

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

August 21, 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: Brosman, Duggins, Hobler, Swarm, Bennett, Cable 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 Elliott approving the minutes from the August 7, 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 Duggins approving all Special Bills as presented: First National Bank in the amount of \$5,581.03 for a loan on dictaphone; HMG in the amount of \$13,502.28 for Gallatin Street project; Ameren IP in the amount of \$3,993.12 for street

lights; Timmermann & Co. in the amount of \$17,500 for the audit; S.W.II. Tourism Conv. Bur. In the amount of \$9,695.00 for 1st qtr. Comm.; Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$12,011.04 for HFE 300; Ameren IP in the amount of \$17,184.35 for electric; Tri-County Petroleum Il. in the amount of \$13,460.67 for unleaded fuel; Aeration Industries, Int. in the amount of \$3,143.30 for supplies; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,280.00 for 8 drums mozofloc; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

AUDIT PRESENTATION:

Timmermann & Co. presented the yearly audit to the council.

Timmermann stated that there had been an increase over the past fiscal year in the cost of operation to the city's water system.

He noted that this should probably lead to an increase in the city's water rates.

He proposed that the percentage increase in water rates should be 3.50%. Keeping the sewerage rates the same.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving the audit report as presented.

RESOLUTION 2006-8-21-A:
"ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE":

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler to ask the Il. Dept. of Transportation permission to close Il. Rt 140 from Third St. to Seventh St. & from Gallatin St. to Johnson St. on September 8, 2006

between 3:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. for the Annual Homecoming Parade. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-8-21-B:
"CORN DAY CELEBRATION":

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Elliott to ask the Il. Dept. of Transportation permission to close Il. Rt. 140 from Third St. to Sixth St. on September 23, 2006 between 7:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. for the Annual Corn Day Festival. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-8-21-C:
"ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE":

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm to ask the Il. Dept. of Transportation permission to close Il. Rt. 140 from Third St. to Seventh St. & from Gallatin St. to Johnson St. on October 26, 2006 between 7:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. for the Annual Halloween Parade. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-8-21-D:
"ANNUAL ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARADE":

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Bennett to ask the Il. of Transportation permission to close Il. Rt. 140 from Third St. to Seventh St. on December 2, 2006 between 8:45 A.M. and 11:15 A.M. for the annual Rotary Christmas Parade. Motion carried.

T21 ENVIRONMENTAL PROPOSAL:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Bennett approving the T21 environmental proposal submitted by PSC Environmental Services for Phase 2 Investigation & Potential Support Services for Gallatin St. (Il. Rt. 140) Enhancement Streetscape Project. Motion carried.

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #354:
SMITH TO STIRNAMAN:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott approving the transfer of Lake Lot #354 from Burle Smith, Vandalia, Il. to Carol Stirnaman, Troy, Il. All necessary fees have been paid.

**AGREEMENT FOR THE WEST
INTERCHANGE WATER & SEWER
EXTENSION:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable approving the agreement between owner and engineer for professional services between the City of Vandalia and H.M.G. for the west interchange water and sewer extensions in the amount of \$66,160.00.

All members were in favor of the agreement except for Mike Hobler who voted nay. Motion carried.

T21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman stated that there is no update on the T21 grant project.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Cable read a thank you note that the city received from Mike Themig d/b/a Vandalia Sand & Gravel for giving him the opportunity to complete the dredging project at the water intake complex.

Cable stated the dredging project completed by Vandalia Sand & Gravel alleviated the blockage of the water intake but caused the city to take all their water from Vandalia Lake in recent weeks.

Cable stated that the city is back to taking water from the river as of yesterday.

Hobler announced that the Lake Committee will hold a meeting on August 29th at 6:00 P.M. at the Marina.

Elliott announced that Wednesday, August 30th, the mini-cooper cars will be stopping in Vandalia around noon then heading towards Indianapolis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Mayor Gottman announced that Cain's Drug Store has relocated their business to the north end of town.

Their new location is 1401 N. Eighth St.

Mayor Gottman announced that Arby's is looking to open after the first of the year. They will be moving into the former Hardee's building.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Holiday Inn Express is looking to start construction within the next two weeks.

Mayor Gottman announced that the First National Bank has done some major renovations in their downtown facility.

Mayor Gottman announced that Shelby Shurtz has been named the President of the National Bank in Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman announced that a large crowd attended the EDC Meeting at noon today in City Chambers.

Mayor Gottman announced that Steve Burns, a consultant who was instrumental in bringing Letters & Logos to Vandalia is looking to bring a Wheel & Brakes shop to Vandalia that should employ somewhere between 100 to 300 jobs when running in full capacity.

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be a ground breaking on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at 10:30 A.M. for the Kaskaskia College Vandalia Campus.

The ground breaking will take place at the corner of Fillmore St. & Veterans Ave.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Coordinator reported on the "Concert In The Park", on August 17th where Hour Glass provided entertainment.

Whiteman reported that George Portz will play on August 24th.

Whiteman reported that plans are underway for the Corn Day Festival to be held on September 23rd in downtown Vandalia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be attending the inauguration of Glenn Poshard as President of SIU-E & SIU-C on September 28th.

Mayor Gottman stated that the Drummond Company is meeting in Vandalia this evening to discuss the gasification facility looking to come to Fayette County.

They met with representatives from several counties in this area, including Fayette, Shelby, Christian and Montgomery.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

