

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

March 21, 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, Hobler, Elliott, Brosman, Bennett, Cable, Click, and Duggins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes of the March 7, 2005 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Cable approving the Special Bills as presented: Amerin IP in the amount of \$3,941.82 for street lights; Lash Excavating in the amount of \$9,244.37 for removal and cost of concrete, materials, and labor at St. Clair and Jefferson Street; Beelman Trucking Co. in the amount of \$20,978.65 for CM13; Tune Trucking in the amount of \$5,453.42 for CA-6; Falbe Construction Service in the amount of \$1,600.00 to install a loading dock entry door for the water treatment plant; GAC Mid America, Inc. in the amount of \$2,241.83 for chemicals; Amerin IP in the amount of \$10,930.66 for electric; Vandalia City Garage in the amount \$1,763.95 for equipment repairs for February; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,808.00 for chemicals; Motion carried.

REZONING COCAGNE HOUSE:

Jane Lawinger and John Trace filed a petition for the rezoning of the Cocagne house at the northeast corner of Seventh and St. Clair Streets.

The request is to change the zoning of the property from "RT", (residential two-family) to CG (general commercial).

Alderman Brosman has reservations about spot zoning. Brosman suggested that a special use permit be allowed.

ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-3-21-A: After discussion and recommendation from the Planning Commission, a motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott adopting Ordinance No. 2005-3-21-A amending The City of Vandalia Zoning District Map.

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

APPROVING THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman approving the Planning commission minutes from the March 15, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-3-21-B:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch approving Ordinance No. 2005-3-21-B, Amending the Original Termination Date For The Vandalia/Fayette County Enterprise Zone By Action of the City of Vandalia/Fayette County Enterprise Zone By Action of The City of Vandalia, Illinois. Motion carried.

ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO.
2005-3-21-C:

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cable, adopting Resolution No. 2005-3-21-C, Rescinding "An Illinois Department of Transportation Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Federal Participation" and A Resolution Approving "An Illinois Department of Transportation Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement For Federal Participation". This agreement pertains to the proposed downtown streetscape project.

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

ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO.
2005-3-21-D:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Click, adopting Resolution No. 2005-3-21-D, Approving An Amendment to An Illinois Department of Transportation Local Agency Agreement For Federal Participation.

The City will receive eighty percent funding for the Gallatin Street Project and will be required to provide twenty percent, which is \$23,618.00 of the total engineering costs of \$118,089.00.

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

carried.

ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-3-21-E: A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Elliott adopting Ordinance No. 2005-3-21-E, Approving A Certain Agreement By and Between The City of Vandalia, IL and Mike Wehrle and John Wehrle.

The T.I.F. agreement is in the amount of \$10,000 for redevelopment of the former Benner-Nawman building on Veteran's Avenue.

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

ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-3-21-F: A motion was made by Click and seconded by Duggins adopting Ordinance No. 2005-3-21-F, Approving A Certain Agreement By and Between The City of Vandalia and Matthew Labertew.

The T.I.F. agreement is in the amount of \$5,000 for redevelopment on a building located at 528 W. Gallatin.

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

T21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman stated the resolutions, which were approved by the Council this evening, would be forwarded on to I.D.O.T. officials in Effingham for their approval, then sent to the office in Springfield for final approval.

Once final approval is given Gottman said, the project will move forward.

REPORTS:

City Clerk Peggy Bowen reported that she would be losing a member of her staff. LuAnn Miller who has moved out of the required residency limits.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch granting the Clerk permission to advertise for this position. Motion carried.

Bowen also reported that she is working with a local bank on setting up a direct debit program so customers can pay their water & sewer electronically through their bank.

City Administrator Neibert reported that he submitted to all departments heads work sheets for submitting their proposed fiscal year 2005-2006 budget.

City Administrator Neibert also reported the City has two additional T.I.F. applications that are pending and possibly be considered for recommendation at the April 4th Council Meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Cable reported the river intake project should continue tomorrow if the weather cooperates.

Cable reported the sidewalks have been completed on Eighth Street.

Click reported that the February Police Report has been submitted to the City Clerk to keep on file.

Bennett reported the Personnel and Finance Committee met last week with the unions representing the police and public works departments.

Bennett stated that they have tentative agreements on some issues and pending on others.

Bennett announced on March 29th, another meeting has been scheduled with the police and dispatchers at 4:00 p.m.

On March 31st a meeting has been scheduled with the public works department.

Neibert reported at the Economic Development Committee Meeting today, they discussed some of the marketing programs they are undertaking with Graham Packaging.

Neibert said they also discussed the status of the Kaskaskia College project.

Elliott reported that the Tourism

Commission is working towards a company that will do fiberglass signboard designs for the community.

Elliott reported that plans are underway for the American Celebration to be held on July 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

Elliott announced that the Tourism budget has been approved.

Kim Gehrke, Main Street Co-ordinator announced that Main Street would sponsor a spring festival on May 14, 2005. She encouraged everyone to attend.

Mayor Gottman announced that he and Ron Neibert met with representatives from Graham Packaging to review the presentation that they will be giving the corporate headquarters in PA.

The only element that is missing is the educational piece from Kaskaskia College being prepared by Bruce Connors and his staff.

Mayor Gottman also mentioned that he met with Crane Packing to help in growth to their business.

Mayor Gottman stated he attended Rally Day in Springfield on Rt. 51, on March 9th.

Mayor Gottman announced that Ron Neibert and himself attended the

ICCB Meeting in Springfield in regard to the Kaskaskia College on March 14th.

Mayor Gottman was the guest speaker at the Soroptimist Club meeting on March 17th.

Mayor Gottman will be attending the Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors meeting on March 21st.

Mayor Gottman announced that he would be attending a state budget hearing in Effingham on March 28th.

8:09 EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler to move into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining.

MEETING RECONVENED:

The Executive Session ended at 8:25 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 Brosman and seconded by Hobler to adjourn. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK

