

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

November 20, 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, Feldpouch, Elliott and Hobler.

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 Duggins approving the minutes from the November 6, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by 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: Fayette Co. Craig Antenna Service for \$5,376.90 for radios and cages for new squad cars; HMG Inc. for \$16,226.29 for engineering fees for Gallatin St. and for Johnson St. Projects; Ameren IP for \$13,637.32 for city electricity; Phillip Environmental #624 for \$5,850.00 for engineering

fees for Gallatin St. project; South Central F.S. for \$1,564.81 for chemicals for the Mattes ground; Vandalia Volunteer Fire Department for \$9,265.45 for 2% Fire Tax reimbursement; Wal-Mart Stores for \$73,630.89 for road reimbursement; HMG Inc. for \$2,500. For Lake dam inspection; Centraz Industries for \$1,500, for sewer solvent; G.S. Robins & Co. for \$1,634.80 for chemicals; Vandalia City Garage Revolving Fund for \$1,624.90 for vehicle maintenance; and Univar USA for \$1,807.20 for chemicals. Motion carried.

LAKE SHOWER HOUSE INTERIOR PAINTING:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Bennett to accept the low bid of \$1,455,00 from Ted Workman to repaint the interior of the Vandalia Lake Shower House. This work became necessary after a recent inspection by the Il. Dept. of Public Health, and will be done next spring. Motion carried, with Cable abstaining.

LAKE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2006 APPROVED:

It was moved by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch to approve the November 13, 2006 Lake Committee Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 17, 2006:

It was moved by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch to accept the minutes of the November 17, 2006 TIF Advisory Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable advised the Council that there have been several water line breaks due to the cold weather. He asked that anyone noticing a leak to report it to the Police Department.

Swarm advised the Council that Officer Brent Ellis has submitted a letter of resignation from the Police Department by December 1, 2006.

A motion was made by Hobler made and seconded by Feldpouch to request permission from the Police Commission to test additional applicants. They will be added to the two already on the existing list. The Mayor advised that they draft a letter to send to the Commission. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman will be attending a S.I.M.A. Meeting November 28th in Salem. Area Mayors will be meeting with legislators to discuss Ameren IP's proposed 50% increase in rates and how it will affect municipalities. City Administrator Neibert and the City Attorney will check our franchise to see what the City's options are.

The Kaskaskia College Project is moving along well and they plan to finish the first phase next year.

Subway has started their new building on Veteran's Avenue and it will include a retail space next door that will be for lease.

The Holiday Inn project is progressing well. No restaurant has been determined yet.

First Bank has announced they will be moving into their new facility on February 26, 2007.

Graham Packaging Co. has called at least 50 employees to return to work. Their new manager will begin on December 1st.

Land of Lincoln has moved from their location at the Correctional Center to the downtown area for more convenience.

The City is still working with Mr. Keller on the proposed truck stop project.

City Administrator Neibert has been working diligently on the Ethanol Plant Project.

Barbie Elliott announced that the 2007 and 2009 Farm Progress Show in Decatur, Il. is being planned. Since it will be drawing hundreds of businesses, the Tourism Committee would like to rent a booth to promote Vandalia at those shows. In 2009 it will be Lincoln's 200th birthday and plans are being made for that.

At least 28 to 30 towns were represented as shoppers at Main Street's "Old Tyme Christmas Night" on Friday, November 17th. Brosman thanked everyone for their participation and extra efforts to make it such a success.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that at the recent Il. Municipal League Meeting, the City of Vandalia was presented with a Worker's Safety Award plaque for 2005.

DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT UPDATE:

Neibert updated the Council on the Downtown Enhancement Project. One phase of the project will be to run two new storm water drainage lines under the railroad at 5th and 6th Streets to the town branch. The railroad has approved our plans and the permits will be \$8,000.00 for each.

"THANK YOU" TO MR. & MRS. MITCH DANIELS AND DAN STOCK:

Public Works Director John Moyer thanked Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Daniels for donating the City's Christmas tree on the hill this year. He also thanked Dan Stock of ADS Electric for the use

of his truck to decorate the tree.

BUXTON COMPANY PRESENTATION:
"SMALL CITY I.D." OR
"COMMUNITY I.D." OPTIONS:

Administrator Neibert introduced Matt Montgomery with Buxton Consulting Co. from Fort Worth, Texas. He had made a presentation at the I.M.L. Conference and was asked to speak to the Council. His company matches retailers with community's trade areas. He presented two options.

The "Small City I.D." costs \$18,500.00 and would identify target retailers demographically. The analysis could be used immediately.

The "Community I.D." costs \$50,000.00 and is a more in depth analysis and would take 45-60 business days for completion. The goal would be to identify target retailers to match with our trade areas and specific sites.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the council, a motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott to adjourn at 8:50 P.M. Motion carried.

