

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

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

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 March 5, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Duggins 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: Leon Uniform Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,605.23 for Officer Tippen's uniforms; Martel Electronics, Inc. in the amount of \$3,790.00 camera's for squad cars; S.W. Il. Tourism Conv. Bureau in the amount of \$5,452.00 for advertising; Beelman Truck Corp. in

the amount of \$7,110.32 for CM13; North American Salt Co. in the amount of \$8,711.34 for salt; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500.00 for sewer solvent; United States Aluminate in the amount of \$1,958.37 for chemicals; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$3,420.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**CHIEF OF POLICE & DETECTIVE
SGT. RETIRE FROM POLICE
DEPARTMENT:**

Mayor Gottman announced that effective today Chief of Police, Robert "Bob" McCart had retired from the Vandalia Police Department.

Mayor Gottman announced that a Police Committee and Personnel Committee Meeting was held at 2:30 this afternoon to announce the changes taking place in the Police Department. At that time, Detective Sgt. Fred Willms delivered a letter to the Mayor, that effective 3:00 P.M. Monday afternoon he will retire from the Police Department.

REQUEST FOR LIQUOR LICENSE:

Mayor Gottman announced that Wiseguys of Vandalia, Inc. is planning to open a restaurant and bar at the former Guisepe's and that William Lawinger who will manage the business is requesting a liquor license.

Gottman stated that a vote to increase the number of liquor licenses will take place at the April 2nd meeting.

**TIF AGREEMENT WITH LISA R.
JORDAN:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott adopting Ordinance 2007-3-19-A, Approving A certain Tax Increment Development Agreement By And Between the City of Vandalia and Lisa

R. Jordan.

The city shall provide assistance in the amount of \$2,168.00, or half of the total costs for renovations to the former Dycus Insurance Building.

Jordan is planning to start an exercise and tanning facility at this location.

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

TIF AGREEMENT WITH OCTOCHEM:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable adopting Ordinance #2007-3-19-B for Approving A Certain Tax Increment Development Agreement By And Between The City of Vandalia And Octochem, Inc. Motion carried.

The City Council agreement with Octochem includes plans to construct a 22,500 square foot addition to its facility.

The agreement allows 70% of the new property tax revenues that are generated in the next 10 years as a result of the expansion will go to Octochem. The TIF funds will be used to pay interest costs incurred by Octochem as a result of the project.

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

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Duggins adopting Resolution #2007-3-19-C, Approving An Agreement For Technical Services For

Assistance To Establish An Industrial Park Conservation TIF Between The City Of Vandalia and Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets, Inc. This will establish a third TIF District.

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

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Bennett approving A Resolution Approving Assignment Of Tax Increment Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Integrity Sales Group, Inc.

This contract will transfer the TIF benefits to Steve Henna who is planning to purchase the building.

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

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm adopting Ordinance 2007-3-19-E, Approving A Certain Tax Increment Development Agreement By And Between The City of Vandalia And Dennis Grubaugh.

Grubaugh has applied for a grant amount of \$25,559.00 for electrical work that he encountered when working on the Ben Franklin Building project.

The council agreed to provide assistance in the form of a \$12,780.00 grant to Dennis Grubaugh.

Voting by roll call: Cable, yea; Elliott, yea; Brosman, yea; Bennett,

yea; Hobler, nay; Duggins, nay; Swarm,
yea; Feldpouch, absent. Motion
carried.

T-21 GRANT PROJECT:

Morani announced that the paperwork with the parcel compliance portion of the project has been completed.

The letting for the T-21 project is scheduled for April 27th.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable reported that a short term agreement between the City of Vandalia and HMG for professional services for the river intake dike.

The engineering services will include basic services, including bidding and construction guidance, for the installation of a rip rap dike upstream of the City's Kaskaskia River Intake, and for the installation of rip rap along the east bank of the Kaskaskia River 100 L.F. upstream and downstream of the proposed dike.

The total compensation for services and reimbursable expenses is estimated at \$3,250.00.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman authorizing Mayor Gottman to sign the documentation so we can proceed with the bid letting. Motion carried.

The Police Report from February was given by Alderman Swarm.

The total fines paid in the month of February were \$26,647.01. The City's portion was \$3,715.00.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Bennett authorizing Mayor Gottman to hire a interim chief of police until a permanent chief is

hired. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable authorizing the Police and Fire Commission to hire a new police officer off of the department's eligibility roster. Motion carried.

Elliott reported that the Tourism Commission met this afternoon.

Pat White, Director of the Southwest Illinois Tourism was a guest, along with the design company from St. Louis who brought ideas of brochures for the committee to view.

VANDALIA MAIN STREET:

Dana Whiteman announced that the Director's workshop will be held on May 2nd and 3rd in Vandalia.

Whiteman announced that the Design Committee has approved placing two murals on the downtown businesses. They are funded by a grant from the Scarpaci Foundation, to be painted on metal and then mounted to the buildings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that the Buxton Company will submit a report showing some of the businesses that will best fit this community on March 26th.

Mayor Gottman announced that in May, a trade show will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada that we are authorized to use the Buxton Booth if so desired.

Rich Well, Superintendent of the High School was the guest speaker at the EDC Meeting. He spoke on the bond issue that will be voted on at the April 17th election.

Mayor Gottman announced that Graham Packaging recently laid off 64 employees, and that it had laid off 11 other employees last week. The layoffs, were due to a cutback by one of its customers.

Mayor Gottman stated that the Vandalia Development Commission's retention and expansion committee will try to set up a meeting with local Graham officials, to see whether there are any ways the city can help the local plant to regain business.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Southern Illinois Mayor's Association has organized a letter writing campaign to protest recent rate increases by Ameren.

He stated anyone wishing to participate in the campaign may drop their letters off at City Hall.

The letters will be hand delivered to Governor Blagojevich and Senate President Emil Jones.

Mayor Gottman announced on April 9th at 3:00 P.M. the elected officials will be interviewing for the City Administrator's position.

The Personnel Committee has narrowed it down to four individuals. One individual has withdrawn his application due to accepting another position.

Mayor Gottman announced that the South Central Illinois Growth Alliance and the Kaskaskia College will be hosting a meeting at The Depot on April 25th beginning at 5:30 P.M. A meal will be furnished by the Growth Alliance. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CLEAN UP WEEK SET:

Public Works Director John Moyer, announced the week of May 7th-May 11th has been set as the annual spring Cleanup Week.

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.

