

**CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

November 19, 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, McNutt, Swarm, Elliott, Bennett and Feldpouch. Hobler and Brosman were absent.

**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 Cable approving the minutes from the November 5, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Swarm 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 submitted: Bowen Signs & Designs in the amount of \$3,300.00 for lettering squad cars; Ameren IP in the amount of \$4,208.80 for street lights; South Central F.S., Inc. in the amount of \$1,529.93 for chemicals for the Mattes Property;

Leader Union in the amount of \$2,457.72 for October publications; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$8,359.21 for garage fuel; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,710.00 for sewerr solvent; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$6,563.79 for chemicals; HMG in the amount of \$7,988.65 for 8<sup>th</sup> ST. Watermain Phase 3; Ameren IP in the amount of \$16,821.83 for electric; Midwest Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$2,533.40 for meter bronze; Schulte Supply in the amount of \$1,584.18 for a sup/lever check valve; Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**DAM INSPECTION REPORT:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Feldpouch approving the Dam Inspection Report prepared by HMG, Carlyle, Il. Motion carried.

**MAJOR BRIDGE PROGRAM FUNDS:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Feldpouch to apply to the State of Illinois' Major Bridge Program so this project can be programmed for FY 2013. Motion carried.

This program only accepts projects over \$1 million and funds 80% of the costs, with the local share being 20% in addition to preliminary engineering.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
NATIONAL DRUNK & DRUGGED  
DRIVING (3D) PREVENTION  
MONTH DECEMBER 2007:**

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by McNutt approving Resolution #2007-11-19-A, Supporting National Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month December 2007.

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

**ORDINANCE #2007-11-19-B:**  
**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER**  
**2.36 POLICE DEPARTMENT OF**  
**THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Elliott adopting Ordinance #2007-11-19-B, Amending Chapter 2.36 Police Department Of The Vandalia Municipal Code.

The Chief of Police is preparing a Directives Manual which will both replace and supercede a portion of Article 1.5, together with other provisions of Chapter 22.36.

Voting by roll call: Cable, yea; McNutt, yea; Bennett, yea; Elliott, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Swarm, yea; Brosman and Hobler were both absent. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2007-11-19-C:**  
**AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL**  
**PROPERTY AT PUBLIC AUCTION:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Elliott adopting Ordinance #2007-11-19-C, Authorizing Sale Of Personal Property At Public Auction.

Voting by roll call: Swarm, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Bennett, yea; Elliott, yea; Cable, yea; McNutt, yea; Brosman and Hobler were both absent. Motion carried.

**PROPOSAL FOR CITY & ZONING**  
**MAP UPDATES:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Bennett accepting the proposal from Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc. for work on the City Map and City Zoning Map.

The maps will be prepared so that they interact with each other, such as the data comprising each map will be on different layers or levels in the CADD program.

The cost for providing the updated City Map is a lump sum fee of \$7200.00.

The cost for providing the updated Zoning Map is a lump sum fee of \$4950.00. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE TASER GUNS:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Bennett approving the purchase of thirteen (13) taser guns in the amount of \$17,026.10.

The tasers will be purchased through monies received from the Hazel Kelly Foundation.

Chief of Police Larry Eason, stated the Police Department will have a policy to be trained through a mobile training unit, before the officers are allowed to use the tasers.

**MORANI REPORT:**

Morani reported that he attended a census bureau workshop in Effingham to prepare for the 2010 census. They encouraged municipalities to do a local address update program.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Cable reported that HMG is finishing up the details on the Eighth St. project, which runs from the railroad to Johnson Street.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Feldpouch to advertise for bid as soon as it is completed. Motion carried.

Cable reported that Fayette County Water Company would like to schedule a meeting.

Mayor Gottman suggested that a copy of the water purchase agreement be sent to Dale Timmermann, the City's auditing firm for review.

A meeting will be set for Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> before the regular Council Meeting with the Fayette Water officials.

Cable announced that a Water & Sewer Committee meeting will follow the council meeting to review a complaint form submitted to the committee.

Swarm gave the monthly report for October for fines collected by the Police Department. Total amount of fines that were collected was \$29,308.00. The City's portion was \$9,910.00.

Feldpouch mentioned some concern on some cutting of trees at the cemetery.

Mayor Gottman asked that City Administrator get with Cemetery Sexton, David Wodtka on what has taken place out at the cemetery grounds.

Elliott reported that Tourism Commission met today. JoAnn Givens, Economic Development/Tourism Director introduced herself to the committee.

Elliott announced that the highway signs were put on hold again. The designs that were submitted were not acceptable to the committee.

The committee made Givens aware that the council expects highway signs put up and approved.

Mayor Gottman stated that she should be aware that it should be ran through the Southwestern Illinois Tourism Bureau, due to a portion of the funding that will be coming from them.

The committee also discussed the interpretive center.

Mary Truitt is working on receiving grant money to renovate the old Sonnemann Building to be used as a temporary Interpretive Center.

Alderman Cable suggested that a Lease Agreement be drawn up between the City of Vandalia & the Interpretive Center.

City Attorney Jack Johnston, stated that he will look into drawing up an agreement.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:**

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Program Manager announced that at the annual Illinois Main Street Conference in Danville, Vandalia Main Street was one of six community Main Street programs receiving a Premier designation.

Whiteman was also one of three finalists for manager of the year.

Whiteman announced that several ribbon cuttings are scheduled:

Slack Glass-Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at noon  
Sears-Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at noon  
Tiger Lily-Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M.  
Adhatter's-Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at noon

Whiteman reported "The Olde Tyme Christmas" was well attended.

The next event will be "The Snowball Drop" in connection with the Rotary Christmas parade.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman announced that Matt, a representative for the Buxton Company will be meeting with JoAnn to report and explain how the company works. Matt will be making a presentation to the council sometime in December.

The public will be informed on how the Buxton Company can help the city.

They have compiled fifteen books along with some that they have sent to companies.

Mayor Gottman stated this will be a priority for JoAnn, our Economic Development Director to lure commercial businesses to Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with Jimmy and JoAnn met with Deb Hamel, owner of The Depot.

Deb Hamel has applied for TIF funds from the city to help fund the cleanup from the fire at The Depot.

Mayor Gottman stated they need to get the building cleaned up before they can make a final determination on whether to rebuild.

The City Christmas Party will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at The Vandalia Country Club at 6:30 P.M.

Mayor Gottman announced that the story boards for the "Looking For Lincoln" project is required to go through the I.D.O.T. process.

Mayor Gottman invited all the elected officials and committee members to attend the Kaskaskia College breakfast and preview of the opening of the college on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 A.M.

Mayor Gottman announced that Arby's plan to open the first full week of December.

**REQUEST FROM JAYCEE MEMBERS:**

Feldpouch asked the council for Alderman Hobler, who was absent from the meeting that Hobler was approached by one of the Jaycee members asking permission to use the basement of the new City Hall one night a month for meetings.

The Mayor along with the council denied that request.

**FELDPOUCH REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT HEADS BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

Feldpouch suggested that JoAnn Givens, Director of Economic/Tourism attend the council meetings.

He stated that Main Street delivers a report and is required to attend.

He felt by Givens attending the meetings, she can give the council updates on work that she's doing and answer any questions that the council may have.

Feldpouch felt that all department heads should be in attendance for the council meetings.

Feldpouch stated, the question with the cemetery? If that department head would be present he could answer questions from the council.

Another example he mentioned was Keith Meadows, Code Official on questions on different property.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by McNutt to have all department heads attend all council meetings. Feldpouch, McNutt, Bennett, Swarm, Elliott were in favor. Cable voted no. Motion carried.

**NOTIFY MAYOR GOTTMAN IF  
UNABLE TO ATTEND COUNCIL  
MEETINGS:**

Just a reminder!! Mayor Gottman noted if you are unable to attend council meetings according to the Illinois Municipal Code you are required to notify the mayor, not the City Administrator or the City Clerk.

**A THANK YOU TO THE VANDALIA  
FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Mayor Gottman mentioned that the City of Vandalia received a letter from the St. James Lutheran Church expressing their appreciation to the Vandalia Volunteer Fire Department for their tireless dedication and bravery for trying everything possible to save their sanctuary. They are truly a blessing and an asset to our community.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

