

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

August 6, 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, Cable, Hobler, Bennett, and Elliott.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the August 6, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott 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: HMG in the amount of \$8,660.70 for the Gallatin St. Project; Ameren IP in the amount of \$1,820.00 for a street light installed; Kovatch Mobile Equip. Corp. in the amount of \$30,000.00 for a fire truck; Southwestern Il. College expenses at the police academy for the

two new officers; Southwestern Illinois Tourism Bureau in the amount of \$6,432.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. commitment; Vandalia Asphalt Service for chip and patch mix and HFE 300; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,710.00 for chemicals; Craig Excavation in the amount of \$18,000 for work at the river intake; Dale Williams Trucking in the amount of \$7,455.50 for hauling rip rap; G.S. Robins & Co. for chemicals; HMG in the amount of \$7,426.03 for the water & sewer extension; Ameren IP in the amount of \$16,232.68 for the electric bill; Vandalia Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$19,990.00 for dredge work; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount \$2,850.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING  
COMMISSION MINUTES 7/17/07:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the July 17, 2007 Planning Commission meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF  
APPEALS MINUTES 7/18/07:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the minutes from the July 18, 2007 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2007-8-6-A:  
AMENDING THE CITY OF  
VANDALIA ZONING DISTRICT  
MAP:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm amending the City of Vandalia Zoning District Map.

The former Washington School Building, owned by the Knights of Columbus and being sold to Larry & Linda Hutchins to be converted into apartments. The ordinance will allow the property to be changed from two-family residential to multiple-family residential.

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

**ORDINANCE #2007-8-6-B:**  
**AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE**  
**AT CHAPTER 9.08 OFFENSES**  
**AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE AND**  
**DECENCY:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott adopting Ordinance #2007-8-6-B, Amending the Vandalia Municipal Code At Chapter 9.08 Offenses Against Public Peace And Decency.

The amendment will make it an offense "to urinate or defecate on public property or in a public place unless within an enclosed structure designed and used for such purpose".

Chief of Police, Larry Eason stated that there has been a problem with public urination and the reason for the amendment, that there is no state law that deals directly with the issue.

Eason reported that they recently lost an arrest as they tried to use the state law that does not directly deal with the problem.

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

**ORDINANCE #2007-8-6-C:**  
**AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF**  
**MOTOR VEHICLE TO THE**  
**VANDALIA PARK DISTRICT:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving Ordinance #2007-8-6-C, Authorizing the Sale of A Motor Vehicle to the Vandalia Park District.

The Vandalia Park District will use it for airport operations.

The vehicle is described as a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria.

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

**RESOLUTION 2007-8-6-D:**  
**APPROVING AN EASEMENT IN**  
**FAVOR OF KASKASKIA SPRINGS**  
**WATER COMPANY L.L.C.:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Resolution 2007-8-6-D, Approving An Easement In Favor Of Kaskaskia Springs Water Company, L.L.C.

The easement is a 30' wide strip of land owned by the city north of Janette Drive.

City Administrator Morani stated that Walt Barenfanger owns some wells and he would like to install a water line in that easement that would allow him to provide water to the Fayette Water Company.

Morani also stated in the future the water may be available to the City or other businesses that may need it.

Elliott said that she is all for private business, but she had concerns on this agreement that the possible availability for the city on this land in the future.

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

**RESOLUTION #2007-8-6-E:**  
**ESTABLISHING A TIME & PLACE**  
**FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON TIF**  
**PLAN:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving Resolution #2007-8-6-E, Establishing A Time & Place For A Public Hearing To Consider The Proposed 2007 Amendment To The TIF Redevelopment Plan And Project For The industrial Park Conservation Area.

The City of Vandalia establishes October 1, 2007, at 6:30 P.M. at Vandalia City Hall as the time and place for the Public Hearing.

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

**T-21 GRANT PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman announced that HMG, the city's engineering firm has sent all the plans to I.D.O.T.

Mayor Gottman announced that all the test borings have been completed and have forwarded the tests on to I.D.O.T. as well.

Mayor Gottman stated that he recently met with the contractor who is interested in bidding on the T-21 project.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Cable reported that the water tower on Fillmore St. nearing completion.

Cable stated that the water tower will be partially filled and allowed to set for a few days. Then the water will be tested and if all the testing comes out right they will then fill it up.

Cable said that they are hopeful to have it back up and running in the next two weeks.

Cable also reported on the work to try to fix the Kaskaskia River water intake has been completed. He stated the river is so low, that there is no way to test whether the flow problems had been corrected. Cable said that we would have to wait on a large rain to see if the problems have been taken care of.

Swarm announced that the Police & Fire Commissioners will meet this evening to interview the candidates for the Detective position and the two Sergeants position. The paper exams have already been taken on the process with the oral testing to take place this evening.

**LAKE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SCHEDULED:**

Feldpouch reported on the moving of City Hall to the former First Bank.

Hobler announced that the Lake Committee will meet on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at the Marina.

Mayor Gottman announced that Arby's have brought in their plans to redo the former Hardee's Building. The plans have been signed off on and Arby's will begin the work very soon.

Mayor Gottman stated that he was told that they would like to be open by the end of September.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:**

Dana Whiteman reported on the first Concert in the Park event for this season which was held on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Waterloo German Band will play this Thursday.

Corn Day Celebration will take place on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Tim Metzger and Ginger Base are the two new board members on the Main Street Board.

Whiteman announced that she will be attending a workshop in Alton, Il. called "Upstairs Downtown".

Whiteman thanked the City for placing Main Street in the new City Hall facility.

**MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman remarked that Donelle Conaway owner of Something Special had new windows installed in her business along with painting the front of the building.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Feldpouch mentioned that most of the invoices from the water intake project have been paid and questioned if the city will be reimbursed on any part of that work from HMG?

Mayor Gottman stated that they have not been approached, because the city is not sure if the intake will work.

Cable questioned a parking space at the location of the old Craycroft Building? There is one parking space located in between the entrance and exit of Main Street's new parking lot.

Mayor Gottman referred the matter off to the Street Committee.

Street Committee Chair, Brett Brosman called a meeting for Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber.

Brosman wished to wait until we had the city ordinances codified. When the city paid to have all the city ordinances codified they missed the whole parking and street ordinances.

Some of the issues to be addressed at the Street Committee meeting will include, no parking on Fifth and Eighth Street and the parking issue by the old Craycroft Building.

Cable submitted to the Council a preliminary opinion of probable cost for the Eighth St. Water Main Extension/Phase III.

Alternative I-Bore Up Hill the cost would be \$145,730.00

Alternative II- Open Cut Up Hill the cost would be \$147,766.00

**AUDIENCE:**

Chris Young reported to the Council, that long time resident Oscar Adermann passed away Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences to his family.

**REQUEST FOR HANDICAP SIGN:**

A request came from Ginger Base, who wished to have a handicap sign placed in front of the Home Extension Office on South Sixth St.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

