

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

September 4, 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, Bennett and Feldpouch.

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 Hobler approving the minutes from the August 20, 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: ADS Electric Corp. in the amount of \$4,245.34 for signal lights on Kennedy & Gallatin St.; City of Vandalia in the amount of \$42,495.91 for portion of liability insurance for Water Department; Kaskaskia College in the amount of \$50,000. For contribution to

the Kaskaskia College for fiscal yr. 2006; McKellar, Robertson, McCarty & Click in the amount of \$1,632.00 for boiler insurance; Old Dominion Brush Corp. in the amount of \$1,654.70 for supplies; Ray O'Herron Co., Inc. in the amount of \$5,421.00 for 13 police guns; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,280.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

RAY & EMERICK PROMOTED TO SERGEANT POSITIONS:

Jeff Ray and Todd Emerick took the oath of office after being promoted to sergeant positions.

TODD WAGNER PROMOTED TO DETECTIVE:

Todd Wagner has been promoted to detective for the Vandalia Police Department.

APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES 8/21/07:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Duggins approving the minutes from the August 21, 2007 Planning Commission meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT SET:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm to set "Trick or Treat" night for Wednesday, October 31st from 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. Trick or Treat is set for 6th grade and under.

Hobler and Elliott voted nay to setting Wednesday as "Trick or Treat" night due to conflict with church services. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2007-9-4-A:
LIONS CLUB HALLOWEEN PARADE**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch to ask I.D.O.T. permission to close old Rt. 140 from Third St. to Seventh St. and from Gallatin St. to Johnson St. on October 25, 2007 between 7:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. for the annual Lions Club Halloween Parade. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2007-9-4-B:
APPROVING FINAL PLAT FOR
NORTHTOWN PLAZA SUBDIVISION

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler adopting Ordinance #2007-9-4-B, Approving A Final Plat For Northtown Plaza Subdivision.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-9-4-C:
DISABLED PARKING IN FRONT OF
U. of I. EXTENSION BUILDING:

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Elliott adopting Ordinance #2007-9-4-C, Amending Chapter 10 Vehicles & Traffic At Section 10.16.030 Parking Prohibited Or Controlled.

The Street Committee brought to the council a proposal to add one handicapped parking space in front of the U. of I. Extension Building. Brosman amended the ordinance to allow two parking spaces at that location.

Voting by roll call: Cable, nay; Hobler, nay; Duggins, nay; Brosman, yea; Bennett, yea; Elliott, yea; Feldpouch, nay; Swarm, yea; tie-breaking vote, Mayor Gottman, yea; Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2007-9-4-D:
RESCIND REGULATION OF
RAFFLES:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler adopting Ordinance #2007-9-4-D, Rescinding Section 5.12.050 Regulation of Raffles Of The Vandalia Municipal Code.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-9-4-E:
RESCIND DOG & CAT LICENSING
REQUIREMENTS

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Ordinance #2007-9-4-E, Rescinding Dog and Cat Licensing Requirements.

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

RESOLUTION #2007-9-4-F:
AGREEMENT WITH HMG:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott adopting Resolution #2007-9-4-F, Approving An Agreement For Engineering Services Between The City of Vandalia & HMG, Inc.

The purpose of the agreement is to employ HMG to provide engineering services associated with the water main replacement at Eighth St. from Main St. to Johnson St.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-9-4-G:
T.I.F. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY & RICK CRIPE:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler Approving A Certain T.I.F. Agreement Between The City of Vandalia and Rick Cripe.

The developer will construct a 7,200 sq. ft. retail center north of town.

A ten year 70% reimbursement of new property taxes for rehabilitation of commercial building per agreement.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-9-4-H:
TIF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY & KEN TORBECK

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch Approving A Certain T.I.F. Agreement Between The City of Vandalia and Ken Torbeck.

The City shall provide assistance in the form of a \$25,000 grant.

The funds will be used on the new Quiznos building.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-9-4-I:
TIF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY & ARTHUR & STACEY
LANGSTON

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler Approving A Certain T.I.F. Agreement Between The City of Vandalia and Arthur and Stacey Langston.

The City shall provide assistance in the form of a \$1,630 grant.

The funds will be used for painting and sign work on the Pump N Pantry building.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-9-4-J:
TIF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF VANDALIA &
BARENFANGER, INC.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Cable Approving A Certain T.I.F. Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Barenfanger, Inc.

The City shall provide assistance in the form of an \$11,500 grant.

The funds will be used for tuck pointing and water proofing.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-9-4-K:
TIF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF VANDALIA & VANDALIA
RAILROAD CO., INC.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Duggins Approving A Certain T.I.F. Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Vandalia Railroad Co., Inc.

The City shall provide assistance in the form of a \$7,500 grant.

The funds will be used on a commercial building leased to Pioneer Railroad from the City of Vandalia for window replacement, tuck-pointing and water proofing.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-9-4-L:
TIF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF VANDALIA & RICH
JENNER

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm Approving A Certain T.I.F. Agreement Between The City of Vandalia and Rich Jenner.

The City shall provide assistance in the form of a \$1,320.00 grant.

The funds will be used to tuck-point exterior and new rear steps.

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

ORDINANCE #2007-9-4-M:
TIF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
CITY OF VANDALIA & JODY
OSBORNE:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch Approving A Certain TIF Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Jody Osborne.

The City shall provide assistance in the form of a \$25,000 grant.

The funds will be used to renovate and expand the current Tiger Lily Flower Shop.

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

TIF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA & ROBERT M. JOHNSON DIES FOR LACK OF MOTION:

An Ordinance Approving a TIF Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Robert M. Johnson was brought before the council.

The ordinance died for lack of a motion.

T-21 PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman announced that the T-21 project is scheduled for the September 21st state letting.

Copies of the specifications are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

MORANI REPORT:

Morani announced the City will hold a public hearing concerning the 2007 Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Industrial Park Conservation Area on October 1, 2007 in the City Council Chambers, at 6:30 P.M.

Morani stated that he met with the department heads in regard to their budgets. He stated overall the budgets look like they're in good shape.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler to accept the bid from Walt Pearson to pressure wash the water tower on Thrill Hill in the amount of \$2300.00. Pearson must submit a certificate of insurance

before work begins. Motion carried.

Cable, Chairman of the Water & Sewer committee, stated that the committee along with the auditing firm recommended that the council not take any action on the new water and sewer rates which would allow the increase of 12.54% on water and 1.96% for the sewer rate.

Hobler, Duggins and Feldpouch felt that the proposed water rate hike was too high.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch proposing a 5% water rate increase and keep the sewer rate at 1.96%.

A roll call vote was taken: Cable, nay; Feldpouch, yea; Brosman, nay; Bennett, nay; Duggins, yea; Hobler, yea; Swarm, yea; Elliott, nay. Tie breaking vote, Mayor Gottman, yea. Motion carried.

Swarm announced that Jerry (Jake) Bowling II and Jason Caraway will be graduating from Police Training Institute on September 14th at 6:30 P.M. in Belleville, Il.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch accepting the recommendation of the Building Committee to have Bodine Communications to install a new phone system for the Police Department in the amount of \$4,400.00; RTA Systems to install a Honeywell wireless security system in the former First Bank Building, soon to be City Hall in the amount of \$1,800.00; Andy Lester DBA Lester Construction will build the counter top and doorway in the soon to

be City Hall. (time and material).
Motion carried.

Hobler announced that a Lake Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th, at 6:00 P.M. at the Marina.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman to make application for a 60/40 EPA grant for the Vandalia Lake. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman announced that 13 applications have been received for the Economic Development Director.

Interviews will take place on September 12th in the Council Chambers.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman stated that the last Concert in the Park will be held on September 6th.

Dana announced that plans are underway for the "Corn Day Celebration" to be held on September 22nd from 10:00 A.M. till 8:00 P.M.

Dana expressed her feelings on the fire that destroyed The Depot.

She stated that this restaurant was a historical structure that cannot be replaced.

Some thirty (30) jobs were lost due to the fire.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman also expressed his concern for the recent fire at The Depot.

Mayor Gottman announced that the city Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 7th.

Mayor Gottman reported on the state budget. He remarked that the Governor had vetoed a good part of the budget.

\$100,000 was left in the budget for work out by Mattes Ave.

\$200,000 was left in the budget for road and bridge repairs to the city.

They are in hopes that the Capitol Bill will include funding for the Kaskaskia College.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Southern Illinois Mayors Association would like for all city and county officials to attend your "Ask Your Legislative Forum" on Tuesday, September 18th.

ADJOURNMENT :

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

