

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

November 6, 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, Swarm, Bennett, Elliott, Feldpouch and Hobler.

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 Cable approving the minutes from the October 16, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman and Duggins 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: Ancel, Glink, Diamond & Bush in the amount of \$2,038.57 for legal fees on union pension case; BM Truck Equipment in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a spreader; Ameren IP in the amount of \$4,003.77 for street lights; Southwestern Ill. in the amount of \$3,880.00 for 2nd quarter commitment for advertising; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$1,676.84 for patch mix; Hach Company, Inc. in the

amount of \$2,349.00 for Spectro with battery pack; Ameren IP in the amount of \$16,116.66 for electric; Motor Fuel Tax Fund in the amount of \$5,453.42 for reimbursement; United States Aluminate in the amount of \$2,003.12 for chemicals; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$4,560.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SALARY INCREASE FOR ALDERMEN:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm adopting Ordinance #2006-11-6-A, Amending Title 2, Administration & Personnel of the Municipal Code of Vandalia. Salaries for elected Aldermen.

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

APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FROM 10/17/06:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving the Planning Commission Minutes from the October 17, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO GARAGE REVOLVING FUND:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott approving Resolution #2006-11-6-B, Authorizing A Transfer of Funds From The General Fund To The Garage Revolving Fund.

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

REISS RESIGNS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins accepting the resignation from Shelly Reiss from the Vandalia Planning Commission. Motion carried.

**MEYER RESIGNS FROM TIF
ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable accepting the resignation from Rick Meyer from the TIF Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

**IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM
CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving Ordinance #2006-11-6-C, Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement in the amount of \$141,129.80 for the 2007 fiscal year. Motion carried.

**TIF AGREEMENT WITH CHARLES
PHILPOT:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Duggins approving Ordinance #2006-11-6-D, Approving A Certain TIF Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Charles Philpot.

The City shall provide assistance in the sum of \$7,500.00

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

**TIF AGREEMENT WITH DENNIS
GRUBAUGH FOR ASSISTANCE WITH
THE BEN FRANKLIN BUILDING:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman approving Ordinance #2006-11-6-E, Approving A Certain TIF Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Dennis Grubaugh.

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

The City shall provide assistance in the form of a grant not to exceed \$45,000 over a three year period for repairs to the old Ben Franklin Building.

**TIF AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE
HUBER FOR ASSISTANCE TO
REPLACE ROOF:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded Swarm approving Ordinance #2006-11-6-F, Approving A Certain TIF Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and George Huber.

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

The City shall provide assistance in the amount of \$3,500. for a roof replacement.

**TIF AGREEMENT WITH DARRELL
RICHARDS FOR ASSISTANCE WITH
THE CULLIGAN BUILDING:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch, approving Ordinance #2006-11-6-G, Approving A Certain TIF Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Darrell Richards.

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

The City shall provide assistance for repairs to the Culligan Building in the amount of \$7,000.00.

**APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PLAT
FOR TRUCK STOP IN VANDALIA
GREENS SUBDIVISION:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Duggins, adopting Ordinance #2006-11-6-H, which approves a Preliminary Plat for Vandalia Greens Subdivision.

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

T21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman announced that the paper work on the T21 plan was sent to the state and they have signed off on it.

Mayor Gottman stated that the city has been given a choice by the state for the city to either bid the project themselves now or they could allow the state to bid the project and have control of the project with the bidding not going out till possibly March or April.

City Administrator Neibert stated with the state handling the project they would take care of the bills and handle the project. If the city handles the project the city would have to front the money and then wait on reimbursement from the state.

Mayor Gottman questioned City Treasurer, Marge Blythe her feelings on handling the project. She suggested that the state handle the bidding. By doing so the state can front the money and if any legal concerns related to the bidding arose, the state would be responsible for addressing those concerns.

She stated she spoke with Greg Palmer, engineer for I.D.O.T. and he said, "it would be a bookkeeping nightmare."

Mayor Gottman suggested that a roll call vote be taken to see if the state should handle the bidding process:

Voting by roll call: Brosman, nay; Hobler, yea; Bennett, nay; Duggins, yea; Cable, nay; Elliott, nay; Swarm, nay; Feldpouch, yea; 5 nay and 3 yea. City will handle the bid process. Motion carried.

CIRCULATE PETITIONS FOR
APRIL 17th ELECTION:

City Clerk Peggy Bowen, announced that November 7th will be the first day to circulate petitions for the April 17th Consolidated Election.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Brosman stated that the work is progressing very well on Johnson St.

Cable reported that the Water Treatment Plant received a new test instrument to test chlorine and etc.

Cable reported that John Moyer, Public Works Director is checking into a touch read system for water meters.

Cable reported that the painting of the water tower is on hold.

The engineers are working on possibly setting a date for the spring to have the tower painted.

Swarm gave the monthly report for the Police Report.

Mayor Gottman announced that one of the new police squad cars have been put into operation.

Hobler announced that the bids have been released for the marina boat dock replacement and should be submitted by November 17th.

City Administrator Neibert announced that National Ethanol, LLC is extending its option agreement between the City and National Ethanol A check in the amount of \$5,000 was sent to the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced effective December 1st, Graham Packaging will have a new plant manager.

Mayor Gottman announced that fifty(50) employees have been called back to work.

Mayor Gottman announced that the no compete clause at Van Seals will be expiring shortly.

Mayor Gottman announced that the projects at the west interchange are moving along very well.

Mayor Gottman was informed that the Hardee's Building has been sold to the Arby's Corporation.

City Administrator Neibert reported that the Buxton Company scheduled to come to the EDC meeting at noon on November 20th and will be attending the council meeting that evening to put on a presentation.

According to Mayor Gottman, Buxton is a company that puts together the identity of a community. They look at a community and gives us an identity of what our needs are per retail, and marketing for this community.

Elliott announced that the Tourism Commission will meet on November 7th at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

They will be discussing the National Interpretive Center.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Fayette Co. Unit of the Salvation Army and the First United Methodist Church is asking for volunteers to ring the bell to collect donations for the Salvation Army.

Mayor Gottman announced that invitations for the annual City Christmas Party has been sent out. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Main Street Coordinator Dana Whiteman, gave an update on all the upcoming events taking place downtown Vandalia.

"Olde Tyme Christmas" will be celebrated on Friday, November 17th from 5:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. in downtown Vandalia.

AUDIENCE:

Everett Simmons expressed his concerns about a zoning matter at his residence.

Mayor Gottman remarked that it will be reviewed by the appropriate committee.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:43 P.M.:

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Feldpouch to move into Executive Session to discuss the sale and acquisition of land and personnel matters. Motion carried.

COUNCIL RECONVENES AT 9:02 P.M.:

Executive Session ended at 9:02 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

