

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

January 15, 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.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes from the January 2, 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: Johnston and Choisser in the amount of \$7,087.50 for attorney fees; HMG in the amount of \$17,798.46 for the Johnson St. Project and the Gallatin St. Project; Schmedeke Trucking, Inc. in the amount of \$7,792.02 for hauling CA-6 rock; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500. For sewer

solvent; G.S. Robins & Co. for chemicals; HMG in the amount of \$11,378.60 for the west interchange water & sewer extension; IEPA in the amount of \$22,787.56 for the Drinking Water Project; National Waterworks, Inc. in the amount of \$2,112.68 for a power seal; Parkson Corp. in the amount of \$9,235.00 for Rail End, COG; Univar USA for \$3,990.00 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.

**RESOLUTION #2007-1-15-A:  
APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR  
GRANT WRITING SERVICES  
BETWEEN THE CITY & SCIRPDC:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett Approving Resolution #2007-1-15-A, Approving An Agreement for Grant Writing Services Between the City and South Central Il. Regional Planning & Development Commission.

The services would involve the preparation of a \$1,507,000 EDA investment assistance request under the FY-2007 funding provisions of the Public Works and Economic Development Program administered in this instance by the Chicago Regional Offices of the US Dept. of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA).

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

**RESOLUTION #2007-1-15-B:  
MAINTENANCE OF STREETS &  
HIGHWAYS FOR THE 2007 FISCAL  
YEAR:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Duggins approving the Resolution for Maintenance of Streets & Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$281,697.75 for the 2007 fiscal year. Motion carried.

**UNITED PETROLEUM TO DO  
MAINTENANCE TO MAKE REPAIRS  
TO GAS SYSTEM AT VANDALIA  
LAKE:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the quote from United Petroleum Service, in the amount of \$3,560.00 to make the necessary maintenance to the Vandalia Lake Gas System. Motion carried.

The city received one other bid from Illinois Marketing in the amount of \$3,528.50 while the Illinois Marketing quote is about \$60.00 less, this was based solely on a phone evaluation of the inspection report.

The grant would be used to fund the fuel tank improvements at the Marina at Vandalia Lake.

**TABLE VANDALIA LAKE MARINA  
PROJECT TILL 2/5/07:**

Lake Committee Chairman, Mike Hobler asked to table the project to replace the dock at the Vandalia Marina till the February 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**PETITIONS TO BE FILED FOR  
CONSOLIDATED ELECTION:**

City Clerk Peggy Bowen, announced January 29<sup>th</sup> will be the first day to file petitions for the April 17<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Election. The last day to file will be February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Cable reported on the continued problems with the Kaskaskia River Raw Water Intake.

Brian Buchheit, engineer with HMG was present to explain alternatives to improve the situation at the new intake. The alternatives are based on guidance provided by the US Army Corps of Engineers.

One of the alternatives calls for two dikes on the west bank, one 28' upstream of the intake and the second dike 50' further upstream from the first dike. Alternative two calls for a dike 22' upstream of the intake on the east bank.

Brian will coordinate with the Corps to schedule a meeting for a discussion of the proposed alternatives, possibly on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Council will be advised.

Hobler announced that the Lake Committee will hold a meeting on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 P.M. in Council Chambers.

A Street Committee and Water and Sewer Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss long range planning and financing for different projects.

Mayor Gottman announced that City Administrator Neibert continues to work with the Ethanol Plant.

Kaskaskia College is moving along nicely. A slight delay due to the weather.

The Holiday Inn is moving along very well.

The First Bank building is moving along. They are looking at possibly a March opening.

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with Ron is still working on the contract language for the new truck stop to be located at the west interchange.

Mayor Gottman announced that Dennis Grubaugh has purchased the Ben Franklin Building and has started some modifications to the building.

Mayor Gottman announced that another day care facility is looking to build in the area.

Mayor Gottman announced that two businesses are looking to move to the downtown area.

Elliott reported that the Tourism Commission is working on the 2007-2008 budget.

Elliott reported she and Main Street Director, Dana Whiteman attended a workshop in Springfield on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Elliott stated that the Tourism Commission had a St. Louis Design Company come in today to present some preliminary information about designing a new brochure for the city and highway signs.

He will be attending the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting with further information.

Elliott announced that the National Road Association will be getting a new director sometime soon.

The office will no longer be in Greenup. It will be moved to the Collinsville area.

**VANDALIA MAIN STREET:**

Dana Whiteman also gave her comments on the agra-tourism workshop she attended.

Economic Restructuring Committee has been very busy looking to relocate businesses in the downtown area. Such as a bakery and a fabric store.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman announced Denny Koonce, from Orgill was the guest speaker at the EDC Meeting today.

He announced that they are getting ready to add a couple new territories for the Vandalia distribution center.

At this time there are 134 employees at their facility.

Mayor Gottman stated that he has been in contact with the Buxton Company.

They asked that the city submit an electronic logo of the city, along with the district that the city is looking at and asked how many major franchises have left Vandalia in the last five years.

The Mayor is asking for some input from the council, in what retail and restaurants that the city felt would fit in our community.

Mayor Gottman formed a committee that will be working with the city and Buxton Company as soon as things develop.

The following committee members are: Ernie Chappel, Sandy Michel, Dale Timmermann, Mary Truitt, Byron Sikma, Dana Whiteman, Dave Bell and Marc Burnam.

The first meeting will be a conference call to talk about the preliminaries.

Applications will be taken for the City Administrator's position till February 12<sup>TH</sup>.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman authorizing Mayor Gottman to hire a temporary to take on the day to day operations of the city till the position is filled. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman announced that Arby's has purchased the Hardee's building.

**AUDIENCE:**

Everett Simmons asked if any action has been taken on the zoning complaint that he addressed the council with at the November 6, 2006 meeting.

Mayor Gottman stated that he will address the problem with the supervisor.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

