

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

September 18, 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, Elliott and Feldpouch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott approving the minutes from the September 5, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott 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: HMG in the amount of \$1,575.78 for engineering fees towards the distribution system improvements; Sentry Siren in the amount of \$6,307.40 for Model 10V Siren; Vandalia Main Street Program in the amount of \$7,500 for the first half contribution; Fayette Co.

Collector in the amount of \$26,873.78 for the 2005 real estate taxes; HMG in the amount of \$5,962.94 for engineering services for Vandalia Lake Boat Dock; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$3,534.41 for fuel; Hach Co. in the amount of \$2,296.70 for maintenance contract; National Waterworks, Inc. in the amount of \$2,001.90 for copper tubing; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$3,420.00 for 12 drums mozofloc; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

APPROVAL OF WATER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 9/5/06:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable approving the Water Committee minutes from the September 5th meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CITY TO PURCHASE NEW SALT SPREADER:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable to purchase a new salt spreader from BM Truck Equipment, Olney, Il. in the amount of \$5,475.00. Motion carried.

WATER LINE REPLACEMENT: INCLUDES MORELAND, STONE & DIECKMANN STREETS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving the quote from Illinois Meter Inc. for a water line replacement for Moreland, Stone and Dieckmann Streets

The council approved the bid of \$8,843.82 from Illinois Meter Inc. of Springfield, Il. for the materials for the project.

The project was part of the city's budget for this year and part of the city's comprehensive plan.

ORDINANCE 2006-9-18-A:
AMENDING VANDALIA ZONING
ORDINANCE(SIGNS IN
NON RESIDENTIAL AREAS):

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Duggins to approve an Ordinance Amending the City of Vandalia Zoning Ordinance At Section 9.6 Signs In Non-Residential Areas.

In regard to office building signs, each freestanding, single or multi-tenant office building may have one wall sign per sign frontage or any side of building unless the building side is adjacent to a property residentially zoned or contains a residential use.

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

RESOLUTION #2006-9-18-B:
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM
GENERAL FUND TO CEMETERY
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE
FUND:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Duggins approving the transfer of \$20,000 to the Cemetery Operations and Maintenance Fund from the General Fund Account.

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

T-21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman announced that a Public Informational Hearing was held Monday, September 11th to discuss the proposed improvements to the Gallatin St. Enhancement Streetscape Project.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Cable reported that the water line replacement on Moreland, Stone and Dieckmann St. project should begin shortly.

Cable says the plan will be to take the existing 2" water lines and upgrade them to 4" lines.

Cable reported that John Moyer, Director of Public Works and crew will install a 12" valve to drain the water tank, so they can proceed with the plans to paint the water tower on September 25th.

Water will be shut off for customers on Fillmore St. from Sunset Dr. to Beckman Trailer Court and the water will be off for four to five hours and after water is restored to that area a boil order will be in effect until further notice.

Swarm gave the monthly police report for July submitted by the Police Department.

Hobler reported that the Lake Committee will meet Tuesday, September 19th at 6:00 P.M. at The Marina.

Elliott reported that the Vandalia brochures will be placed at the Chicago O'Hare Airport.

Feldpouch asked where the Tourism Commission stands on the two new highway signs that was purchased from Brownie Signs, Evanston, Indiana in the amount of \$14,000?

Elliott stated that she did not know the status of the signs, except that the business where the signs were purchased went out of business.

Neibert remarked that he received an email from the company who bought out Brownie Signs, to replace the two signs the cost would be approximately \$3,000 per sign.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Coordinator reported on the upcoming event "Corn Day" to be held this Saturday.

Whiteman announced that "Concerts In The Park" came to an end this month.

Whiteman announced that they have applied for Illinois Main Street Awards with the Illinois Historical Preservation Agency which includes the billboard at the 4-way stop at Wal-Mart to advertise the downtown businesses and Gloria's Christian Supply.

Whiteman announced that the 1st Vandal Alumni Golf Tournament is set for October 7th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that Twisters opened to the public last Friday evening.

Mayor Gottman announced that Gov. Blagojevich committed not to close the Vandalia Correctional Center.

Mayor Gottman stated that both candidates for Governor stated that they would not close the Vandalia Correctional Center.

Mayor Gottman announced that the District Board is looking at a facility master plan for Fayette Co. Hospital.

Mayor Gottman is hopeful to arrange a second interview for the Economic Developer/Tourism Director after his return from the IML Conference in Chicago.

Mayor Gottman announced that the ethanol plant is looking good at this time.

City Administrator Neibert stated that the City has submitted three applications to the Economic Development Administration and the Il.

Dept. of Transportation for grants amounting to \$3,000,000.00 for roadway and water and sewer improvements for the west interchange area to support the ethanol project and other supported projects.

Mayor Gottman announced on Saturday, September 9th, he attended the Southwestern Electric annual meeting.

Mayor Gottman announced that Trish Elam, with Timmermann & Co. was on hand to review the medical insurance part of the program that they audited with our employees that we agreed to during negotiations to let them know where the city stood on the self insured plan.

Mayor Gottman announced that the city received a check from Charter Communications in the amount of \$10,845.12.

Alderman Cable noted that he thought that this was a little low in comparison to other years.

The Council also questioned why there was only a payment for .93 cents for the month of July while the other months ranged from payments of \$1,790. to \$1,859.

Mayor Gottman stated that he planned to follow up with Charter on this issue.

Bennett remarked that he hopeful that the new company plans to follow through with some of Charter's earlier promises that didn't happen.

Swarm stated that he would like to see a representative from the new company speak at a city council meeting.

Mayor Gottman stated that he plans to have a representative from the new company speak at an EDC meeting as well as to a city council meeting.

Mayor Gottman noted that he would like to see the local office back open on a regular basis as well.

Mayor Gottman announced that he received a letter of resignation from Patrick Click who served as a member of the Planning Commission.

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with other elected officials will be attending the IML Conference in Chicago from September 28th thru September 30, 2006.

Public Works Director, John Moyer announced that the annual dam inspection went very well.

There being no further business to bring before the council Mayor Gottman adjourned the meeting.

