

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

March 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, Brosman, Elliott, Feldpouch and Hobler. Bennett was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the February 20, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman and Elliott approving the regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Feldpouch approving all Special Bills as presented: North American Salt Co. in the amount of \$7,684.97 for salt; G.S.Robins & Co. in the amount of \$1,938.00 for chemicals; HMG in the amount of \$2,218.28 City of Vandalia Detention Basin Relocation; HMG in the amount of \$2,654.57 for the water & sewer mapping update; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,280.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MINUTES FROM
2/20/07:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler approving the Planning Commission Minutes from the February 20, 2007 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BIDS FROM MFT
LETTING:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Swarm approving the bids from the February 21, 2007 MFT bid letting. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2007-3-5-A:
VACATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-
WAY:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott approving an Ordinance of Vacation of right of way off of Randolph St. owned by Dennis & Deborah Grubaugh.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-3-5-B:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch approving an Ordinance of Vacation of land on Second Street near Grandview Dr. for Mark Augenstein. Motion carried.

Augensteins' intent is to build a garage on his property.

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

**ORDINANCE # 2007-3-5-C:
APPROVING A FINAL PLAT FOR
VANDALIA GREEN ENERGY
SUBDIVISION:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Swarm adopting Ordinance #2007-3-5-C, Approving the Final Plat For Vandalia Green Energy Subdivision.

The final plat is for a truck stop that will be built in the northwest quadrant of the I-70 interchange.

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

RESOLUTION 2007-3-5-D:
CLOSURE OF STREETS FOR AINAD
SHRINER'S SPRING CEREMONIAL:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Resolution 2007-3-5-D, to ask Il. Dept. of Transportation permission to close Il. Rt. 140 from Third St. to Seventh street and Gallatin St. to Johnson St. on Saturday, May 12, 2007 between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 noon for the Ainad Shriners' Spring Ceremonial Parade. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Interim City Administrator, Jimmy Morani announced that tomorrow he and Butch Cheatham, P.E. with HMG will review the parcel compliance check list.

All conveyances have been returned to the city from property owners on Gallatin St.

I.D.O.T. officials will also review the paper work to make sure the city is in compliance.

Cable reported that the Water Committee Meeting met on February 26th to discuss plans for the Kaskaskia River intake project.

Brian Buchheit of HMG presented to the council a recommendation to fix the on-going problem with the river intake.

The construction of a dike will be built on the east side of the river to try to stop the problem with sediment build up in the intake.

The dike will be 2' wide at the top

extending down to 29' wide at the bottom and standing 10' high.

The cost of the project will range somewhere between \$40,000-\$50,000 based on how many tons of rock it would take for the project.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Feldpouch to accept the drawings from the HMG firm to conduct the dike. Motion carried.

A motion was also made by Cable and seconded by Feldpouch authorizing Mayor Gottman to sign and submit all necessary permit applications to the state and federal agencies. Motion carried.

Swarm announced that a Police Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, March 12th at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Swarm announced that the city has hired a new police officer, Jeff Tippen.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Personnel Committee will meet on Monday, March 12th at 7:00 P.M. following the Police Committee Meeting.

Mayor Gottman announced that an insurance meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7th at 6:30 P.M. with the city's provider HCH Administration.

Mayor Gottman announced that the ground breaking ceremony for the Fast Stop Travel Center was held at noon today.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Whiteman announced that an Art Auction will be held at The Depot on April 13th beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Whiteman announced that Mainstreet has set a date for their Board Retreat for March 26th in Council Chambers.

Illinois Mainstreet Directors' Workshop will be held in Vandalia this year on May 2nd and 3rd.

Whiteman announced that the Main Street Board approved at its last meeting a new web-site for the program.

Whiteman stated the web-site will be used to promote Main Street activities, and will be of assistance to merchants and customers during the downtown enhancement project.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with Interim City Administrator Morani met with the individuals who own Vandalia Commons, which is the retail center by Walmart. They are working very hard to lure clients to fill that facility.

Mayor Gottman announced that he has been meeting with each department head regarding the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mayor Gottman announced that he spoke with Shawn Murray with First Bank. According to Murray the bank will not relocate till sometime in May.

The delay is due to the asphalt parking lot that needs to be completed before the move.

Mayor Gottman announced that the city vehicle that the previous administrator was using has been cleaned and detailed for the use of the interim city administrator to use for meetings out of town to save on mileage expense.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Chamber of Commerce will meet on Wednesday, March 7th at noon in the Lincoln Room at Ponderosa.

Mayor Gottman announced that Gov. Blagojevich will present the Budget Address for the state on Wednesday at noon.

CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Feldpouch questioned when a meeting will be held to discuss plans for the make over of First Bank to make it City Hall's new location.

Mayor Gottman announced that he contacted John Lester to arrange a time with Shawn Murray to give him his structural opinion on the building.

Mayor Gottman remarked as soon as this is completed he will set a time for the elected officials to take a tour and voice their opinions on the building.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00 P.M.:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

COUNCIL RECONVENES AT 8:10 P.M.:

Executive Session ended at 8:10 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting.

RESOLUTION 2007-3-5-E:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving Resolution #2007-3-5-E, Authorizing a settlement with Glen C. White III and Lynda J. White for damages sustained to their property by cutting of certain trees, bushes and shrubbery by employees of the city.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

