

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 1, 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, Elliott, Cable, Hobler, Bennett, and Swarm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes from the September 17, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler 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 submitted: Fayette Co. Treasurer in the amount of \$2,615.63 for the 4th quarter animal control; Ameren IP in the amount of \$3,672.33 for street lights; HMG in the amount of \$3,329.51 for the Gallatin St. Project; Eugene & Donelle Conaway in the amount of \$11,000.00

for a TIF reimbursement; HMG in the amount of \$3,396.59 for legal fees on TIF District; Peckham, Guyton, Albers in the amount of \$3,561.42 for the TIF 2 project; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$5,133.93 for chemicals; HMG in the amount of \$18,189.37 for the west interchange extension; Ameren IP in the amount of \$16,783.62 for electric; H & D Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$1,885.24 for plumbing supplies; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount \$4,560.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

Robert Johnson addressed the council asking them to reconsider the TIF agreement on the building he had built.

Johnson is requesting a ten year 70% reimbursement of new property taxes for rehabilitation of his commercial building.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch to have City Attorney Johnston review ordinance.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MINUTES 9/18/07:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes from the September 18, 2007 Planning Commission meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2007-10-1-A:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Ordinance #2007-10-1-A, Approving A Preliminary Plat For Mattes Subdivision.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-10-1-B:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Ordinance #2007-10-1-B, Approving A Final Plat For First Vandalia Corp. Subdivision.

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

**RESOLUTION #2007-10-1-C:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN
THE CITY & HMG:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman adopting Resolution #2007-10-1-C, Approving An Agreement For Engineering Services Between The City & HMG.

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

**RESOLUTION #2007-10-1-D:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN
THE CITY & HMG:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Cable adopting Resolution 2007-10-1-D, Approving An Agreement For Engineering Services Between The City & HMG and I.D.O.T.

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

**RESOLUTION #2007-10-1-E:
ESTABLISHING A PORTION OF
MAIN STREET-A CLASS III
DESIGNATED TRUCK ROUTE:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving Resolution #2007-10-1-E, Establishing A Portion of Main Street beginning at the intersection of Mattes Ave. and extending to Van Sant Ave. for 0.34 miles A Class III Designated Truck Route. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2007-10-1-F:
ESTABLISHING A CLASS III
DESIGNATED TRUCK ROUTE:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving Resolution #2007-10-1-F, Establishing A Portion of Van Sant Avenue beginning at the intersection of Main Street and extending to 250' north of CSX railroad tracks for 0.50 miles A Class III Designated Truck Route. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2007-10-1-G:
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY &
JOANN GIVENS:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott approving the appointment of Joann Givens to the office of Director of Economic Development and Tourism Director.

The term of this agreement will begin on November 7, 2007, through May 4, 2009.

The salary for a fiscal year shall be \$55,000.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-10-1-H:
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
VANDALIA PARK DISTRICT &
CITY OF VANDALIA:

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Elliott approving Ordinance #2007-10-1-H, Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between the Vandalia Park District, A Municipal Corporation, And The City of Vandalia, A Municipal Corporation, Pursuant To The Provisions of 625 ILCS 5/11-209.

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

RESOLUTION #2007-10-1-I:
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
NOVATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA & JAMES A. MORANI:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable approving Resolution #2007-10-1-I, Authorizing Execution Of A Novation Of The Employment Contract Between City of Vandalia and James A. Morani.

The contract is amended to read, a City vehicle shall be available, Morani shall use it for travel to and from out of town meetings; to the extent that a City vehicle shall not be available, Morani may use his own vehicle in doing so and he shall be compensated at a rate equivalent to the current federal guidelines.

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

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF
TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the low bid from Engel Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$15,727.00 to purchase a new truck for the Public Works Department. Motion carried.

The City received one other bid from Arthur Young, Inc. in the amount of \$18,561.75.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman to accept bids for a hoist for the new truck for the Public Works Department. Motion carried.

T-21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman announced that the bid opening on the downtown project was held on Friday, September 26th.

He stated that both bids were more than \$2 million above the project estimate.

He remarked that he had no idea why the bids came in so high.

Scott Rakers representing HMG, stated he is trying to get a recommendation back to the Council on which direction to go with the project.

Rakers was unable to get all the information back together from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Swarm announced that he attended an Emergency Management Meeting at the Fayette County Courthouse.

Discussion of chain of command for an emergency disaster if Mayor Gottman was not available at the time.

Swarm reported that Steve Koehler with the county is willing to hold a NIMS training program for the city officials.

Mayor Gottman stressed to assure opportunities of Homeland Security grant submissions elected officials should attend a training session.

Chief of Police, Larry Eason will be giving the squad cars a new look. He stated the shield will be replaced with reflective markings that say, "Vandalia Police" with VPD 911 on the rear of the squads.

Feldpouch announced that the security system is up and running in the soon to be City Hall.

The moving date is scheduled for October 22, 2007.

Feldpouch will set a meeting for final plans for the move.

Duggins announced that bids are being let for the new building at the Cemetery.

Hobler reported that a copy of the minutes from the September 10th meeting was enclosed in your packets.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott approving the fee of \$2,500 for the annual inspection of Vandalia Municipal Reservoir Dam. Motion carried.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its annual New Business Breakfast to honor businesses that have started in 2007.

The breakfast will be held at 7:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 9th at the Vandalia Country Club.

Mayor Gottman announced that Willy's Drive-Inn opened today. They are located in the former Reabans Building.

Arby's Restaurant is coming along rather slowly. They hope to open October 31st.

Quiznos are planning to open on October 15th.

Sears Store located at Vandalia Commons has started their construction project.

Mayor Gottman announced that he met with developer Rick Cripe who is in the process of developing a retail center by Harmons Market.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

In the absence of Dana Whiteman Main Street Coordinator, Brosman reported that the Corn Day Festival was a success.

Brosman stated the last of the murals that have been manufactured have been put on the south side of Wiseguys.

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be a ribbon cutting at Willy's Drive Inn on October 4th at 2:00 P.M.

The Vandalia Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, October 3rd at noon at Ponderosa.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Feldpouch asked if any progress has been made with the Fayette Water Company?

City Administrator Morani stated that he submitted the figures to Randy Wolf for review. He was to get back with Morani, but hasn't as of this time.

AUDIENCE:

Mike Halford addressed the council in reference to a private water service he has out by Vandalia Lake. He services several residents out there at this time. He stated that several other residents are wanting to tie on to the water lines. He is asking to seek an easement on city right-away to get water lines to their property.

Mayor Gottman directed Halford to meet with City Administrator Morani to give him the description of parcels in question.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

