

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

May 15, 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, Brosman, Duggins, Hobler, Swarm, Bennett and Feldpouch. Elliott was absent from the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the May 1, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving all Special Bills as presented: Ameren IP in the amount of \$3,993.12 for street lights; Tele-A-Pair, Inc. in the amount of \$1,650.00 for repair to the telephone system due to storm; Promark Advertising, Inc. in the amount of

\$1,945.26 for souvenirs; D.J. Construction in the amount of \$2,311.83 for repairs at the pump house at the Marina due to the storm; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,515.00 for chemicals; G.S.Robins & Co. in the amount of \$6,272.00 for chemicals; Ameren IP in the amount of \$10,710.56 for electric; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,280.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

REQUEST FOR SENIOR DISCOUNT ON CAMPING FEES:

A request came from Kay Kistler to give a discount on camping fees to senior citizens at Vandalia Lake.

Hobler stated that the Lake Committee has already discussed the issue two different times and both times decided not to recommend the discount for senior citizens.

Mayor Gottman suggested that the committee discuss it one more time at the June 13th meeting.

Mayor Gottman along with Hobler invited Kay Kistler and other local seniors to attend the meeting.

**ORDINANCE 2006-5-15-A:
AN ORDINANCE OF VACATION OF
A PORTION OF ST.CLAIR ST.:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable adopting Ordinance No.:2006-5-15-A, which is an Ordinance of Vacation of a Portion of St. Clair Street.

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

APPROVAL OF CHEMICAL BIDS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving the Chemical Bids as submitted. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-5-15-B:
"WELCOME HOME BRAVO COMPANY PARADE":

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Feldpouch to ask the Il. Dept. of Transportation permission to close Il. Rt. 140 from Third St. to Seventh St. on May 27, 2006 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. The purpose will be to celebrate the "Welcome Home Bravo Company". Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-5-15-C:
IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE IL. HIGHWAY CODE ON JOHNSON STREET:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett approving Resolution 2006-5-15-C, For Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for work on Johnson St. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable reported on the intake at the river.

Neibert announced that all final payments to suppliers/subcontractors in regard to Siciliano, Inc. have been issued. Neibert stated the project is completed.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Bennett to seek bids for two (2) 2007 squad cars for the Police Department. Motion carried.

Swarm gave a monthly report for April 2006 for cases handled by the Vandalia Police Department.

The Police & Fire Committee held a meeting prior to the council meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss problems with the youth in the downtown area.

Mayor Gottman reported that the committee along with himself asked Chief McCart to start doing something with the problem downtown. The problem has gotten out of hand.

Mayor Gottman announced that City Administrator Neibert will be setting up a meeting with Judge Schwarm to discuss city ordinances that cover misconduct in public.

Hobler announced that there will be a Lake Committee Meeting on June 13th at 6:00 P.M. at the Marina.

Hobler announced that the camp ground at Vandalia Lake is now open for the camping season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that Vandalia is no longer in the running for the riverboat project.

Mayor Gottman stated that the City of Vandalia would support St. Elmo's efforts to secure the project.

Mayor Gottman announced that May 23rd they will be reviewing the two individuals who have applied for the economic developer/tourism position at 5:00 P.M. at The Depot.

Mayor Gottman is hopeful to make the announcement at the June 5th council meeting.

REPORT FROM MAIN STREET:

Dana Whiteman reported on the Heritage Days Festival which was held May 13th.

Whiteman also reported on the Tin Can Tourists which is a caravan of vintage cars and campers that will be stopping in Vandalia on June 9th & 10th.

Whiteman also reported on the Great American Race to be held on Wednesday, June 28th.

This is made up of 100 classic cars who will be making a pit stop in Vandalia.

Whiteman also reminded everyone of the annual downtown gathering of the Grand Levee to be held on June 17th and June 18th.

Whiteman announced that the Economic Restructuring Committee will meet at noon on Wednesday at The Depot.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Cable reported that he attended Jane Lawinger's Law Office Open House. He congratulated her on the renovation of the old Cocagne house.

CONCERNS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Everett George asked the council if at all possible, a sidewalk be put in the area of Randolph St. and Rock Island.

Mr. George is an elderly disabled resident who stated that because of the lack of sidewalks in that area, he has to use the streets in order to get around the neighborhood in his electric wheelchair.

Mayor Gottman stated that he would have John Moyer, Director of Public Works look at the area in response to the request for sidewalks.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Feldpouch to adjourn. Motion carried.

