

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

February 21, 2006
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 Cable, Bennett, Hobler, Duggins, Elliott, and Feldpouch. Brosman was absent.

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 February 6, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Duggins approving all Special Bills as presented. Ameren IP in the amount of \$17,135.56 for electricity; McCarty Auto Body in the amount of \$1,705.48 for auto repair;

Old National Leasing in the amount of \$36,448.20 for a lease agreement on the 2001 Pumper; Southwestern Il. College in the amount of \$3,162.59 for schooling for Officer Thierry; Leader Union in the amount of \$2,757.00 for advertising; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$1,815.04 for fuel; HMG in the amount of \$31,647.89 for engineering fees;Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$1,710.00 for chemicals; Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JERRY SWARM TO COUNCIL:

Mayor Gottman appointed Jerry Swarm to serve as Alderman in Ward I till 2007, at which time a two year term in Ward I will be up for election.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving the appointment of Swarm to the Council. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-2-21-A: TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO CEMETERY OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE:

A motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Feldpouch approving Resolution No. 2006-2-21-A Authorizing Transfer of Funds From General Fund To Cemetery Operations and Maintenance Fund.

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

ORDINANCE 2006-2-21-B: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN VCHS DIST #203 & CITY OF VANDALIA:

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Elliott authorizing the Execution of a Contract Between VCHS, Dist. #203, A Municipal Corp., And the City of Vandalia, A Municipal Corporation, Pursuant to the Provisions of 625 ILCS 5/11-209.

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

APPROVAL OF MFT BID LETTING-FEBRUARY 9, 2006:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving the results of the M.F.T. Letting from February 9, 2006:

Vandalia Asphalt (Prime & Seal Coat)	116,707.42
Vandalia Asphalt (Patching & Chip)	42,400.00
Schmedeke Trucking (AGG CA-6)	21,575.00
Beelman Trucking (Seal Coat CM-13)	47,400.00
Clark Co. Supply (Corrugated Steel Culvert Pipe)	5,930.30

Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES APPROVED FOR 2/14/06

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the Planning Commission Minutes from the February 14th meeting. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2006-2-21-C:
APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT
FOR NORTHTOWN PLAZA
SUBDIVISION**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Bennett amending Ordinance 2006-2-21-C Approving A Preliminary Plat For Northtown Plaza Subdivision to state that the proposed roadway as shown on preliminary plat will not be maintained by the City of Vandalia until such time it is constructed to City's standards and formally accepted by action of the council.

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

**LAKE LOT TRANSFER FROM
GLENDA CAMPBELL TO JERRY &
TRACY EVANS:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the recommendation of the Lake Committee to approve the transfer of Lake Lot #79 from Glenda Campbell, Vandalia to Jerry & Tracy Evans, Vandalia. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2006-2-21-D:
ESTABLISHING DIRECTOR OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
TOURISM:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Bennett adopting Ordinance 2006-2-21-D Amending Vandalia Municipal Code Title 2 By The Addition Thereto Of Chapter 2.35 Director Of Economic Development And Tourism, By Addition Thereto Of The Following: 2.35 Director Of Economic Development & Tourism.

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

T-21 GRANT PROJECT:

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Cable accepting the low bid submitted by PSC Environmental Services from Columbia, Il. to conduct a preliminary environmental site assessment for the Gallatin Street Enhancement Project.

The cost to conduct the PESA will be billed on a lump sum basis of \$3,500. Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM CITY
ADMINISTRATOR:**

Neibert reported that he will be meeting with the director of the National Trail Biodiesel Cooperative tomorrow morning at 9:00 A.M. for a follow up meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable reported that bids were open on Thursday, Feb. 16th for the distribution system improvements. One bid was received.

Haier Plumbing & Heating submitted the only bid of \$747,526.00 which is \$232,213.00 higher than the Opinion of Cost.

Since only one bid was received, and since that bid was not reasonable, it was recommended that the City reject the bid. HMG will review the routing of the water main with the City to determine if a better route is available.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler accepting the quote from Certified Balance & Scale Corp. for an Analytical Balance Scale for the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$2,159.00. Motion carried.

**DANA WHITEMAN NAMES MAIN
STREET PROGRAM DIRECTOR:**

Mayor Gottman introduced Dana Whiteman as the new Main Street Director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman stated that IDOT is planning to improve the overhead flashing beacons at the intersection of U.S. 40 and Rt.185.

The Department will assume the entire cost of the improvement and no financial participation by the City will be required.

The project is tentatively scheduled for the April 28, 2006 letting. Construction is expected to begin in early May.

Mayor Gottman announced that Rt. 51 will be hosting a chili and hot dog day at the State Capitol to gain support for the Rt. 51 expansion sometime in March.

Mayor Gottman announced that GSI Group, Inc. plans to consolidate all production operations from its Vandalia facility into its manufacturing plant in Assumption, Il.

The company expects all production operations at this location to cease by July 2006.

Approximately 75 employees will be impacted by this plant closure.

Mayor Gottman stated that the Governor canceled his meeting on February 15th due supposedly to bad weather that hit Chicago.

Mayor Gottman stated that they are still pushing for support for the Kaskaskia College.

Mayor Gottman reported that there is \$50 million of the ICCB money that is unallocated.

Mayor Gottman stated that we are asking for \$6 million for the Kaskaskia Project.

Mayor Gottman stated that he will continue to campaign for funding to support the college.

ADJOURNMENT:

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