

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

February 20, 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, Swarm, Bennett, Cable and Elliott. Hobler 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 Swarm and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes from the February 5, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch 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 presented: Ancel, Glink, Diamond & Bush in the amount of \$1,575.00 for charges due to the LIUNA Pension Fund; C.O.P.S. Test Service in the amount of \$1,825.00 for police testing; HMG in the amount of \$4,095.86 for work on the Johnson

Street & Gallatin Street Project and Wal-Mart Engineering Fees; Ameren IP in the amount of \$4,008.33 for street lights; Ameren IP in the amount of \$17,161.27 for electric; Mac's Fire & Safety Inc. in the amount of \$1,930.83 for fire accessories; Tee's Plus, Inc. in the amount of \$1,959.88 for DARE merchandise; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$5,651.64 for fuel; The Buxton Co. in the amount of \$15,000. For professional service fees for retail sites; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**ORDINANCE #2006-2-20-A:
AMENDING THE TAX LEVY FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 5/01/06-
4/30/07:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Duggins approving Ordinance #2007-2-20-A, Amending The Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2006-April 30, 2007.

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

**ORDINANCE #2007-2-20-B:
AMENDING SIGN ORDINANCE:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman amending the City of Vandalia Ordinance 2007-2-20-B, At Section 9.6 Signs in Non-Residential Areas. Larger commercial signs at the west interchange.

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

PURCHASE OF DOUBLE LINESSTOP:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman approving the purchase of two linestops from IMCO Utility Supply, Springfield, Il. in

the amount of \$9,050.00. Motion carried.

The linestops will be installed on water lines near the intersection of Fifth and Jefferson St. so that valves at that location can be replaced without interrupting water service for a large part of the city.

Cable stated that one valve at that location is leaking and that two other valves there are questionable. The public works department will install four valves at that site.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman adopting Resolution #2007-2-20-C, Authorizing Execution Of An Assignment Of Economic Development Incentive Agreement And Redevelopment Agreement.

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

City Clerk Peggy Bowen, requested council approval for the purchase of a cemetery software program from Ramaker & Associates along with two (2) computers from Swetland Internet.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Duggins approving the purchase of \$4,077.00. Motion carried.

Brosman stated that a copy of the minutes from the combined Street & Water Committee from the January 18, 2007 meeting was included in the packet.

Cable announced that there will be a meeting with HMG engineers and the Corp. of Engineers on Monday, February 26th at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

The purpose of the meeting is to find answers on how to prevent the river water intake from being clogged and possible funding.

Swarm gave the monthly police report for January, 2007.

Fines collected were \$17,769.19, but the city's portion was \$5,349.00.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch to direct the Vandalia Fire and Police Commission to hire a police officer using the new eligibility roster. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE
MAYOR:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the Planning Commission met this evening to conduct a final plat review for Vandalia Green Energy Truck Stop and a site plan review for the King's Treasure Daycare & Pre-school. Both plats were approved.

Mayor Gottman announced that Arby's Restaurant has closed on the purchase of the former Hardee's building.

Mayor Gottman announced that the First Bank is moving along with their new facility.

The Holiday Inn is on schedule with their building.

Subway is looking at moving to their new location sometime in April or May.

Mayor Gottman stated that representatives with I.D.O.T. was in

Vandalia today and gave authorization to open Johnson Street tomorrow.

Mayor Gottman announced that Byron Sikma was the guest speaker at the Economic Development Commission meeting today.

He spoke on the new truck stop. The truck stop will be named Fast Stop Travel Center.

Mayor Gottman stated that the city has received from the Buxton Company a retail site assessment.

A copy will be distributed to each member of the Buxton Committee and all members of the Council.

The company helps communities get the data and numbers for what retail businesses and restaurants would fit in their community, which ones are looking to expand in this part of the country and make the initial contact with that company.

TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING:

Elliott reported that a presentation was given to the Tourism Committee on a new logo and brochure the commission is looking to change.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Coordinator announced that a "Nite at the Races" was a success.

Dana announced that an Art Auction will be held on April 13th.

Dana announced that Main Street is working on other activities such as a "Women's Day Out" to be held on May 5th which coincides with the kick off of the Vandalia Country Market.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Mayor Gottman announced that fourteen (14) individuals have applied for the city administrator's position.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be setting up meetings with the Personnel Committee to review applications and resumes received.

AUDIENCE :

John Lester publicly thanked Fayette County Hospital for the excellent care that he was given as a patient in our local hospital.

Kathy Sanders voiced a complaint about the quality of water and the amount of her water bill for January.

It was explained to her that the bills had to be estimated based on an average usage over the past twelve months, due to not being able to read the meters because of bad weather.

Mayor Gottman invited her to attend a meeting scheduled for Monday, February 26th to address the problem that has affected water quality.

ADJOURNMENT :

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

