

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 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: 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.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes of the October 3, 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 Cable and seconded by Duggins approving all Special Bills as presented: Burnside, Johnston, Choisser & Sheafor in the amount of \$8,401.02 for small cases; Craig Antenna in the amount of \$5,381.71 for repairs due to lightening damage; Vandalia Lion's Club in the amount of \$2,500 for Halloween Parade expenses; Fayette Co.

Collector in the amount of \$13,640.17 for the 2nd installment on real estate taxes; HMG in the amount of \$16,140.17 for the Lake Dam Inspection; Tri County Petroleum in the amount of \$3,365.07 for fuel; Vandalia Auto Supply in the amount of \$3,959.87 for installing lift at the garage; Centraz Industries in the amount of \$1,515.00 for sludge buster; Egyptian Concrete Co. in the amount of \$2,805.00 for rings for manhole; HMG in the amount of \$6,056.47 for distribution system improvements; National Waterworks, Inc. in the amount of \$1,592.72 for CL150 pipe; Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

RON STEPHENS:LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Representative Ron Stephens was a guest speaker at the council meeting.

Stephens spoke on issues that were pertinent to Vandalia.

ORDINANCE NO:2005-10-17-A:ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler adopting Ordinance 2005-10-17-A, An Ordinance approving the Annexation of David & Angie Lascelles real estate into the corporate limits of the City of Vandalia.

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

**JENKINS DISPLAYS DESIRE TO
ENTER INTO AN INFRASTRUCTURE
AGREEMENT:**

Scott Jenkins along with Bill York requested that the city absorb 60% of the water and sewer infrastructure costs for his entertainment complex off of Veterans Ave.

The estimated costs of extending the water & sewer lines was \$70,535.00.

HMG verbally gave the city an estimate of \$50,000 last week for the same project.

Bill York felt that both estimates seemed too high.

Jenkins withdrew his request for infrastructure assistance at this time.

The council agreed to table the resolution till the November 7th council meeting.

Mayor Gottman suggested that Cable call a Water & Sewer Committee Meeting to discuss this project.

T21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman reported that he received a progress report on the Gallatin Street Enhancement Streetscape Project.

FRANCHISE SEMINAR 10/20/05:

City Administrator Ron Neibert stated that the city will host a franchising opportunities seminar at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 20, in Council Chambers.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Click reported that the city will conduct testing for its police eligibility testing Saturday, October 22.

Click also reported that the Police Department is getting closer to having video cameras in all squad cars.

Click reported that the D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament was a success.

Mayor Gottman reported that the city has received several applications for the sexton's position at the Vandalia Cemetery.

Hobler announced that the Lake Committee will hold a meeting at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 25th in the Council Chambers.

Neibert reported that the Economic Development Committee met at noon in the council chambers.

Neibert reported that some of the sub-committee's have held meetings already and are moving forward in developing their plans.

Elliott asked to be removed from the EDC Committee due to a conflict in her schedule.

Elliott reported that Pat White, from South Western Illinois Tourism spoke on guidelines for a Tourism/EDC Director at the Tourism Commission Meeting.

Elliott reported on the NIMS compliance regarding completion of IS700 to assure opportunities of Homeland Security Grant submissions.

Elliott felt that the elected officials should attend one of Steve Koehler's, Coordinator for EMA'S classes.

Cable suggested that possibly some evening we could have Mr. Koehler hold a session for the elected officials along with the county.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE
MAYOR:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the Chamber breakfast will be held on October 18th at 7:00 A.M. at The Depot.

Mayor Gottman announced that Tuesday, October 18th Kaskaskia College will be hosting the KC's Vision 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Ramada Inn.

Mayor Gottman reported that he attended the ground breaking along Rt. 51 between Moweaqua and Assumption.

Mayor Gottman announced that Auto Zone will break ground this week.

Mayor Gottman attended the Southern Il. Mayors Meeting in Carbondale on Saturday, October 15th.

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be a ribbon cutting at Gary's North End Motors on October 28th at 12:00 noon.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Alderman Feldpouch questioned why we so exclusive with HMG? Feldpouch recommended that the city consider other engineering firms, due to the inaccuracy that was given on the last two water line projects.

Mayor Gottman directed Neibert to contact other engineering firms and have them send some background information on their company along with references.

Cable questioned if the State of Illinois ever responded to the speed limit request on Veterans Ave?

Neibert stated that he sent a letter to the State, but never received any response. He will follow up on the request later in the week.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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

