

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

September 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: Elliott, Swarm, Brosman, Cable, Hobler, Duggins, Bennett and Feldpouch.

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 August 21, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman approving all Special Bills as presented: HMG in the amount of \$1,794.95 for the Johnson St. Project; McKellar, Robertson & McCarty in the amount of \$1,632.00 for insurance coverage on the boiler; Vandalia Youth Organization in the amount of \$5,000 for youth programs; State Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$9,758.63 for IDOT Construction costs; Aeration Industries, Int. in the amount of \$2,320.00 for MXSK 10HP/60H; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500.00 for sewer solvent; City of Vandalia in the amount of \$23,949.53 as an adjustment

for the 2005/2006 liability insurance; National Waterworks, Inc. in the amount of \$9,173.88 for new hand holds; Sidener Environmental Services in the amount of \$2,983.00 for equipment supplies; U.S. Aluminate in the amount of \$1,985.22 for liquid aluminum sulfate; Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$2,266.10 to install a new multirode level sensor at the old Walmart lift station; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,280.00 for mozofloc; HCS Lynch Construction in the amount of \$4,677.50 for the water & sewer extensions to Holiday Inn Express/Applebees.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MINUTES FROM
8/22/06:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Bennett approving the minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting of August 22, 2006. Motion carried.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT SET:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman to set "Trick or Treat" night for Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. Motion carried. "Trick or Treat" is set for 6th grade and under.

**ROB THOMPSON JOINS POLICE
FORCE:**

The Board of Police Commissioners recommended the hiring of Rob Thompson as the new police officer for the City of Vandalia.

City Clerk Peggy Bowen issued the oath of office to Rob Thompson, who is taking the position of Don Thierry who resigned from the Vandalia Police Department effective August 8th, 2006.

**ANNUAL INSPECTION OF
VANDALIA RESERVOIR DAM:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Cable approving the proposal submitted by HMG in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the annual inspection of Vandalia Municipal

Reservoir Dam. Motion carried.

**TIF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm approving the appointments to the TIF Advisory Committee as submitted by Mayor Gottman.

The individuals to represent the TIF Advisory Committee listed:

Shelby Shurtz	Shaun Murray
Doug Knebel	Ernie Chappel
Denise Chatham	Sandy Michel
Keith Schaal	Rick Meyer
Mark Burnam	Ron Neibert

All council members were in favor of the appointments except Hobler who voted nay, questioning the need for realtors and an accountant on the committee. Motion carried.

**FINANCING FOR NEW STREET
SWEEPER:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch approving the bid from First National Bank, Vandalia for the financing of the 2006 Elgin Street Sweeper. Motion carried.

First National Bank proposed an interest rate of 4.52% on a five year lease purchase agreement for the \$117,795.00 street sweeper.

Other bidders were: National Bank, 5.50%; First Bank, 4.63%; Peoples National Bank, 4.86%.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON STREET-
SCAPE PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman announced that a Public Hearing is set for Monday, September 11th at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers to present information on the downtown street-scape project which will begin in the spring of 2007.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable to seek bids for a new salt spreader. Motion carried.

Cable reported the river is staying down at a low level.

He also reported that you might have noticed the taste of water is different due to having a lot of chlorine in it.

Cable reported Friday, September 8th at 10:00 A.M. a pre-construction meeting will be held with the contractor who will be painting the water tower on Fillmore St.

Cable announced that the water & sewer committee will meet following the council meeting to review water and sewer operations and a request from Vandalia Main Street.

Hobler announced that the Lake Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. on September 19th at the Marina.

Mayor Gottman announced that the ethanol plant is still moving forward.

They are planning on doing some ground water drilling in the next few days.

Mayor Gottman announced that Kaskaskia College is hoping to break ground within the next two weeks.

Mayor Gottman announced that the city is still working with a manufacturing company for this area.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Holiday Inn has broke ground.

The First Bank is moving forward on their property.

Mayor Gottman announced that the city Christmas Party is scheduled for December 1st.

Elliott reported that the gas and food vouchers offered by the city were well received by drivers of the mini coopers who stopped in Vandalia last Wednesday.

Elliott reported that approximately thirty-five vouchers were used to purchase gas or food in Vandalia.

Elliott reported the drivers stopped at True Value Hardware on Veterans Ave. to have their photo taken with the steel dragon.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Coordinator reported on the upcoming event, "Corn Day" to be held on September 23rd in downtown Vandalia.

Dana reported that Main Street's 10th anniversary is coming up on October 28th.

Dana reported that the Economic Restructuring Committee is working on a market analysis and some incentives to draw businesses to the downtown area.

The Design Committee is looking into prices for murals on some of the downtown buildings, similar to the ones in downtown Greenville.

Dana stated a copy of the Main Street budget is enclosed in your packet.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 7:58 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler to move into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel matters and litigation. Motion carried.

MEETING RECONVENED:

Executive Session ended at 8:26 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting.

**RESOLUTION #2006-9-5-A:
PENSION FUND PARTICIPATION:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler adopting Resolution #2006-9-5-A, Authorizing Execution Of Laborers' National (Industrial) Pension Fund Participation Agreement For Special Class Employees.

This resolution would allow the city to contribute to the pension fund for its employees who are not covered by the collective bargaining agreement with the city.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

