

CITY COUNCIL

Special Council Meeting

December 11, 2006

7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Gottman called the Special Council 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.

NEIBERT RESIGNS AS CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Duggins accepting the resignation from City Administrator Ron Neibert. Motion carried.

Ron has taken the position as City Manager for the city of Mt. Vernon.

His last day of employment with the city of Vandalia will be February 5, 2007.

Mayor Gottman along with other elected officials praised him for his work on behalf of the city and wished him all the best.

COUNCIL GIVES AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Duggins giving Mayor Gottman authorization to advertise to hire a replacement for Neibert's position. Motion carried.

**REPLACE MANHOLE & SEWER LINE
AT SIXTH & JOHNSON ST.:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded By Brosman to replace the manhole and sewer line at the northwest corner of Sixth and Johnson St. by city crews. The cost of the project is \$3,240.00. Motion carried.

**DATE FOR TESTING FOR POLICE
OFFICERS MOVED TO 1/27/07:**

Mayor Gottman suggested that the testing date be moved to January 27, 2007 to give individuals the opportunity to prepare for the fitness test.

Aldermen questioned Chief McCart, if this would be a burden on the department by delaying the hiring of a new police officer?

McCart stated when the city resumes full staff there should be proper coverage for all shifts.

Majority of the council members was in agreement except for Alderman Cable, whose concern is getting ourselves in a bind and having to pay overtime for unforeseen situations.

**POTENTIAL DEMOLITION OF THE
EAKIN HOTEL:**

Mayor Gottman included in each alderman's packet a letter of concern from Main St. regarding the potential demolition of the Eakin Hotel.

Several individuals in our community have expressed to Main Street their concerns about the loss of this historical downtown structure.

**NEWWAVE COMMUNICATIONS TO
TAKE INCREASE ON 1/1/07:**

A letter from NewWave was enclosed in the packets. NewWave will be increasing their rates on January 1, 2007.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 7:46 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Duggins to move into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to sale or acquisition of

land. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL RECONVENES AT 8:10
P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:10 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 Elliott to adjourn.
Motion carried.

