

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

February 5, 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, Swarm, Bennett, Elliott, Feldpouch and Hobler. Brosman was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MAYOR INTRODUCES JIMMY MORANI AS INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR:

Mayor Gottman introduced Jimmy Morani as the interim administrator.

Jimmy will be handling the daily duties of the City until a new City Administrator is named.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Swarm approving the minutes from the January 15, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Swarm and Duggins approving the regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Bennett approving all Special Bills as presented: Harco Leasing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$7,060.54 for the final payment on Int. Dump Truck; Ameren IP in the amount of \$4,008.33 for street lights; CTM Brochure Display in the amount of

\$3,354.00 in a contract to provide brochures in specific locations; Ameren IP in the amount of \$14,052.04 for electric; United States Aluminate in the amount of \$1,978.06 for chemicals; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$4,560.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

VANDALIA LAKE MARINA PROJECT APPROVED:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the bid from Lester Construction in the amount of \$86,160.00 to replace the dock at the Vandalia Marina. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2007-2-5-A AMENDING CHAPTER 2.08 CITY OFFICERS TO TAKE OFFICE:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Ordinance #2007-2-5-A, Amending Chapter 2.08 City Officers Generally of the Vandalia Municipal Code At Paragraph 2.08.010 Elected City Officers. Motion carried.

Election will occur on April 17, 2007, which is later than usual due to a conflict with Passover.

The certification of vote results by the election authority will likely occur after the first regular meeting in May.

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

RESOLUTION #2006-2-5-B: APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR BROCHURE PLACEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY & CTM BROCHURE DISPLAY:

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Bennett approving the agreement between the City of Vandalia and CTM Brochure Display to provide brochures in locations in the specified market sectors and/or place client's ad in the specified publication(s) for the length of the

contract. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 2007-2-5-C:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
SPECIAL CLASS EMPLOYEES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch adopting an Ordinance Approving a Participation Agreement For Special Class Employees with the LIUNA Pension Plan.

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

ORDINANCE #2006-2-5-D:
ISSUANCE OF \$3,100,000
ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE
BONDS:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Duggins adopting Ordinance #2007-2-5-D, Authorizing The Issuance of Up To \$3,100,000 Alternate Revenue Source Bonds Of The City Of Vandalia, Fayette County, Il. To Finance Water, Sewer, Road and Streetscape Improvements.

These would be 20 year, 4.3% bonds, and the annual bond payment of \$226,649.00 would be made with funds generated by the city's infrastructure taxes.

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

RESOLUTION 2007-2-5-E:
CITY TO HIRE HMG TO DO
STUDY:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler adopting Resolution 2007-2-5-E, Approving An Agreement For Engineering Services Between the City of Vandalia and HMG.

The agreement will employ HMG to provide preliminary work associated with the structure replacement at the Randolph Street crossing of Town Branch Creek and the adjacent Fifth St. crossing of Town Branch Creek.

Alderman Feldpouch stated that he was hesitant to approve this, due to some past experience with HMG on the river intake project.

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

**ORDINANCE #2007-2-5-G:
APPROVING TIF AGREEMENT WITH
MIKE & JO ELLEN WEHRLE:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler adopting an Ordinance approving a TIF Agreement with Mike and Jo Ellen Wehrle.

The City shall provide assistance in the form of a \$19,982.00 or 50% of total clean-up costs (\$39,783.42) of the building on Veterans Avenue that was formerly used by VanTran Electric.

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

**ORDINANCE #2007-2-5-G:
APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH CENTRAL
F/S & VANDALIA GREEN ENERGY:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Duggins adopting Ordinance 2007-2-5-G, Approving A Redevelopment Agreement with South Central FS, Inc. and Vandalia Green Energy, LLC. Related to a proposed truck stop at the city's west interchange.

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

**ORDINANCE 2007-2-5-H:
APPROVING AN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE
AGREEMENT:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler adopting Ordinance #2007-2-5-H, Approving An Economic Development Incentive Agreement with South Central FS, Inc. and Vandalia Green Energy, LLC.

The incentive agreement allows the developers to take advantage of incentives offered through the Enterprise Zone, including the abatement of property taxes, and a rebate on city sales taxes that are generated as a result of the project.

South Central FS Manager, Byron Sikma said that the truck stop will include a convenience store and a fast food restaurant.

The first phase of the project will include space for 75 trucks and if demand is there, they can add an additional 60 truck parking spaces.

Effingham Developer, Chuck Keller stated there were other businesses including possibly a truck repair service that would like to be located in that area as well.

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

STANDING REPORTS:

Cable reported that HMG is working to set up a meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss a possible solution to the problem with the river intake.

Cable stated that nothing could be done with the intake at this time because the river is so high.

Cable reported that several water meters were frozen up over the weekend due to the extreme cold weather.

Swarm reported the police testing was given by C.O.P.S. on Saturday, January 27th. There were a total of 22

applications, 11 showing up to take the testing. Nine(9) were permitted to take the written examination, with a total of six(6) passing the written exam. The next step is oral interviews to establish a test score.

Officer Rob Thompson has completed a 28 hour State Board Certified Course for Breath Analysis Operator Training which was held in Mt. Vernon.

Vandalia Police Officers met on Friday, February 2nd for an 8 hr. training course on law updates that included criminal, traffic, juvenile, search and seizure issues along with many other law updates.

Swarm gave the Police Monthly Report for December 2006.

Fines collected were \$11,427.50. The city's portion was \$4,136.00.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler to purchase two in car video cameras for squad cars.

The amount of the camera with a 3 hr. memory stick is \$2,004.00 for each camera.

This will not cost the city anything, as this money has been paid by DUI arrests.

Swarm announced that the Police Committee will meet on February 13th at 7:00 P.M.

Elliott reported that Tony Pals will resubmit a C2000 I.D.N.A. grant application for help with the Vandalia Lake Nature Trail.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Main Street Coordinator, Dana Whiteman announced that the quarterly news letter will be coming out at the end of the month.

Dana announced That Main Street's Fund-raiser, "A Night At The Races" will be held Saturday evening, February 10th at the Vandalia Country Club. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dana announced that Main Street's Day at the Capitol will be on February 22,2007.

Dana announced that Main Street will be sponsoring a Farmer's Market this summer on Saturdays' from 8:00 till noon. They will be using the old Kroger parking lot. It will be called "Vandalia Country Market".

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE TOURISM BUREAU OF SOUTHWESTERN IL. PRESENTED:

Elliott reported that a copy of the financial statement for the Tourism Bureau Southwestern Illinois has been enclosed in your packets.

MAYOR PRESENTS GIFT TO NEIBERT AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION:

Mayor Gottman presented City Administrator Ron Neibert with a photo of the Vandalia Main Street Lincoln statue and Vandalia Statehouse as a going away present.

The Mayor along with all city officials wishes Ron the best of luck as City Administrator with the city of Mt. Vernon.

ACKNOWLEDGE JUDD NEWCOMB FOR SERVING IN KUWAIT:

Mayor Gottman announced that Judd Newcomb has returned to work with the Vandalia Police Department.

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked Judd Newcomb for serving his country in Kuwait.

ADJOURNMENT:

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