

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

March 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: Elliott, Cable, Brosman, Duggins, Hobler, Swarm & Bennett. Feldpouch was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes of the March 6, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving all Special Bills as presented: Dennis

Grubaugh in the amount of \$64,000 for a T.I.F. reimbursement; HMG in the amount of \$49,959.79 for the Johnson St. project and Gallatin St. project; Ameren IP in the amount of \$17,242.28; Woody's Municipal Supply in the amount of \$1,912.32 for crackfiller; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$1,821.94 for fuel; DARE America in the amount of \$1,770.15 for Dare items; Central Il. Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$2,311.56 for pea gravel; Certified Balance & Scale in the amount of \$2,159.00 for Precisa Model XT120A Analytical Balance; HMG in the amount of \$12,370.53 for the distribution system improvements; Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING
REVOLVING LOAN FUND LOAN TO
JAMES GARTSIDE:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins adopting Resolution No.: 2006-3-20-A, Approving A Revolving Loan Fund Loan to James Gartside.

The loan is in the amount of \$15,000 for a term of five years at 4.5% interest for a real estate acquisition within the city of Vandalia. This loan is set forth out of the Revolving Loan Fund.

Voting by Roll Call: Cable, yea; Hobler, yea; Duggins, yea; Brosman, yea; Swarm, yea; Bennett, yea; Elliott, yea; Feldpouch, absent. Motion carried.

**PROPOSED LAKEFRONT
SUBDIVISION:**

Mayor Gottman referred the request for a proposed lakefront subdivision from Bill York to the Vandalia Lake Committee for review.

The Lake Committee will bring back to the Council their recommendation for the proposed lakefront subdivision.

APPROVING RESOLUTION 2006-3-20-B:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm approving the request from Main Street to have Il. Dept. of Transportation approve Resolution 2006-3-20-B, allowing the closure of Il. Rt. 140 from Third St. to Sixth St. on May 13, 2006 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Main Street is sponsoring the "Heritage Day Celebration". Motion carried.

PROPOSAL FOR BROCHURE DISTRIBUTION WITH CTM BROCHURE DISPLAY:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett agreeing to the request for renewal to the 2006 brochure distribution with CTM Brochure Display in the amount of \$3,225.00. Motion carried with one nay vote from Cable.

REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT OF SIGNS FOR LAWINGER LAW OFFICE:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Bennett approving the request for placement of signs on the public right-of-way for Lawinger Law Office.

The purpose for the signs to encourage clients to park in Lawinger Law Office's parking lot rather than on the street. Also, due to the sign design, there should be no obstruction to traffic view.

Voting yea were: Duggins, Hobler, Bennett, Swarm and Elliott.

Voting nay were: Brosman and Cable. Motion carried.

TOURISM COMMISSION MINUTES APPROVED FOR 2/20/06:

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Hobler approving the Tourism Commission Minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

T21 GRANT PROJECT:

No update from HMG submitted to Mayor Gottman.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR SALES TAX
REFERENDUM:**

Mayor Gottman announced that there was a public hearing prior to the council meeting this evening in reference to the sales tax referendum.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable stating that next week they will be going out for bids to paint the water tower on Fillmore St.

Cable reported that the engineer is working on a plan for the rerouting of the hi-low system for the water lines at the Water Treatment Plant.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Elliott to seek bids for the Holiday Inn Express water/sewer lines. Motion carried.

A monthly report from the Vandalia Police Department was given by Alderman Swarm who is chairman of the Police & Fire Committee.

Alderman Hobler announced that the Lake Committee will meet in the City Council Chambers on March 27th at 6:00 P.M. to discuss the preliminary layout of a proposed lakefront subdivision submitted by Bill York.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins to renew the lease for a new John Deere tractor for Vandalia Lake. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that the city staff will be touring the future home of City Hall now known as First Bank.

Mayor Gottman announced that Peoples Bank will be opening their full pledge bank on April 10th. Their temporary bank is open to the public at this time. Doug Knebel is the president of this branch.

Mayor Gottman announced that Dollar Zone will be moving in at the retail center near Walmart.

Mayor Gottman reported that Auto Zone is open.

Mayor Gottman announced that another auto parts store is also interested in moving to Vandalia.

Mayor Gottmann announced that Wednesday, March 22 there will be a special city council meeting dealing with economic development.

NATIONAL ROAD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

Alderman Elliott announced that the National Road Birthday Party will be held on Wednesday, March 29th at 10:00 A.M. at the State House.

Elliott also announced that plans are underway for various activities that will be taking place this summer.

DECATUR PARK SINGERS TO SING AT AMERICAN CELEBRATION:

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Cable to submit a performance agreement to the Decatur Park Singers to sing at the "American Celebration" on Saturday, July 1, 2006 in the amount of \$2,775.00. Motion carried.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Main Street Coordinator, Dana Whiteman announced that work is continuing on the parking lot on Fifth St.

Whiteman announced that Main Street is planning a fund-raiser for April 22nd. "A Night at the Races".

Whiteman also reported on other activities that are planned for the summer.

Whiteman reported that a Merchant's Meeting will be held Thursday, March 23rd at 5:30 P.M. in Council Chambers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ERIC HOBIE:

Mayor Gottman congratulated Vandalia junior Eric Hobbie who earned the Class A Slam Dunk Champion & the King of the Hill basketball championship.

MAYOR GOTTMAN EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY:

Our condolences to Doug & Debbie Fulk and their family. Their daughter Kassy was killed in a one vehicle car accident Monday noon. Doug Fulk is one of the investor in the Holiday Inn.

Our condolences also go out to the family of Verlin Cripe. Mr. Cripe was a business owner in Vandalia.

INFORMATION FOR MAIN STREET:

Swarm noted there was an informative article in the Illinois Municipal Review magazine for Dana Whiteman, Main Street Coordinator regarding marketing downtowns in medium size cities.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Elliott to adjourn. Motion carried.

