

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

May 7, 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, Elliott and Hobler.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ALDERMEN TAKE OATH OF OFFICE:

The five aldermen who were re-elected to office at the April 17th Consolidated Election received the oath of office from City Clerk Peggy Bowen.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes from the April 16, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler 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: Fayette Co. Sheirff's Dept. in the amount of \$2,286.00 for charges for mobile data terminal access and CMS Software maintenance fees; First National Bank

in the amount of \$10,302.14 for loan payment on backhoe; HMG in the amount of \$10,810.17 for the Gallatin and Johnson St. project and bridge projects; Ameren IP in the amount of \$8,262.22 for street lights; Old Dominion Brush Corp. in the amount of \$1,529.04 for sweeper brushes; Treasurer for the State of Il. in the amount of \$5,799.33 for the Orchard St. project; S.W. Il. Tourism Conv. Bureau 4th quarter agreement for the CTM Brochure Design; Beelman Trucking for hauling CM13; Lester Construction in the amount of \$63,298.00 for the Marina boat dock replacement and the pier at the old launch ramp; Peckham, Guyton, Albers for IPC Area TIF #2 project; Diversified Coatings, Ltd. in the amount of \$77,400. Elevated Tank Maintenance; Amren IP in the amount of \$15,869.99 for electric at Water Plant & WWTP; Imco Utility Supply Co. in the amount of \$9,050.00 for Linestop-10-DBL'S; United States Aluminate in the amount of \$1,969.11 for chemicals; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,280.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MINUTES FROM
APRIL 17, 2007 &
May 1, 2007:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the Planning Commission Minutes from the April 17th meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving the Planning Commission Minutes from the May 1st meeting as presented. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2007-5-7-A:

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Hobler approving an Ordinance #2007-5-7-A, Amending Vandalia Municipal Code At Title 9 Public Peace, Morals And Welfare At

Chapter 9.08 Offenses Against Public Peace And Decency.

At the request from the Vandalia School District, the school officials asked that a law that is designed to help prevent and handle fighting at the junior high and high school become a city ordinance.

Alderwoman Elliott stated that there has been an increase in the number of fights and in the intensity of fights at Vandalia High School and the Junior High School.

She remarked since the beginning of the school year, there have been an increase of fifty fights at the two schools.

By amending the ordinance it will give the police more latitude in dealing with fighting at both schools.

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

RESOLUTION 2007-5-7-B:
TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM
GENERAL FUND TO CEMETERY
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE:

A motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Elliott adopting Resolution 2007-5-7-B, Authorizing the transfer of funds from the General Fund to Cemetery Operations and Maintenance Fund.

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

ORDINANCE 2007-5-7-C:
AMENDING THE VANDALIA
MUNICIPAL CODE BY THE
CREATION OF SECTION 9.6.7

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Ordinance 2007-5-7-C, Amending The Vandalia Municipal Code By The

CERTIFIED SCALE SIGNS:

Creation of Section 9.6.7 Certified Scale Signs.

The amendment states *certified scale signs* is as follows: Premises designed for fueling and servicing of tractors and trailers and having on-site a certified scale may display, in addition to any other sign or signs authorized by this Article IX, an illuminated sign not to exceed 25 feet in height with a maximum surface area of 125 sq. ft.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-5-7-D:
AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE AT
SECTION 9.6.2 ON PREMISE
PERMANENT SIGNS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott approving Ordinance 2007-5-7-D, Amending The Vandalia Zoning Ordinance At Section 9.6.2 On-Premise Permanent Signs.

The amendment states any business located within 660 feet of Interstate 70 may have a free-standing on-premises permanent sign not to exceed 100 feet in height and not to exceed a total size of 1,000 square feet. If more than one business is located upon the same premises, each business may have a free-standing on-premises permanent sign not to exceed 100 feet in height and not to exceed a total size of 1,000 square feet.

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

TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #78:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the transfer of Lake Lot #78 from James Trout, Vandalia, Il. to Will Baldock, Vandalia, Il. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF WATER PROJECT BIDS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman accepting the water project bid from HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$8,407.21 for work on Cherry, Gallatin and Kern Street.

The only other bid came from IMCO Utility Supply in the amount of \$9,661.58.

It was the consensus of the council to go with the low bidder being HD Supply Waterworks. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2007-5-7-E:
APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR
DEED WITH HCC PROPERTIES:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm adopting Resolution #2007-5-7-E, Approving A Contract For Deed With HCC Properties.

By approving this contract for deed, it will allow Vandalia Tractor Sales to relocate at the west interchange.

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

RIVER INTAKE DIKE BIDS:

Cable mentioned that there was some confusion among contractors about the specifications and changes on materials for the installation of the river intake dike.

At the recommendation of Alderman Cable, a motion was made by Cable and seconded by Duggins to reject all bids for the river intake dike.

All aldermen agreed except for Alderman Swarm who voted nay. Motion carried.

Bids were opened for the project on Tuesday, May 1st at 2:00 P.M. Five bids were received.

Kidd's Plumbing & Heating, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$85,690.50, which is approximately \$35,000 higher than the Opinion of Cost of \$50,000.

HMG have now recalculated the quantities from the original bid which they said they made too high.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman to rebid the project. Motion carried.

The Water and Sewer Committee will meet Friday, May 11th at 4:15 P.M. to look at the project again.

NO BIDS SUBMITTED FOR T-21 PROJECT:

The first bid opening for the Gallatin Street Enhancement Streetscape Project was held on April 27th by IDOT Central Office and there were no bids turned in.

At the recommendation of Scott Rakers, engineer for HMG, the City would re-advertise the project on the next IDOT letting scheduled for June 15, 2007.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Duggins to re-bid the streetscape project. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman said he had earlier stated that he would probably have another meeting of the T21 committee to discuss the issue, but after talking with HMG engineering, he has decided that it is not necessary and that they will proceed with the second

bid.

MORANI REPORT:

City Administrator, Jimmy Morani stated that he met with representatives of Peckham Guyton Albers and Viets to review potential boundaries to establish another TIF District.

Morani also reported that the EDC's marketing committee has been working on some marketing materials such as a retail flyer which is part of the contract with InformPro, Inc. Marketing Communications.

Morani mentioned that the city has received one application for the Economic Development position.

Mayor Gottman announced that the city has received 6 applications for the Chief of Police position.

BUILDING OFFICIAL WILL GIVE REPORT ON FIRST BANK BUILDING TO CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

John Lester, Building Official mentioned that he did a walk through of the First Bank building on Fifth and Gallatin St. and that he will be submitting a report on the general condition of the building to the City Administrator.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Swarm authorizing the Water Plant to purchase a Cub Cadet lawn mower in the amount of \$2500.00 from Bluff Equipment. Motion carried.

Cable announced following the council meeting, the Water Committee will open the chemical bids.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler to advertise for a part-time tele-communicator for the Police Department.

**DONATIONS FROM THE HAZEL
KELLY OLD CAPITAL
FOUNDATION:**

Mayor Gottman reported under the unrestricted funds from the Hazel Kelly Trust, the Police Department will be purchasing thirteen guns and thirteen tasar guns.

Mayor Gottman reported under the restricted funds from the Hazel Kelly Trust, the Vandalia Volunteer Fire Department received \$35,000.00 this year.

Mayor Gottman reported under the restricted funds from the Hazel Kelly Trust, the Cemetery received \$30,000 to be used and maintaining the South Hill Cemetery.

Alderman Hobler announced that a Lake Committee Meeting will be held on May 14th at 6:00 P.M. at the Marina.

Randy Wolff will be the guest speaker at this meeting.

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with City Administrator, Jimmy Morani will be attending a marketing show in Las Vegas May 18th thru May 23rd.

Mayor Gottman announced that a ribbon cutting ceremony was held this morning for the new First Bank Facility on Mattes Avenue.

Mayor Gottman mentioned that there will be a "quitting business sale" at Leo Brown Lumber beginning Wednesday of this week.

Mayor Gottman stated that he spoke with Chuck Kellar this evening in regard to the restaurant to be located by the Holiday Inn Express. He has a meeting with a restaurant owner tomorrow. They have the quotes back on the construction of the building.

Elliott announced that Tourism split the cost with National Road Association for the advertising booth at the St. Louis Gateway Racetrack this past weekend.

**MAIN STREET DIRECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Dana Whiteman announced that several of the Illinois Main Street Directors were in Vandalia from Tuesday evening till Thursday. They were very impressed with the downtown area and hospitality that was shown to them during their stay.

Whiteman announced that "Women's Day Out" went very well.

Whiteman announced that the first "Vandalia Country Market" had five vendors. The market will be open from 8:00 a.m.-noon each Saturday.

Mayor Gottman announced Vandalia Main Street has commissioned a local artist to paint three murals of life-sized figures for the downtown area. It is their hope to add additional murals in the coming years as funds permit. The current mural project is funded entirely by a grant from the Scarpaci Foundation.

Illinois Main Street has declared Saturday June 2nd as Illinois Main Street Day. A motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Cable declaring this day as Illinois Main Street Day in Vandalia as well. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett to use the presented logo, "Share The Vision" for brochures that will be distributed through the Economic Development Commission. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that the later part of May or the beginning of June, representatives from the First Bank will be having an after hours ceremony at the First Bank Facility on Fifth & Gallatin Street where the keys will be turned over to the City of Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman announced that he received a "thank you" addressed to himself along with the Vandalia City Council, from Superintendent Rich Well, thanking the city for their support in the success of the bond referendum for the Vandalia School District.

Mayor Gottman announced that the city parking lot will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday so repairs can be made to the wall and entrance.

Alderman Cable mentioned a concern that he had with parking on both sides of North Sixth St. He felt that it was a hazard for emergency vehicles if needed.

A meeting was set for May 21st at 6:30 P.M. with the Police and Fire Committee to discuss the problem.

SHRINERS' PARADE THIS SATURDAY:

Andy Craig announced that the Old National Trail Shrine Club and Tin Lizzie Patrol will host the Ainad Temple's Spring Ceremonial in honor of Past Potentate Leon Bowen and Potentate Harold Ed Scott. Activities start at 7:00 at the Vandalia Moose Lodge and a parade at 10:30 A.M. through downtown Vandalia. The festivities will conclude with the presentation of fezzes to new Nobles at the Shrine Club in the evening.

**ALDERMAN CABLE VISITS
VANDALIA, OHIO:**

Cable shared his visit to Vandalia, Ohio with the council and others present for the council meeting.

He shared with us a brochure that he received while visiting their municipality.

He presented a lapel pin to each elected official that he received from their fine city of Vandalia, Ohio. "Thank You" Larry for thinking of us.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

