

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

October 2, 2006  
7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

City Clerk Peggy Bowen 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, Swarm, Bennett, Elliott and Feldpouch. Hobler was absent from the meeting.

**CABLE APPOINTED MAYOR PRO-TEM**

A motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Brosman to appoint Alderman, Larry Cable as Mayor pro-tem in the absence of Mayor Gottman. Motion carried.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**HOME & COMMUNITY EDUCATION  
DONATE BEARS TO POLICE  
DEPT.:**

Janet Lusch of the Fayette Co. Home & Community Education explained to the council that members from the Home & Community Education have been making stuffed teddy bears for the Police Dept. and emergency medical personnel.

They will be given to children to help comfort them in time of emergency.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Elliott approving the minutes from the September 18, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Duggins approving all Special Bills as presented: Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush in the amount of \$3,301.84 for attorney fees; Craig Antenna Services, in the amount of \$1,983.99 for radio repair; Fayette Co. Treasurer in the amount of \$2,615.63 for animal control for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter; Ameren IP in the amount of \$18,645.36 for electric & street lights; Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$1,544.84 for patch mix; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$3,470.40 for fuel; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500. for sewer solvent; HMG in the amount of \$15,190.93 for misc. projects; Imco Utility Supply Co. in the amount of \$7,675.84 for gate valves; Motion carried.

**REQUEST DENIED FOR PROPERTY CHANGE AT CORNER OF IMCO & WAGNER ST.:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Swarm Amending the City of Vandalia Zoning District Map.

The proposed change was to rezone the property situated at the SE corner of Imco and Wagner.

The property is currently zoned "IL" light industrial and would like to be changed to "RS" Residential.

City Administrator Neibert says the request was brought by the property's owner, Betty Ritter Zimmer for a proposed buyer Dave Lascales who is planning to buy the property and to remodel the home for his family to live in. They would like the property

zoned residential.

Neibert stated since the property has set empty for better then a year it was considered non-conforming and the zoning change was necessary as the property could not be expanded or occupied without the change.

Brosman, Bennett and Feldpouch stated that they oppose the spot zoning in which this would be considered. All the property around this is zoned light industrial.

They argued to change the property would defeat the purpose of the zoning goals of the city and to spot zone would allow the question to come back over and over in the future.

The Planning Commission's recommendation was to allow the change from "IL" light industrial to "RS" residential.

City Council voted: Swarm, nay; Brosman, nay; Duggins, yea; Elliott, nay; Bennett, nay; Feldpouch, nay and Cable, nay. Hobler was absent. Motion denied. 6 nay and 1 yea.

**APPROVAL OF ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded Elliott approving the minutes from the Economic Development Commission Meeting dated September 18, 2006 as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING  
COMMISSION MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving the corrected minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting dated September 19, 2006 as presented. Motion carried.

**T21 GRANT PROJECT:**

City Administrator Neibert reported that he received the final project report from HMG today with the mayor's

signature the report will be sent to Springfield for final approval.

After this is completed we will authorize HMG to prepare the construction and bidding documents for the project.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Brosman reported that the construction work on Johnson St. started last week.

The estimated time for construction is 60 days.

Cable reported on the water line replacements on Moreland, Stone and Dieckmann St.

Cable reported that all those lines will be upgraded from a 2" line to a 4" line for better water service.

Cable stated possibly at the next council meeting we should have some prices and quotes for the bar screen located at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Neibert reported that they will be going out to bid the Marina boat docks.

Cable announced that the manufacturer, Wabash Wheel & Brakes who Mayor Gottman has been working with have announced their plans to locate in Effingham, Il.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:**

Dana Whiteman reported that the Corn Day celebration was successful.

Main Street will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at The Depot. All city officials are invited to attend.

Dana announced that Main Street is planning an evening of trick-or-treating in the downtown business on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Dana stated that the Lions Club has asked Main Street to coordinate the vendors for the Lions' Halloween parade on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Cable announced that New Wave Communications is now located in the former Charter Communications Building. If there are any questions or concerns they can be contacted at 283-9630.

Cable announced that 7 elected or appointed officials attended the IML conference in Chicago last week.

**AUDIENCE:**

Dennis Grubaugh spoke to the council about a request for city TIF monies that he requested a year ago.

Grubaugh is asking for more funds to help pay for unexpected asbestos removal on the Easterday building.

Grubaugh stated that the asbestos in the building was not known when he started the project, and that it cost him \$8,345 to remove it.

Grubaugh says that City Administrator Neibert told him that he would work to get the additional TIF funds but nothing has been done as of this time.

Neibert stated that he would include the request in the next TIF request cycle.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION 8:16 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Feldpouch to move into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel matters and litigation. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL RECONVENES AT 8:24  
P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:24 P.M. Cable, Mayor pro-tem reconvened the regular session meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no action to be taken before the council, a motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm to adjourn. Motion carried.

