

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

June 19, 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, Hobler, Swarm, Bennett and Elliott. Feldpouch was 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 Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes from the June 5, 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: HMG in the amount of \$34,100.99 for the Gallatin & Johnson St. Project's and the Distribution System Improvements; Decatur Park Singers in the amount of \$2,775.00 for the American

Celebration; S.W.II. Tourism Conv. Bureau in the amount of \$4,000 for annual dues; Beelman Trucking Corp. in the amount of \$5,841.26 for CM13; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$5,888.05 for fuel; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$1,634.80 for chemicals; U.S. Aluminate in the amount of \$1,956.58 for chemicals; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$4,560.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**RESOLUTION 2006-6-19-A:  
TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO CEMTERY  
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE:**

A motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Elliott adopting Resolution 2006-6-19-A, Authorizing the Transfer of Funds From The General Fund To Cemetery Operations & Maintenance Fund.

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

**PURCHASE OF STREET SWEEPER:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett to accept the bid from Elgin Sweeper Company in the amount of \$117,795.00. Motion carried.

The City will be soliciting proposals to the local financial institutions on a lease purchase arrangement for five (5) years.

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF  
LIQUOR LICENSE FOR "THE JUG"**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman approving the request from "The Jug" owners Mike & Lois McCart who are asking to have their liquor license transferred to the new location when ready.

They are constructing a new building off of Veterans Ave. and Rock Island.

**ORDINANCE NO:2006-6-19-B:**  
**RETURN OF DEPOSIT ON**  
**EXCAVATION WORK UPON**  
**COMPLETION OF WORK:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Cable adopting Ordinance #2006-6-19-B, Amending The Vandalia Municipal Code At Chapter 12.04 Excavations.

Upon completion of the work, and securing the written approval of the Public Works Director, the certified check shall be returned to licensee.

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

**ORDINANCE 2006-6-19-C:**  
**DEPOSITS FOR WATER CUSTOMERS**  
**MUST HAVE COPY OF LEASE FROM**  
**PROPERTY OWNER:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Swarm approving Ordinance No. 2006-6-19-C, Amending The Vandalia Municipal Code At Section 13.04.030 (F).

Consumers who do not own the property for which service is requested shall show proof of an executed copy of lease from the owner of the property.

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

**ORDINANCE 2006-6-29-D:**  
**TRANSFEE FEE FOR ANNUAL**  
**LEASE LOT \$50.00:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott to adopt Ordinance #2006-6-19-D, Amending the Vandalia Lake Ordinances At Article 9 At Subparagraphs Section 9.2.3 Transfer Fee And 9.2.1 Seasonal Permits.

The transfer fee for annual lease lots on the north side of Lake Vandalia shall be \$50.00. No transfer shall be

made pursuant to payment of a transfer fee unless a new seasonal permit shall have been granted pursuant to payment of a new annual fee.

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

**ORDINANCE 2006-6-19-E:**  
**PERTAINING TO PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**& THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC &**  
**PRIVATE PROPERTY:**

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Swarm adopting Ordinance #2006-6-19-E, Pertaining to Public Safety & The Protection of Public & Private Property.

This ordinance pertains to the downtown areas.

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

**T21 GRANT PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman reported that IDOT out of Effingham has endorsed the downtown streetscape project report. That report has now been forwarded to the IDOT office in Springfield for their approval.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Brosman commended the public works crew for the oiling and chipping of the streets and alleys that is being done in the City.

**PROBLEMS CONTINUE WITH NEW RIVER INTAKE:**

Cable reported that the engineers were not able to take their depth tests last week due to the heavy rains. Cable stated that they are hopeful to take the tests this week.

Cable stated that they are not able to get water from the new river intake and not sure if it's a sandbar or what the problem is.

Currently, the city is using its water supply from Vandalia Lake and Cable remarked that it is causing some higher chemical costs for the city to treat the water.

Cable said that they started the hi/low water system project today.

**MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY:**

Swarm gave a monthly report for May 2006 cases handled by the Vandalia Police Department.

**VANDALIA FIRE DEPT. TO PURCHASE NEW PUMPER:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable to purchase a KME (Intl 7400) Pumper for the Vandalia Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$263,292.00 from Mac's Fire & Safety Inc.

Mayor Gottman suggested that the city check with the local financial institutions to see if they can come up with a loan proposal that is competitive.

First Bankers Corporation submitted a financing proposal for a period of 6 years at an interest rate of 4.86% with a yearly payment of \$45,760.55.

**AMERICAN CELEBRATION:**

Elliott reported that the Decatur Park Singers will perform on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the American Celebration at Vandalia Lake.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman & City Administrator Neibert met with bio-product individuals who will be purchasing from the ethanol plant that the city is working with.

Mayor Gottman also stated that the city is working with another developer on another project in the community.

Mayor Gottman stated that he will be bringing information back to the council as that develops.

Mayor Gottman stated an agreement has been signed with a contractor for the Holiday Inn. The contractor is from St. Louis.

Mayor Gottman mentioned the city has received four (4) resumes for the Economic Development Tourism Director.

Resumes will be taken till June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Elliott reported that positive comments were made from the visit of the Tin Can Tourists.

The Grand Levee was well attended Friday evening along with Saturday. Unfortunately, rain dampened Saturday evening activities along with Sunday.

Elliott reported that the Great American Race will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M. beginning at Lincoln Park.

**REPORT FROM MAIN STREET:**

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Coordinator announced that there is a new downtown business located at 511 W. Gallatin.

Rich Jenner and Sue Sheafor have been appointed as board members to Vandalia Main Street.

Jennifer Howard has been named the new president of Vandalia Main Street.

Dana reported on the progress being made on the Fifth St. project.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

Mayor Gottman announced that a Welcome Reception will be held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:30 P.M. till 6:00 P.M. at Fayette County Hospital to meet Greg Starnes, who will serve as the new chief executive officer for the hospital.

Our condolences to the family of Marsha Elam who passed away on June 15, 2006.

Her husband Robert "Bob" Elam was employed by the city for several years.

Mayor Gottman reported on the Economic Development Committee Meeting held at noon today.

**AUDIENCE :**

A Vandalia business and property owner, Walt Barenfanger has an issue with a recent nuisance ticket he was issued by the city.

Barenfanger stated that he is embarrassed and appalled by the ticket. He said that there are some areas in the city that do need to be cleaned up.

Barenfanger stated that the area he was ticketed for is a hay field.

Barenfanger received a warning letter last year but did not contact the city to explain the situation with the hay field.

Alderman Hobler remarked that possibly the issue could have been settled if he had contacted the city after getting the warning letter.

Mayor Gottman stated he would have City Attorney Johnston review the ticket and meet with Code Official

Keith Meadows to discuss the situation.

Fire Chief, Merle Adermann noted to be in compliance with the Department of Labor and OSHA a fit testing for firemen who will be using respirators must be completed.

Adermann also stated that physicals are required also and questioning if one doctor could be used for all firemen to use.

Adermann stated in the past, all firemen paid for their own physicals and requesting if the city could help out in anyway.

Mayor Gottman suggested a Police and Fire Committee meeting be scheduled to discuss the issue.

Alderman Swarm set June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers to discuss the matter.

Mayor Gottman reported that lightning damage destroyed another church in the Vandalia area. Temple Baptist on Rt. 185 was destroyed by fire on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gottman commended the Vandalia Fire Department for their efforts in fighting the fire.

Mayor Gottman sent a letter to the pastor of Temple Baptist inviting them to use City Hall when not in use if they see necessary.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins to adjourn. Motion carried.

