

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

May 21, 2007  
7:30 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

A motion to appoint Larry Cable as Mayor Pro Tem was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott in the absence of Mayor Gottman to call 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, Brosman, Elliott, Feldpouch and Hobler.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

A moment of silence was observed due to the death of Leonard Davison and Jim Walker who were employed by the City of Vandalia and Harry Deverick who was the owner/operator of Deverick's Printing.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Duggins and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the May 7, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

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

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving all Special Bills as presented: ADS Electric Corp. in the amount of \$2,684.85 for signal repair; The

Buxton Co. in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the balance on marketing package; HMG in the amount of \$11,267.77 for the Johnson and Gallatin St. projects; IML in the amount of \$71,983.54 for the 2007 Annual Contribution; Mastercard in the amount of \$1,709.40 for economic development travel expenses; Ray O'Herron Co. Inc. in the amount of \$2,210.91 for vests for police officers; Discover Magazine in the amount of \$1,500.00 for magazine ads; Beelman Trucking in the amount of \$2,452.94 for CM13; Peckham, Guyton, Albers in the amount of \$3,089.78 for the TIF #2 project; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$7,272.26 for fuel; Diversified Coatings, Ltd. in the amount of \$21,418.58 for maintenance on elevated tank; HMG in the amount of \$16,812.34 for the west interchange water & sewer extension; Ameren IP in the amount of \$16,886.16 for electric; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$4,087.20 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #111:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the transfer of lake Lot # 111 from Tom Jackson, Vandalia, Il. to Ty Cottingham, Collinsville, Il. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT TO  
PURCHASE TWO SQUAD CARS:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch authorizing the purchase of (2) 2008 Chevrolet Impala squad cars. Motion carried. The bid offered by Arthur Young, Inc. was in the amount of \$39,756.78.

Others that placed bids were: Miles in Decatur in the amount of \$36,866.00 for (2) 2007 Impalas; Wright in Hillsboro in the amount of \$40,680.00 for (2) 2007 Dodge Chargers;

Wright in the amount of \$44,708.00 for (2) 2008 Crown Vics; Engel Bros. in Farina in the amount of \$47,760.00 for (2) 2008 Crown Vics; Hosick in Vandalia no bid tendered.

**APPROVAL OF CHEMICAL BIDS:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman approving the chemical bids as submitted. Motion carried.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Cable reported that the west I-70 interchange water and sewer extension project is being reviewed after bids came in higher than anticipated. The city will meet with the engineers to redesign the project to cut costs.

**BIDS ACCEPTED FOR RIVER INTAKE DIKE:**

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Duggins accepting the bid from Craig Excavating in the amount of \$18,000. to provide all of the equipment & labor necessary to construct the river intake dike. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler accepting the bid from Dale Williams Trucking in the amount of \$7,897.50 for hauling from the Nokomis Quarry to intake project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett accepting the bid from Nokomis Quarry in the amount of \$15,491.25 for 400 lbs. of rip rap. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler accepting the bid from Vandalia Sand and Gravel, Inc. in the amount of \$19,600.00 for sand and silt removal from the Kaskaskia River. Motion carried.

**REQUEST TO HIRE POLICE  
OFFICERS & RADIO  
DISPATCHERS:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler authorizing the Police & Fire Committee to hire two full time police officers. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler authorizing the Police and Fire Committee to hire two part-time radio dispatchers. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch authorizing City Attorney Jack Johnston to prepare an ordinance that would eliminate parking on the west side of Sixth Street between Main Street and Orchard Street.

Swarm stated that the street is only 26' wide, and it is difficult for traffic to get through when vehicles are parked on both sides.

One of the big issues is not having enough room for emergency vehicles to get through.

**L & J WATERWELL TO DRILL NEW  
WELL AT VANDALIA LAKE:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott accepting the bid from L & J Waterwell Services, Inc. Vandalia in the amount of \$3,100 for drilling a new well to serve the camping and marina area at the lake. Motion carried.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:**

Dana Whiteman reported to the council that a recent survey of the downtown area showed that 19 of the 123 businesses in the downtown area are vacant. That's a 15.4% vacancy rate.

Whiteman also reported that the new Main Street Website is now up.

Main Street will be sponsoring a 5K "Race to Downtown" run on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> during the Grand Levee event.

**RICH "GET WELL SOON":**

The elected officials wish Rich Bauer, managing editor for the Vandalia Leader-Union a quick recovery after experiencing a heart attack over the week-end.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

