

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

September 6, 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: Elliott, Click, Brosman, Duggins, Hobler and Cable. Feldpouch and Bennett were absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE:**

There was a moment of silence for the victims of Hurricane Katrina and their families.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes of the August 15, 2005 meeting as presented. 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 Click and seconded by Hobler approving all Special Bills as presented: Fayette Co. Treas. Office in the amount of \$2,469.38 for animal control; Ameren IP in the amount of \$3,976.24 for street lights; Timmermann & Company in the amount of \$15,500.00 for annual audit; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the

amount of \$1,962.18 for patch mix; Ameren IP in the amount of \$20,963.60 for electricity; Vandalia Tractor Sales in the amount of \$2,500. for New Holland tractor for the Lake; Vandalia Comm. High School in the amount of \$4,699.73 as a donation to the Band; Centraz Industries in the amount of \$1,515.00 for sludge buster; National Waterworks, Inc. in the amount of \$22,301.47 for 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and Walker's Subdivision; U.S. Aluminate in the amount of \$1,788.26 for chemicals; Van Devanter Engineering in the amount of \$5,938.98 for parts to the lift station pumps; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$3,744.00 for chemicals. Motion carried.

**TIMMERMANN & CO. LTD.**  
**PRESENTS AUDIT:**

Dale Timmermann gave a presentation of this years audit. Timmermann proposed a water rate increase of 7.94% and a sewer rate increase of 5.38%.

Mayor Gottman stated that the water and sewer committee will meet to discuss the proposal and bring a recommendation to the council.

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Elliott approving the audit as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVING ORDINANCE NO.**  
**2005-9-6-A:**

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Duggins adopting Ordinance No.: 2005-9-6-A, Approving A Final Plat For High Meadows Estates Subdivision.

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

**APPROVING ORDINANCE NO.  
2005-9-6-B:**

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Brosman approving Ordinance No. 2005-9-6-B, An Ordinance of Annexation for High Meadows Estates.

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

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING  
COMMISSION MINUTES 7/17/05:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the Planning Commission Minutes from the July 17, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF LOOKING FOR  
LINCOLN MINUTES 8/02/05:**

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes of the Looking For Lincoln Meeting for August 2, 2005. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #55:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott to accept the recommendation of the Lake Committee to approve the transfer of Lake Lot #55 from Ivan Pruett, Brownstown, Il. to Patricia Reeves, Edwardsville, Il. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR CORN DAYS  
CELEBRATION:**

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Brosman approving Resolution 2005-9-6-C for temporary closure of Il. Rt. 140 from Fourth St. to Sixth St. between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 24, 2005. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR ANNUAL  
HOMECOMING PARADE:**

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Duggins approving Resolution 2005-9-6-D for temporary

closure of Il. Rt.140 from Third St. to Seventh St. and from Gallatin St. to Johnson St. between 3:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. on Friday, September 30, 2005. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION FOR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable approving Resolution 2005-9-6-E for temporary closure of Il. Rt. 140 from Third St. to Seventh St. and from Gallatin St. to Johnson St. between 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 27, 2005. Motion carried.

**TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT SET BY COUNCIL:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott to set "Trick or Treat" night for Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 P.M. -8:00 P.M. Trick or Treat is set for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under. Motion carried.

**T-21 MEETING RESCHEDULED:**

The T-21 meeting scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the City Council Chambers

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving the purchase of a heavy-duty flatbed truck from Prairie International of Springfield for \$43,764.00. Motion carried. The funding will be divided between the three departments that will be using it: street, water & sewer departments. A long term lease will be the form of purchasing the flatbed truck.

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Hobler to purchase an automotive lift for the City Garage from NAPA in the amount of \$3,959.87 installed. The city received quotes from the following:

Automotive Equipment Sales & Service - \$4,300.00  
Deshler Equipment - \$4,457.25  
\* Vandalia Auto Supply (NAPA) - 3,959.87

It was the consensus of the council to purchase the lift from NAPA. Motion carried.

Cable reported that an investigation at the water plant proved that a chunk of wood was found in the bottom of one of the impellar. They removed the piece of wood and it pumps to its capacity. There is some problem with the other pump and they will be repairing it within the next two weeks.

Mayor Gottman stated that Ed Taylor, the first assistant chief of the Vandalia Fire Department volunteered to help out with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Taylor left Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Hobler announced that the Lake Committee will meet on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the Marina.

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAIN STREET  
CO-ORDINATOR KIM GEHRKE:**

Kim Gehrke, Main Street Co-ordinator announced that Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> will be the last Concert in the Park.

Gehrke announced that plans are underway for the Corn Day Celebration to be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Gehrke announced that Thursday morning a 12' x 12' sign will be installed at the corner of Mattes Ave. and Randolph St.

The sign will have names promoting the downtown business district.

Gehrke thanked John Moyer along with his crew for erecting the framework and Bruce Bowen D/B/A Bowen Signs who designed and made the sign.

Thank you also to Pete Burnam who donated a piece of his property for the "Merchant Sign" to be placed on.

Gehrke announced that a prayer vigil for victims of Hurricane Katrina and their families will be held in Lincoln Park, Wednesday evening at 6:30 P.M.

Gehrke reported that a new business opened this evening. The name of the business is B & P Old Capital Auction Barn. They are located at 414 W. Gallatin. They will hold an auction on Tuesday & Saturday evenings.

Gehrke announced that a ribbon cutting will be held Saturday evening at B & P Old Capital Auction Barn at 5:30 P.M.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

Mayor Gottman announced that an executive meeting of the Vandalia EDC will meet on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Gottman that September 8<sup>th</sup> a "Looking For Lincoln" meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at 4:45 P.M.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be attending the Southwestern Electric's Annual Meeting on September 10<sup>TH</sup>.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Downtown Enhancement Group will be meeting in the Council Chambers on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.

Our condolences to Darryl Tjaden and family in the loss of his father.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:30 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Click to move into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to potential litigation and personnel matters. Motion carried.

**MEETING RECONVENED:**

Executive Session ended at 8:50 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting.

**HIRING OF NEW POLICE OFFICER:**

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Brosman giving the Police & Fire Commission the authority to hire a police officer due to the retirement of Officer Dan Carman. Motion carried.

Carman has served 25 yrs. with the Vandalia Police Department.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

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



