

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

October 3, 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, Cable, Felpouch and Bennett.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR BYRON "BARNEY" WRIGHT:**

There was a moment of silence for the loss of businessman, Barney Wright. Our condolences to his family.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes of the September 19, 2005 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler 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: Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$2,983.42 for chip mix and patch; Hach Company in the amount of \$2,174.00 for a maintenance contract; United States Aluminate in the amount of \$1,776.92 for chemicals; Vandalia Country Club

in the amount of \$6,013.89 for rental lease agreement; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$1,872.00 for chemicals. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING  
COMMISSION MINUTES 9/30/05:**

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Duggin's approving the Planning Commission Minutes from the September 30, 2005 meeting. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND WATER &  
SEWER RATES "FAILED":**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch to amend the Vandalia Municipal Code At Title 13 Public Services, At Section 13.04 Water Service System and 13.08 Sewer Service System.

At the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, Feldpouch requested the council take out the automatic ordinance and vote every year whether or not to increase the rates.

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

**T21 GRANT PROJECT REPORT:**

Mayor Gottman stated that he has not received any update from HMG on the enhancement project for the downtown area since September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable authorizing John Moyer to go out for bid for a ¾ ton pickup for the Street Department. Motion carried.

Cable reported that the hi/low water pressure upgrade bid opening was held on Friday, Sept. 30th at 10:00 A.M.

Brian Buchheit with HMG was present to explain the distribution system improvements.

Two bids were received. The low bid of \$646,018.00 submitted by Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. is \$183,498.00 higher than the opinion of cost. Pipe prices, electrical and system integration prices, and lack of bidders all appear to have contributed to the higher than expected bids.

The only other bid came from Haier Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in the amount of \$776,224.00.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler to reject all bids and re-bid this project in January of 2006. Motion carried.

Cable announced that the Water & Sewer Committee met prior to the council meeting to discuss and review sewer line extensions to the west interchange.

The City is working with a developer looking to bring possibly two businesses to the west interchange.

The decision may hinge on whether the City can agree on providing infrastructure to the area.

Mayor Gottman announced that they recently met with a developer who is looking to bring a Holiday Inn and restaurant to Vandalia. They would be in need of water and sewer at that property.

The estimated cost of the sewer line is \$35,000-\$40,000.

City Administrator Neibert was directed to set up a meeting with the developer to discuss the sewer line extension.

Alderwoman Elliott reported on sessions that she attended at the Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago.

Hobler announced that the Vandalia Lake Committee will meet on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the council chambers.

Elliott reported that the Tourism Commission will meet on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE  
MAYOR:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the City Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Details will follow at a later date.

Mayor Gottman also reported on the IML Conference in Chicago.

Mayor Gottman attended the South Central Illinois Growth Alliance Meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Chamber of Commerce meeting will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup> at noon.

The following ribbon cutting events are scheduled:

October 6<sup>th</sup>- Rt. 40 Auto Sales at noon  
October 10<sup>th</sup>- Fayette County Hospital 50<sup>th</sup> year at noon  
October 11<sup>th</sup>- Doc's Custard at 6:00 P.M.

On Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, Main Street will be sponsoring "Paint the town Pink"

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be a special EDC Meeting On October 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

Mayor Gottman announced that he received notification from the Il. Dept. of Corrections that the Greyhound Line, Inc. will stop service in the Vandalia area effective October 30, 2005.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Alderman Cable questioned if there is an ordinance in place that sidewalks and curbing be required in subdivisions?

Neibert stated sidewalks as well as curbing are required unless the council so waives that requirement in passing the sub-division ordinance.

Hobler stated that he has noticed a problem with mosquitoes lately, and asked whether the employee of the M.A.D. has been spraying?

Neibert stated that the employee sprays late at night and is ongoing, weather permitting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

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





