

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

October 16, 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: Brosman, Duggins, Hobler, Swarm, Bennett, Cable, Elliott and Feldpouch.

**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 from the October 2, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott 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 \$5,287.50 for small cases; HMG in the amount of \$22,500.37 for street projects and boat dock engineering fees; Lee Mathews Equip., Inc. in the amount of \$2,046.80 for repairs to lift station; U.S.

Aluminate in the amount of \$1,876.02 for chemicals; Vandalia Country Club in the amount of \$6,224.38 for lease on water tower; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,280.00 for 8 drums mozofloc; Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**BOY SCOUT GROUP 401 ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING:**

Mayor Gottman recognized members of Boy Scout Group 401 who were present for the council meeting.

**APPROVAL OF TOURISM COMMISSION MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the Tourism Commission Minutes from the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF LIEUTENANT TO POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm adopting Ordinance No. 2006-10-16-A Amending Vandalia Municipal Code Title 2 By The Addition Thereto The Appendix To Chapter 2.36 Police Department Rules and Regulations At Article 1.4 Department Structure.

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

**T-21 GRANT PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman announced that he has signed all the necessary documents for the T21 project.

He stated that the documents will be forwarded to the engineering firm who will then forward them on to the state.

Mayor Gottman stated the project is scheduled for the spring of 2007.

**FIRST DAY TO CIRCULATE  
PETITIONS FOR CONSOLIDATED  
ELECTION:**

City Clerk Peggy Bowen announced that November 7<sup>th</sup> is the first day to circulate petitions for the Consolidated Election to be held on April 17, 2007.

The first day to file petitions for the Consolidated Election will begin on January 29, 2007.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Brosman reported that the work continues on the Johnson Street project.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Elliott approving the quote from Parkson Corporation for the material for the bar screen located at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$41,092.00. Motion carried.

Cable reported the material on the lake intake amounted to roughly \$70,000.

Cable stated they are going back to get a refigure on this and check to see if some chemical additions could be added to this.

Cable reported that the contractor for painting the water tower is running behind.

Diversified Coatings, who is the contractor to paint the water tower believes that the exterior of the tank cannot be completed within the time frame due to weather conditions for exterior tank painting.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler with the recommendation of the Fire & Police Commission to appoint Charles "Geno" Cearlock as lieutenant for the Vandalia Police Department. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Swarm announced that the City of Vandalia's Police and Personnel Committees will hold a meeting on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in City Council Chambers to discuss police and personnel matters.

Hobler announced that the Lake Committee will hold a meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the September 19<sup>th</sup> Lake Committee meeting.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Holiday Express along with the First Bank and Kaskaskia College are moving along very well with their projects.

Mayor Gottman announced that a new tire service has moved into 104 W. Gallatin St.

He also announced that a new car stereo alarm business has moved into 710 W. Orchard.

Subway submitted their plans for their new building to be located west of Harmon's Market.

Mayor Gottman announced that the hospital is looking at expanding their facility.

They are looking at a building in York Drive. They are working on a lease agreement based on cost effectiveness to locate OC-med and physical therapy in this area.

Mayor Gottman announced that the hospital is looking to bring in new specialists' to work out of the second floor.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:**

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Coordinator announced architects with the Il. Main Street program will visit Vandalia on October 24<sup>th</sup> to provide community leaders and building owners free design advice and assistance for revitalizing the downtown area.

Main Street's Tenth Anniversary will be on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. at "The Depot" with everyone invited.

"Old Tyme Christmas" will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> .

Downtown businesses will be open Friday evenings between Thanksgiving and Christmas from 5:00-8:00 P.M.

Dana Whiteman announced that two new businesses have moved downtown. TNT Tires, owned by Terry White and Dark Corners, a t-shirt shop owned by Henry Gigar.

**POSSIBLE FUNDING TO ENHANCE  
911 TELECOMMUNICATIONS:**

City Administrator stated that last year the city had to pay a \$25,000 settlement for our part on a class action law suit we were involved in with the infrastructure maintenance fee tax.

Neibert stated that there were several hundred communities in Illinois that were party to that.

Part of the settlement agreement was a large portion of the settlement funds was put into a fund for communities to now apply for grants for specific programs.

One of those programs was a municipal emergency 911 telecommunication programs. If the city would like to improve or enhance our 911 program we could apply for a grant up to the \$25,000 amount that the city contributed into the fund.

Neibert stated that there is no guarantee that we would receive any of the money. The city is only eligible to apply for such a grant.

Neibert remarked that he will be working with the police and fire department to develop a program to enhance our 911.

**TIF COMMITTEE AWARDS TIF GRANTS:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the TIF committee had recently met and City Administrator Neibert was in the process of writing up agreements for the city to give out \$60,000/\$70,000 worth of grants in TIF money.

Mayor Gottman said that the city still has money in its TIF fund and that the city is taking applications for the TIF assistance.

**CITY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY AT "THE DEPOT":**

Mayor Gottman announced that the city's Christmas Party will be held at "The Depot" this year on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**VANDALIA PARK DIST. INSTALLS  
AUTOMATED WEATHER SYSTEM:**

Feldpouch announced that the Vandalia Park District has installed an automated weather system at the airport with state and federal grant money.

Feldpouch stated that it can be used by helicopters that come into the hospital, sheriff's department and fire department.

Feldpouch states that it is certified by the Federal Aviation Administration.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to bring before the council, a motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Duggins to adjourn.

