

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

July 3, 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 June 19th, 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: Fayette Co. Treasurer in the amount of \$2,615.63 for City portion of animal control; Ameren IP in the amount of \$3,003.12 for street lights; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$61,401.54 for HFE300; HMG in the

amount of \$3,399.82 for engineering services for the lake boat dock; Ameren IP in the amount of \$22,123.49 for electric; Vandalia Tractor Sales in the amount of \$2,500. for tractor at the lake; CNH Capital in the amount of \$1,985.07 for mower engine; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$1,634.80 for chemicals; Il. EPA Fiscal Service in the amount of \$15,000 for permit fees; National Waterworks, Inc. in the amount of \$2,469.14 for Capitol Improvements; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,280.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2006-7-3-A:
PERTAINING TO NARCOTICS
RELATED ACTIVITY & THE
PUBLIC SAFETY:

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cable adopting Ordinance #2006-7-3-A pertaining to narcotics related activity and the public safety.

An amendment to the ordinance was to include "the corporate limits of the City of Vandalia". Motion carried.

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

ORDINANCE #2006-7-3-B:
PERTAINING TO GANG ACTIVITY
& PUBLIC SAFETY:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm adopting Ordinance #2006-7-3-B, pertaining to gang activity & public safety. 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.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MINUTES FROM
6/20/06 MEETING:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Duggins approving the Planning Commission Minutes from the June 20, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2006-7-3-C:
AMENDING THE CITY OF
VANDALIA ZONING DISTRICT
MAP:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett approving Ordinance #2006-7-3-C Amending the City of Vandalia Zoning District Map.

Petitioner Keith & Kathy Schaal wish to re-zone the north 50' of the north side of Lot #2 and the south half of Lot #3, Block 29 to the City of Vandalia from "RT" Residential Two Family to "CG" General Commercial.

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

**SIGN REGULATION ORDINANCE
FAILED:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Bennett to amend the City of Vandalia Zoning Ordinance At Section 9.6 Signs in Non-Residential Areas.

A request from Century 21 Schaal & Associates to allow wall signs on their business on Kennedy Blvd. that do not face a public right-a-way.

The council having some concerns because allowing this amendment would mean it applies to all businesses.

Aldermen asked if a variance could be allowed for this one business.

Neibert said that a variance could not be done in this situation.

Cable stated his concern was that by allowing signs on all sides of buildings a business could have a sign facing a residential area and that could open it up for any kind of sign from a business.

A roll call vote was taken. Bennett, yea; Brosman, nay; Cable, nay; Swarm, nay; Feldpouch, yea; Duggins, yea; Hobler and Elliott were absent. 3 yea and 3 nay. Ordinance Failed.

FINANCING FOR KME PUMPER TRUCK APPROVED:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman awarding Peoples National Bank the financing for the KME International pumper truck for the Fire Department.

Peoples National Bank offered an interest rate of 4.55% on a six-year loan, with the annual payments to be \$45,760.55.

LAKE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE USED PICK-UP:

Mayor Gottman reported that the Lake Department is looking at purchasing a pickup truck.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Swarm allowing the purchase of a 1997 Chevrolet half ton pick-up from Arthur Young, Inc. in the amount of \$7,675.00.

Without a recommendation from the Lake Committee to purchase a pickup, Mayor Gottman asked for a roll call vote.

Cable, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Bennett, yea; Brosman, yea; Swarm, yea; Duggins, yea; Hobler and Elliott were absent from the meeting. Motion carried.

T21 REPORT:

The T21 Committee will meet on Monday, July 10th at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Gottman reported that a monthly progress report for the month of June was distributed to each council member.

ETHANOL PLANT LOOKS FAVORABLE:

City Administrator Neibert reported that on Friday, he met with a representative from the ethanol company that has the option on the cities property.

They visited with some of the local utilities and visited the site. They had discussion regarding site set up and were very pleased with the site.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Cable reported that they are still working with the river intake.

Swarm informed the council that Police Officer Judd Newcomb will be leaving for Kuwait.

A request to hire a part-time police officer on a temporary basis, till Newcomb returns based on the approval of the union contract to be changed.

Due to the position being part time the city would not be hiring off of the police eligibility roster.

Mayor Gottman announced that Senator Frank Watson will be the guest speaker on Wednesday at the Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

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

Corn Day 2006 festival is scheduled for September 23rd in downtown Vandalia.

Concerts in the Park 2006 will be held on Thursday evenings beginning August 3rd from 7:00 -8:00 P.M. in Lincoln Park.

Dana also thanked everyone for their help in making the Great American Race such a success.

Dana announced that the Board Retreat will be held on July 10th at 7:00 P.M. at The Depot to set goals for the upcoming year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Mayor Gottman announced that five applications have been received for the Economic Development/Tourism Director.

A meeting will be set for applicant interviews shortly.

Chief McCart reported that the city will be testing its storm siren system on Friday, July 7th due to a holiday falling on the first Tuesday of the month.

McCart announced that he will be attending a seminar in Effingham on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT :

There being no further business to bring before the council, a motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman to adjourn. Motion carried.

