State Capitol.

Mayor Gottman announced that he, City Administrator Neibert, Dr. Underwood and Bruce Connors would be attending a meeting in Springfield on March 14th in reference to the Kaskaskia College for Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman will be the guest speaker for the Soroptomist Club on March 17, 2005.

Mayor Gottman granted a request from the Illinois University who is

helping with the "Community Garden" that they would clean the brush and treeline between the garden and the cemetery.

Brosman stated, recently the City has been annexing several properties into the City limits.

Brosman questioned "a little pocket" of land south of Fillmore Street and east of Sunset Drive be annexed into the City also.

Brosman recommended the annexation of the land because it is surrounded by properties that are within the City limits.

Mayor Gottman suggested the property owners should be notified to see if they would agree to petition into the City limits.

8:04 EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Brosman to move into Executive Session to discuss sale of property. Motion carried.

MEETING RECONVENED:

The Executive Session ended at 8:43 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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

