

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

January 2, 2007  
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, Elliott, Feldpouch and Hobler.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FORMER PRESIDENT FORD:**

A moment of silence was taken in observance of former President Ford's death.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Cable approving the minutes from the December 18, 2006 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Swarm approving all Special Bills as presented: Fayette Co. Treasurer in the amount of \$2,615.62 for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter payment for animal control; First National Bank in the amount of \$14,575.00 for loan payment on a 2006 International dump truck; HMG in the amount of \$13,406.15 for the Johnson Street Project; Ameren IP in the amount of \$14,231.10 for street lights and

electric; Vandalia Main Street Program in the amount of \$1,753.47 to reimburse invoices submitted; HMG in the amount of \$2,073.75 for the lake boat dock project; First National Bank in the amount of \$14,854.43 for payment on the 2004 dump truck; HMG in the amount of \$8,086.95 on the west interchange water & sewer extension; Parkson Corporation in the amount of \$31,853.00 for repair to the bar screens on water intake; United States Aluminate in the amount of \$1,983.43 for chemicals; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,280.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2007-1-2-A:**  
**TIF AGREEMENT WITH VCHS**  
**DIST. #203:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott adopting Ordinance #2007-1-2-A, Approving A certain Tax Increment Development Agreement By & Between The City of Vandalia and Vandalia Community Unit School Dist. #203.

The city will help pay the cost of replacing the gymnasium roof.

The roof replacement has been estimated at \$212,000. The city will provide assistance in the form of a grant of \$100,000 over a five (5) year period of \$20,000 per year.

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

**APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF**  
**ADJUSTMENTS MINUTES FROM**  
**12/20/06:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes from the December 20, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

**LAKE LOT TRANSFER:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the transfer of Lake Lot #62 from Marilyn Zobrist, Highland, Il. to Ronald & Dawn Hill, Swansea, Il. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried,

**T-21 GRANT PROJECT:**  
**IDOT TO BID STREETSCAPE**  
**PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman announced that Illinois Department of Transportation notified the City of Vandalia that the period lights that are included in the project do not meet illumination standards for state highways.

The city will have to either add more light standards for Gallatin St. or pick another type of light fixture that provides more illumination.

The city has two options to remedy the problem, one would be to put 12 fixtures in each block, six on each side.

If this option is chosen, the cost of the project will increase by \$120,000.

The city could ask the state for more funding for the lights. If the state does not release any additional funds the city would have to look at different light heads.

Due to the delay, Mayor Gottman and City Administrator Neibert recommended that the council agree to have the state bid the project.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler to have the state bid the project and the state would handle the project pay estimates.

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

The bidding will be delayed until April, construction will get underway likely in June, and the work should be completed sometime in 2008.

The project will take place in two seasons. It also approved the idea of shutting down the project during the Christmas shopping season beginning November 15 and then resumed after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR:**

City Administrator reported with the help from Fred Walker, with the South Central Planning Commission and engineering firm HMG the city was able to get the EDA applications submitted to Chicago within the December 22<sup>nd</sup> time line and hopefully within the next 30-45 days we should be hearing something back on that application.

Mayor Gottman announced that the city was awarded \$1,246,312.00 in grants from IDOT for roadway projects in support of Economic Development activities.

**CODE OFFICIAL REPORT:**

Keith Meadows, Safety Code Official submitted a report to the council for their review.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Cable reported that the continues to have issues with the Kaskaskia River water intake.

Cable reported that the city had to switch over to taking water from the Vandalia Lake. Because of the switch happening so quickly, there wasn't time to flush the lake lines.

Cable stated that the engineers from HMG have talked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about the issue.

They believe that by building a wing wall it will divert the flow of water towards the intake screens, which will wash out any sands and keep sand from settling there.

Changes in the river channel have led to the issue when the new intake was built last year.

HMG stated that the Corps of Engineers has promised to have drawings on the proposed action soon.

Cable announced that city employee, Brian Tedrick's mother passed away on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to him and his family.

Swarm gave a monthly police report for November to the council.

The amount of paid fines were \$18,803.00 but the city's portion was only \$4,213.00.

Swarm reported that Officer Jeff Ray has had surgery and will be out for approximately 1 to 1 ½ weeks.

**OPEN HEARING ON WATER  
ISSUES:**

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be an open hearing on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Some lease holders around Vandalia Lake have voiced concerns about how this would affect the water levels at the lake for the ethanol plant.

The ethanol plant will need 1 million gallons of water a day for the project. The lake currently contains 2.37 billion gallons of water.

**TOURISM:**

Elliott reported that she along with Main Street Director Dana Whiteman will be attending a workshop in Springfield on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**MAIN STREET UPDATE:**

Dana Whiteman announced that several of the Christmas lights in the downtown area need to be replaced. Whiteman reported on the different committees and their projects that are taking place.

Whiteman announced that Main Street has two fund-raisers planned. February 10<sup>th</sup> will be "A Night At The Races" to be held at the Vandalia Country Club and an Art Auction to be held on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman announced that he has received five (5) resumes for the City Administrator's position.

Applications will be accepted till the middle of February.

Mayor Gottman announced that the city has received its third quarter franchise fees for 2006 from Newwave Communications in the amount of \$5,491.00.

The city is still waiting to receive the remainder of franchise owed to the city from Capital Cable.

Mayor Gottman announced that he spoke with Sean Vanslyke who is employed by Ameren IP, stated that the city has a franchise agreement and according to the utility attorney who has been working with the Southern Illinois Mayor's Association our agreement is still in force that the city would pay 50% of the rate.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION AT 8:04 P.M.:**

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

**COUNCIL RECONVENES AT 8:20  
P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:20 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting.

**COUNCIL ACCEPTS PROPOSAL  
FROM THE LIUNA PENSION FUND:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Duggins to accept the proposal from the LIUNA Pension Fund on settling the LIUNA Pension issue relating to non-union employee participation. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

