

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

July 16, 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, Duggins, Bennett, Brosman, Elliott, Feldpouch and Hobler. Swarm 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 Brosman and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes from the July 2, 2007 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 Hobler approving all Special Bills as presented: Burnside, Johnston & Choisser in the amount of \$8,025.00 for attorney fees; Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$89,914.37 for HFE 300 and chip mix; Andy Lester Construction in the amount of \$3,100.00 for boat bumpers; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$15,371.37 for fuel; Bluff Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$6,500 for a Kubota Mower; John J. Curry in the amount of

\$57,041.92 for the water & sewer extension; Diversified Coatings, Ltd. in the amount of \$90,419.02 for the water tower on Filmore St.; Egyptian Concrete Co. in the amount of \$1,800.00 for Neenah 2" metal adj ring & casting 1713 S/S lid; G.S.Robins & Co., in the amount of \$2,386.75 for chemicals; Il. EPA in the amount of \$22,787.56 for the water revolving fund/drinking water treatment; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$4,942.20 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

ORDINANCE #2007-7-16-A:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Duggins approving Ordinance #2007-7-16-A Amending Chapter 6.08 Dogs & Cats-Definitions-"Running at Large".

"Running at Large" means any dog unrestrained by enclosures, leash or other tie.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-7-16-B:

A motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Hobler approving Ordinance #2007-7-16-B Amending Chapter 6.08 Dogs & Cats-"Vicious Dog".

"Vicious Dog" means any dog running at large which has attacked, or attempted to attack, any child or other person or cat or other dog.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-7-16-C:

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Hobler approving Ordinance #2007-7-16-C Amending Chapter 6.08 Dogs & Cats-"Vicious Dogs".

Vicious dogs: A dog running at large and attacking any child or other person or personal animal/pet, while in the act or immediately following such attack, and an officer may pursue such vicious dog for the purpose of destroying it, provided the pursuit is immediate.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-7-16-D:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable approving Ordinance #2007-7-16-D, Annexation into the City by Jason & Latisha Paslay, and Stacey Wormen.

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

APPROVAL OF MFT AUDIT:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the Motor Fuel Tax Audit as submitted from the Il. Department of Transportation.

After much discussion concerning the recent audit completed by city official, Marjorie Blythe, a motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the audit.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE
RECOMMENDATION OF THE
DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott approving the recommendation of the Downtown Advisory Committee.

If the September 21, 2007 bid letting of the project by IDOT will have a successful bidder, the work can commence as soon as the contractor is ready, but full closure of Gallatin Street cannot occur until after January 1, 2008 and that the full closures are done on a block-by-block basis, excluding intersections. Motion carried.

T-21 GRANT PROJECT:

City Administrator, Jimmy Morani announced that they have considered including some soil borings into the specs for the T-21 project.

Lorne Jackson, Project Engineer with HMG was present with a proposal from Holcomb. The cost will be \$550. in fixed costs for mobilization and engineering and \$240.00 per boring location. They have estimated performing 7 borings, which would cost \$2230.00.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott for the city not to exceed \$3,000 in soil borings. Motion carried.

MORANI REPORT:

Morani stated the city should receive a final draft of the proposed TIF District by the end of the week.

A public hearing will be scheduled at the August 6th meeting for review of the TIF District.

Morani stated that he researched the telecommunication tax that the city receives.

The city will continue to receive existing monies for the telecommunication taxes.

Morani remarked that a copy is enclosed where the council asked to have the commitment from NewWave Communications in writing. The upgrade for the Vandalia area is scheduled to be completed in the first quarter of 2008.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable reported that the improvements at the river water intake have been completed.

Cable stated that they are waiting for a large amount of water flow to see if the improvements will work properly.

Cable reported that one of the Vandalia Lake water pumps is out and another is not working like it should. The pumps have been at the lake since it was built.

Cable also reported that the painting work on the Filmore St. water tower should be completed within a week and a half. Cable stated that two more coats of paint on the inside and three more on the outside to complete the job.

Mayor Gottman reminded the council that there will be three logos on the water tower once it is completed. There will be a Vandals V logo, Kaskaskia College logo and a City of

Vandalia logo.

Feldpouch, Chairman of the Buildings Committee will meet in the near future to begin studying the city's use of the former First Bank building.

Hobler reported that a copy of the Lake Committee minutes from the July 7, 2007 meeting were included in the packets.

Mayor Gottman announced Thursday evening at 6:00 P.M. interviews will be conducted with the four finalists for the Director of Economic Development and Tourism position.

Mayor Gottman announced that a national chain was in our community looking to possibly locate in the area. They would not relay what business they were affiliated with.

Mayor Gottman also reported that one of the restaurants that they spoke with on their trip to Vegas have been in Vandalia twice and plan to do a fly over with some of their corporate people.

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with Jeff Beckman have been appointed by the County Board to sit on the South Central Illinois Growth Alliance through the Kaskaskia College.

Elliott reported that the committee is aware that the highway signs are in bad shape.

They are working on a new logo and then plan to move forward.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Director reported on the Concerts in the Park beginning on August 2nd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Mayor Gottman announced that a quarterly financial report from the Local Tourism and Convention Bureau was included in the packets for your information.

The IML Conference information was given to each elected or appointment official to review. Anyone wishing to attend please have your paperwork submitted by August 6th.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be fulfilling the duties of one of the directors who will no longer be serving on the IML board. He will be going to Champaign, Il. this Saturday to meet with other directors on the board.

On Tuesday, July 24th the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be passing through Vandalia around 5:30 P.M.

The Vietnam Memorial Wall Ceremony will take place in Troy, Il. on Friday July 27th at 7:30 P.M. again on Saturday July 28th and Sunday, July 29th.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK
ADDRESSES COUNCIL ON
SIDEWALK ISSUE:**

Ernie Chappel and Ray Radliff, representing The First National Bank of Vandalia, addressed the council asking for some clarification on possible commercial subdivision plans brought up by the bank.

At the July 2nd meeting the council asked that sidewalks be included in the preliminary plat for the First Vandalia Corp. Subdivision.

Hobler explained the reason he favored the sidewalk issue is that the city has waived the requirement for sidewalks in new subdivisions in the

last plats reviewed, and that at some point, that requirement needs to be enforced.

Radliff stated that when the time came when there was a need for sidewalks in their area, they would certainly be willing to provide them. At this time, the sidewalks would not go anywhere.

Radliff questioned whether the bank would become liable for constructing sidewalks that lead people into a busy intersection.

Feldpouch questioned why they would pick on a hometown developer when they have waived the requirements for other commercial and residential subdivisions?

After much discussion a motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Feldpouch to remove the sidewalk stipulation from the banks subdivision plans.

A roll call vote was taken: Hobler, nay; Feldpouch, yea; Cable, nay; Brosman, nay; Bennett, yea; Elliott, yea; Duggins, yea; Swarm, absent. Motion carried 4 yea and 3 nay and Swarm being absent.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 8:30 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL RECONVENES AT 8:36
P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:36 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting.

RESOLUTION #2007-7-16-E:
LARRY EASON HIRED AS CHIEF
OF POLICE:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving Resolution #2007-7-16-E, Authorizing Execution of an Employment Contract Between the City of Vandalia and Larry W. Eason.

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

Eason was appointed to the Chief of Police position effective July 17, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

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

