

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

August 15, 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, Cable, Hobler, Feldpouch, Bennett and Duggins.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**JACOB HEATON ACTS AS  
"JUNIOR MAYOR":**

Mayor Gottman allowed Jacob Heaton, to act as "junior mayor" at the council meeting. This will help him fulfill the steps needed to receive his Boy Scout community badge.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Click and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes of the August 1, 2005 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott approving the Treasurer's Report as submitted. 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 Cable and seconded by Brosman approving all Special Bills as presented: First National Bank in the amount of \$5,581.03 for backhoe payment; Harco

Leasing Co. in the amount of \$7,069.54 for the International truck lease; Ameren IP in the amount of \$3,976.24 for street lights; Ameren IP in the amount of \$20,155.98 for electric; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$5,508.40 for gasoline; and HMG in the amount of \$8,920.04 for distribution system improvements. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #29:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch to accept the recommendation of the Lake Committee to approve the transfer of Lake Lot #29 from Gilbert & Darlene Jones, Decatur, Il. to Roger Cornelius, Highland, Il. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUED TO BRENT HUNTER FOR CAPP'S TAVERN:**

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Click giving Mayor Gottman the authority to issue a liquor license to Brent Hunter, who will be operating Capp's Tavern effective September 1, 2005. Motion carried.

RAP Investments, Inc. will be relinquishing their liquor license effective August 31, 2005.

**T21 GRANT PROJECT DELAYED:**

City Administrator Neibert announced that HMG Engineers stated that the construction phase of the program would begin in the spring of 2007.

The enhancement committee wished to meet with representatives of the city's consulting engineering firm along with Illinois Department of Transportation.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Alderman Cable reported that the city has been having problems with the pumps at the river raw water intake. He stated that the pumps were not pumping to there capacity.

A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> with representatives from the pump company along with the contractor.

Click reported that Officer Todd Wagner is back to work after severely injuring his right arm in September of 2004, while helping his father at Seminary Township.

Wagner requested an unpaid leave of absence from the Vandalia Police Department for a period of four months.

Click submitted a copy of the July Police Record for the Clerk to keep on file.

City Administrator Ron Neibert announces that Auto Zone will begin construction this week, weather permitting.

Elliott reported that the Interstate highway signs have been installed.

Elliott reported that there has been some concern about the size of the signs on the signboard as well as the color that was used.

Elliott stated that she plans to talk with the Brownie Sign Co. about the dissatisfaction of the highway signs.

Elliott announced that Tourism purchased some souvenir items for the Chamber/Tourism Facility on Kennedy Blvd.

**REPORT FROM KIM:**

Kim Gehrke, Main Street Coordinator reminded everyone of the "Concert in the Park" this Thursday evening.

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

Gehrke attended Main Street Day at the State Fair.

Gehrke presented a display of the maquette, a print of the Lincoln statue with the Vandalia Statehouse and a proof book of pictures which was taken by Rich Bauer.

Gehrke announced that Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon at The Depot a picture will be taken of the top ten who purchased the limited edition prints of the Lincoln statue & Vandalia Statehouse.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman reported that he attended Main Street's annual meeting in Lincoln Park.

Mayor Gottman announced that Sen. Durbin was in Vandalia last week promoting "Looking For Lincoln" and the Rt. 51 expansion.

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be a ribbon cutting at The Pain Center on Kennedy Blvd. on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

Mayor Gottman announced that Vandalia's "Looking For Lincoln" committee will hold their second meeting in the basement of The First National Bank August 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 P.M.

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be a ribbon cutting on August 19<sup>th</sup> at "Something Special" at 12:00 noon.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be attending the South Central Illinois Growth Alliance Meeting at Kaskaskia College in Centralia on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be attending the Southwestern Illinois Mayor's Association Meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gottman reminded the council that the next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**THANK YOU TO KIM GEHRKE:**

Click publicly thanked Kim Gehrke, Main Street Coordinator for participating at the book signing at The Depot on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

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



