

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 5, 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 were absent from the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the May 15, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Bennett approving all Special Bills as presented: Craig Antenna Service in the amount of \$4,558.98 for radio repairs and police handhelds; HMG in the amount of \$10,349.91 for the Gallatin St. project; Il. Municipal League in the amount of \$65,287.88 for ½ of the 2006

annual contribution; Schmedeke Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$7,113.27 for CA-6 rock; Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$1,742.84 for patch mix; ADS Electric in the amount of \$1,674.87 for a transfer switch; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$12,544. For copper sulfate; HMG in the amount of \$4,136.12 for the Gallatin St., Sanitary Sewer & Storm Sewer PS&E; U.S. Aluminate in the amount of \$1,938.68 for chemicals; Vandevanter Engineer, Inc. in the amount of \$5,881.63 to repair flygt pump; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,280.00 for mozofloc; Westendorf Construction in the amount of \$1,750.00 for repair to a chain link fence; Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2006-6-5-A
ANNEXATION FOR GEORGE
LITTLE:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Brosman adopting Ordinance #2006-6-5-A, agreeing to annex a piece of property belonging to George and Shirley Little into the city limits.

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

ORDINANCE #2006-6-5-B
ANNEXATION FOR JUNE MAHON:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable adopting Ordinance #2006-6-5-B, agreeing to annex a piece of property belonging to June Mahon at the corner of Jackson St. and Rock Island Motion carried.

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

MFT AUDIT REPORT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett approving the Motor Fuel Tax Audit as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2006-6-5-C
ESTABLISHING PREVAILING RATE
OF WAGES:**

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Duggins adopting Ordinance #2006-6-5-C which establishes a prevailing wage rate.

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

**SQUAD CARS TO BE PURCHASED
BY POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch accepting the recommendation of the Police Committee to purchase two (2) 2007 Squad Cars from Arthur Young Chevrolet for a total of \$39,010.54.

The city received two other bids:

Engel Brothers, Farina, in the amount of \$42,503.34

Hosick Motors, Vandalia in the amount of \$39,944.00

A roll call vote was taken. Bennett, yea; Brosman, yea; Cable, yea; Swarm, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Duggins, abstained; Hobler and Elliott were absent. Motion carried.

T21 REPORT:

Mayor Gottman stated that a monthly progress report for May was included in the aldermen's packets.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Brosman reported that the street department will begin oil and chipping streets and alleys next week.

Cable recommended putting a time limit on street repairs after plumbers complete water and sewer work in the city.

It was stated that when plumbers undertake water & sewer projects, a bond is put down with the city if they need to cut into the streets. At times they do not repair those streets in a timely manner.

It was the recommendation of the council to direct City Attorney, Jack Johnston to draft an ordinance putting a 60-day time limit on such repairs.

The Tin Can Tourist caravan is scheduled to arrive in Vandalia on Friday, June 9th around 3:00 P.M.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Coordinator spoke about the many projects and events underway.

A request from Main Street Coordinator Whiteman to have Public Works Director, Moyer paint a crosswalk on Sixth St. from Doc's Custard to First Baptist Church parking lot.

RESPONSE TO "OLD ROUTE 140":

Mayor Gottman received a letter from I.D.O.T. in reference to "Old Route 140".

IDOT would like to propose furnishing typical street signs stating "Old Route 140".

The Department of Transportation would provide the signs and the City would be responsible for installing them. The City would also be responsible for any future maintenance or replacement of the signs.

**PROBLEMS WITH NEW RIVER
WATER INTAKE:**

Problems with the new river water intake have continued. The City's engineering firm is going to look into solving the problem.

Bryan Buckheit, of HMG Engineering said the intake continues to have problems with sand and they need to compare the river level from when they started this work to now. To see if there has been a shift in the level of the river.

Buckheit said after taking the new level that would figure out what the issue was.

Mayor Gottman asked if there would be any cost to the City for this and Buckheit said that this was a problem HMG needed to fix and there would be no cost back to the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that Rev. Connie Feightner of Apple Valley, Ohio, formerly of Vandalia, passed away on Friday, June 2nd.

Our condolences to her husband John Feightner and family.

Mayor Gottman stated that two local bars were not meeting the criteria of the open container ordinance over the weekend. Some individuals were drinking outside the bars without mandated fencing.

Mayor Gottman stated beginning next week we will be starting the water line at the new Holiday Inn Express.

Mayor Gottman announced that the individual who was offered the Economic Development/Tourism Director denied the position due to the amount of money he would be paid.

The position has been re-advertised until June 30th.

Mayor Gottman remarked that the youth are getting worse downtown.

Mayor Gottman stated that its an issue that needs to be dealt with now.

Several business owners were present at the council meeting to air their complaints about the youth who are loitering downtown and destroying the downtown area.

One business owner said that they were chipping away at brick and concrete, leaving litter including broken bottles for store owners to clean up, and making business owners and customers uncomfortable to come downtown.

Mayor Gottman directed the police to step up patrol on Gallatin Street, and start writing tickets or making arrests for unlawful acts.

A Police Committee meeting will be held on June 14th at 7:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers to resolve its problem with the youth downtown.

Cable requested that the city contact the railroad about doing some maintenance on the CSX railroad crossings especially on Eighth St.

Chief McCart stated that another emergency siren was purchased through the Rummelin Fund.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the council, a motion was made by Brosman at 8:16 P.M. to adjourn. Motion carried.