

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

WELCOME BACK RICH:

Mayor Gottman along with other elected officials welcomed Rich Bauer, editor for the Vandalia Leader Union back after being out with a health issue. "Welcome Back Rich!".

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the June 18, 2007 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 Hobler approving all Special Bills as submitted: H & H Computer Service in the amount of \$2,711.00 for computers for the Police Dept.; Fayette Co. Treasurer in the amount of \$2,615.63 for the 3rd quarter

animal control; HMG in the amount of \$118,906.00 for the Gallatin St. Project; Ameren IP in the amount of \$3,904.76 for street lights; Mayflower Transit Dodge in the amount of \$2,453.23 for moving expenses for City Administrator, Jimmy Morani; HMG in the amount of \$10,956.14 for the west interchange water & sewer extension & elevated tank maintenance on Fillmore St.; Ameren IP in the amount of \$17,349.79 for electric bill; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount \$2,280.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

LAKE LOT #113 TRANSFERRED TO REYNOLDS & JUDY WEEDEN:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch to accept the recommendation of the Lake Committee to approve the transfer of Lake Lot #113 from Mark Koelker, Belleville to Renolds & Judy Weeden, Collinsville. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2007-7-2-A:
"CORN DAY CELEBRATION":**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch to ask I.D.O.T. permission to close old Rt. 140 from Third St. to Sixth St. on September 22, 2007 between 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. for the Annual Corn Day Festival. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2007-7-2-B:
ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY
DAVID LASCELLES:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch approving the annexation of property owned by David Lascelles into the city limits.

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

**ORDINANCE #2007-7-2-C:
APPROVING A TIF AGREEMENT
WITH ANDY CRAIG:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Cable adopting Ordinance #2007-7-2-C, Approving A Certain Tax Increment Redevelopment (TIF)

Agreement By The City Of Vandalia And Andy E. Craig.

The City shall provide assistance in the form of a \$25,000 grant.

The funds will be used to rehabilitate the Vandalia Warehouse Building.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-7-2-D:
APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT
FOR FIRST VANDALIA CORP.
SUBDIVISION:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Duggins approving the preliminary plat review on a commercial subdivision that will include a branch location of the First National Bank of Vandalia.

The commercial subdivision will be located behind the former Wal-Mart building between Jefferson and Randolph Street.

Council members asked that sidewalks be required in the plan.

City Administrator Morani stated that he did not originally include that because it being a commercial development.

Morani will meet with First National Bank President Ernie Chapel to discuss the sidewalk issue.

APPROVAL OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MINUTES 6/19/07:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Duggins approving the Planning Commission Minutes from the June 19th meeting as presented with the addition of sidewalks to be added to the subdivision.

**APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENTS MINUTES 6/20/07:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Elliott approving the minutes from the Zoning Board Of Adjustments Meeting on June 20th as presented. Motion carried.

**LATISHA PASLEY HIRED AS
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Bennett authorizing the hiring of LaTisha Pasley as administrative secretary. Latisha will begin her duties on July 23rd. She will succeed Nancy Lewis who will be retiring in September.

**MEETING TO BE HELD JULY 9th
ON THE DOWNTOWN PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman announced that an informational meeting concerning the downtown streetscape project will be held Monday, July 9th at 6:00 P.M. Council members, the downtown enhancement advisory committee and Vandalia Main Street are all encouraged to attend.

**ELLIOTT REPORTS ON
STREETSCAPE WORK BEING DONE
IN BELLEVILLE:**

Elliott reported that she along with Jean Stombaugh, who is a member of the downtown advisory committee, recently visited Belleville to take a look at the streetscape work being done in there community downtown area.

Elliott stated that they received some good feed back from downtown merchants. She encouraged others to visit Belleville to look at their project.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Morani reported that he is working on updating maps that will reflect the city's boundaries. He said the project was encouraged by Chief Eason and Fayette Co. Sheriff Aaron Lay, who said they were unsure of the counties boundaries.

Morani stated that he spoke with a New Wave representative learning that the company plans to offer high definition

tv and high speed internet service to local residents by the beginning of next year.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Brosman reported that work continues on the oiling and chipping program.

Brosman remarked that the next time the Street Committee meets addressing the possibility of making the intersection of 6th Street and Jefferson St. a four way stop instead of a current two way stop given the number of cars that utilize Jefferson as an east west thoroughfare.

Cable reported that the work at the Kaskaskia River Water Intake is set to begin on Monday, July 9th.

Cable stated when the river was down very low before the recent rains they were able to back flush the current intake enough to allow them to take water from the river.

Cable reported that the sandblasting work on the Fillmore St. water tower is completed. The painting of the tower is now underway. The project should be completed in a few more weeks.

Swarm requested authorization for the Police Department to test for two sergeants and one detective.

Alderman Hobler questioned why the city was returning to sergeants?

Swarm stated that it was a recommendation of Interim Chief, Larry Eason who says he does not believe there is a need in a small department for Lieutenant. When Lieutenant Cearlock retires in October they will eliminate this position.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Duggins agreeing to the testing. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman announced that the antenna located on top of the Sheriff's Department is causing some interference and they would like for the city to relocate the antenna.

There was a recommendation to place the antenna on the Fillmore St. tower or placed on top of the Country Club.

Hobler announced that the fireworks were very good this year.

Hobler announced that there was a request from the Vandalia High School to use the field and pavilion out at the lake from July 30-Aug. 3rd for band camp.

**LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING
SCHEDULED:**

Hobler announced that there will be a Lake Committee Meeting on Saturday, July 7th at 8:30 A.M. at the Marina.

The committee will discuss Ordinance #2007-6-4-C which was rescinded at the June 11th meeting. This ordinance pertains to persons under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by his or her parent or legal guardian.

Cable would like to hold a meeting with the Utility Committee following the Council Meeting in reference to a line under the railroad tracks on Eighth St.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that the city had three site visits last week.

Among those was one lead that came from the convention in Las Vegas, that Mayor Gottman and City Administrator Morani attended.

Mayor Gottman announced that the city has received eight applications for the economic development/tourism director.

Mayor Gottman also announced that the city has received twenty four applications for the Chief of Police position. Larry Eason who serves as interim chief has narrowed the applicants down to five.

City Administrator Morani announced that Quizno's has plans to use the former Subway building.

Morani also reported that Arby's Restaurant will begin work the later part of the year on the former Hardee's building. They plan to open the beginning of next year.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana announced that she is working on a schedule for Concerts in the Park 2007 that will begin on August 2nd in Lincoln Park. The concerts will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. and will run through September 6th.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that the Fayette County Fair will get underway Saturday, July 7th. Vandalia Day is set for Sunday at the fairgrounds.

Mayor Gottman reported that Ameren IP will be trimming trees in and around the Vandalia area in the near future. A copy of customers who will be affected by the tree trimming was submitted to the clerk to keep on file.

Mayor Gottman announced that the council will address the control of vicious or dangerous dogs at the July 16th meeting.

Mayor Gottman announced that each one of the council members received information on the Sixth Street parking issue.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Cable questioned if anyone of the council members heard if the city will be losing the local cable franchise fees?

Mayor Gottman directed Morani to check on the legislative status on the franchise fee.

SIXTH STREET PARKING BAN ISSUE:

Tim Hubbart, who represented the residents on Sixth Street stated that they feel the parking ban on Sixth St. has diminished the value of their homes and neighborhood.

They submitted more than 375 signatures who also disagree with the ordinance, and do agree a better solution should be found.

Alderman Brosman stated that Mr. Hubbart did a lot of research and found it very surprising that the residents of Eighth Street would be allowed to park on their street. Brosman intends to address the matter of no parking on Eighth Street between Gallatin St. and Fillmore St. at the next street committee meeting.

REMOVE SIGN:

Mayor Gottman directed Public Works Director, John Moyer to remove a sign on 6th and Edwards St. that reads "Don't Even Think Of Parking Here".

ADJOURNMENT:

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

