

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

April 2, 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 and Brosman. Elliott, Feldpouch and Hobler were 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 Duggins and seconded by Cable approving the minutes from the March 19, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman 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: Fayette County Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$2,615.63 for 2nd qtr. contract for animal control; J.H.Moore, Inc. in the amount of \$1,926.69 for payroll that applies to the state work on the I-70 East Bound Off Ramp; Beelman Trucking Co. in the amount of \$20,449.88 for CM13 sealcoat; HMG in the amount of \$11,521.63 for the west interchange

water & sewer extension; Ameren IP for Water Plant and WWTP in the amount of \$19,884.04 for electric; United States Aluminate in the amount of \$1,947.63 for chemicals; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,280.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF DANA
ADERMANN BROWN:**

A moment of silence was observed for Dana Brown, who was killed in an accident on March 31st in Effingham County.

Dana was the daughter of Fire Chief Merle Adermann and Georgi Adermann.

**INTRODUCTION OF INTERIM
CHIEF OF POLICE:**

Mayor Gottman introduced Interim Chief of Police, Larry Eason to the City Council.

**PRESENTATION ON BOND
REFERENDUM:**

Vandalia Superintendent of Schools Rich Well, gave a presentation on the Vandalia School District bond referendum.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett to endorse passage and support of the upcoming bond issue. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 2007-4-2-A:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable approving Ordinance # 2007-4-2-A, Amending Chapter 5.08 Alcoholic Beverage Sales of the Vandalia Municipal Code.

This will increase the number of Class E liquor licenses from eight to nine.

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

**COUNCIL AUTHORIZES MAYOR TO
ISSUE LIQUOR LICENSE:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable authorized Mayor Gottman, as the city's liquor commissioner, to issue a license to Wiseguys of Vandalia. Motion carried.

Wiseguys of Vandalia will open a restaurant in the former Giuseppe's building.

They hope to have the restaurant open by the beginning of May.

**APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENTS MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes from the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting on March 21st as presented. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2007-4-2-B:
IDOT AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL
PARTICIPATION:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Duggins approving the Illinois Department of Transportation's Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement For Federal Participation for the improvement of Gallatin Street that replaces agreements approved on March 21, 2005 Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2007-4-2-C:
IDOT LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT
FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm approving the I.D.O.T. Local Agency Amendment #2 for Federal Participation.

The Federal Government will pay \$175,195.00 the I.D.O.T. will pay \$18,000.00 and the city's share is \$43,800.00 Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2007-4-2-D:
IDOT CONSTRUCTION
ENGINEERING SERVICES
AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL
PARTICIPATION:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving the I.D.O.T. construction engineering services agreement for federal participation. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-4-2-E:
IDOT LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT
FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Bennett approving the I.D.O.T. Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-4-2-F:
REQUEST FOR MFT FUNDS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Benett approving the I.D.O.T. resolution appropriating expenditures of up to \$200,000 in MFT funds for the project on Gallatin Street Enhancement Streetscape Project.

The project will go out for bid at the end of the month.

T-21 GRANT PROJECT REPORT:

Mayor Gottman announced that an attached monthly progress report from HMG was enclosed in your packets for work performed in the month of March.

Interim City Administrator, Jimmy Morani announced that the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration approved the city's application for an EDA investment.

This \$1,507,000 investment constructs essential infrastructure for a city-owned development site that will include a new ethanol plant.

He stated that a meeting will be scheduled with the EDA'S Chicago regional office within the next sixty days to discuss the terms of the grant, some of the guidelines and specifications for the grant.

Morani also announced that he is working with the EDC Committee in updating marketing brochures for the city.

Morani announced that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 16th at 7:00 P.M. to take comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

John Lester, Building Official submitted a report of building permits issued in the month of March.

A report from the Safety Code Official was included in the packets.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Duggins to go out for chemical bids for the WWTP and Water Treatment Plant and also for chemicals such as copper sulfate that is used for treatment at the lake. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman announced that City Attorney Johnston is working on the necessary paperwork for the transfer of First Bank Building to the City of Vandalia.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Director requested an additional \$5,000 for the fiscal year budget.

The extra \$5,000 would be used towards operational costs , and to help offset the additional expenses Main Street expects to incur when the City begins the Streetscape construction project.

The city has supported Main Street with a contribution of \$15,000 for several years.

A motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Cable to table this request till the next council meeting set for April 16th.

All council members were in favor of doing so, except Brosman voting nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with Jimmy Moraini will set a meeting with Dana to discuss if the city can appropriate additional funds for Main Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that he has received numerous calls in regard to burning leaves and garbage on Jefferson Street.

Several residents requested that burning be limited to one or two days a week if the city will not ban leaf burning.

CONCERNS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Alderman Bennett stated that if everyone burned on the same two days, the smoke would be much worse at those times.

Alderman Brosman stated it would be hard to schedule a nice calm non windy day to burn.

Alderman Cable also stated that the work schedule of some residents varies from a normal schedule that could also cause a problem.

No action was taken by the council.

REMARKS:

Cable publicly thanked Police Officers' Glore and Tippin for their response and solving the case in a possible break in at a local business.

Cable reported that they have started removing the lighting from the water tower that will be painted as soon as the weather permits.

Mayor Gottman announced that he had received a letter from the Il. Department of Corrections rejecting the city's request to have the Correctional Center Work Camp crews help with the mowing of the city cemeteries due to staffing issues.

Alderman Cable suggested that Mayor Gottman send copies of this letter to state legislators, to make them aware of cutbacks that affect our community.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:55 P.M.:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm to move into Executive Session to discuss possible litigation, land acquisition and a personnel matter. Motion carried.

COUNCIL RECONVENES AT 9:32 P.M.:

Executive Session ended at 9:32 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting.

RESOLUTION 2007-4-2-G:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett approving Resolution #2007-4-2-G, Approving An Agreement Between The City of Vandalia and HMG For A Proposed Roadway From Main Street To Wal-Mart.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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

