

**CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

September 17, 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, Bennett, Brosman, Elliott, Feldpouch, and Swarm. Hobler was 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 Feldpouch approving the minutes from the September 4th, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm 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 presented: Walmart in the amount of \$28,948.58 for roadway reimbursement; Fayette County Treasurer in the amount of \$28,584.96 for recreation real estate taxes; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$16,773.90 for fuel; Central Il. Materials, Inc. in the amount of \$2,516.11 for supplies; Curry Construction in the amount of \$232,346.77 for west interchange

infrastructure; Hach Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,347.00 for contracted visits; Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$2,000.00 for annual maintenance inspections for the City's lift stations. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Duggins approving the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

**HONOR RETIREES FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

The Mayor and other elected officials honored the retirees from law enforcement at the council meeting.

Those in attendance that were honored were retiring Chief Carrol Dugan, Robert "Bob" McCart, Detective Fred Willms, Officer Mike Koonce and telecommunicator, Arlene Clymer.

Officer Dan Carman was unable to attend.

Mayor Gottman also introduced our new Police Chief, Larry Eason.

**ORDINANCE #2007-9-17-A:  
AMENDING ZONING DISTRICT MAP**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Duggins adopting Ordinance #2007-9-17-A, Amending The City of Vandalia Zoning District Map.

In order for the City to establish an expansion of the Industrial Park Conservation Area TIF, state law requires the land to be zoned for industrial uses.

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

**APPROVAL OF FIRE ALARM &  
SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE NEW  
CITY HALL:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded By Duggins approving the quote from RTA Systems in the amount of \$3,989.00 for a new fire alarm and security system for the new City Hall. Motion carried.

**T-21 PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman reported that several contractors have picked up specs for the T-21 project. The state letting is set for September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**REPORTS:**

City Administrator Morani reported the TIF public hearing will be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

Morani mentioned that he met with Scott Rakers before the meeting this evening to discuss engineering agreements that will be brought to the council in reference to widening of Main St. and VanSant Ave. and the water and sewer lines to accompany the ethanol plant. The funds being used for this project were derived from an EDA & I.D.O.T. grants totaling \$3,000,000.

Building Official, John Lester stated that he spoke with those working on the Kaskaskia College. They informed him they should be completed with the building by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Lester also added that there was some classroom equipment in the building at this time.

Lester also reported that work continues by Arby's to convert the former Hardee's building on Veteran's.

Lester said that they have experienced termite problems in that building and having to do extra work.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The former Subway building which will be converted into a Quiznos is coming along well at this time. They have a target date of October 15<sup>th</sup> to open.

The truck stop at the west interchange is moving along. Drywalling will begin on Wednesday.

Elliott questioned Alderman Brosman if any discussion or plans to do some reconstruction work such as leveling and widening Filmore St. near the Kaskaskia College had been discussed with the Street Committee?

Brosman stated he will bring it to the next Street Committee for discussion.

Cable stated the Water Committee will meet following the council meeting to review three water adjustments.

Swarm gave the Police Department's monthly report for August.

Fines in the amount of \$25,683.76 were paid with the city's part being \$7,263.00.

Swarm also announced that Jason Caraway and Jake Bowling II graduated from Police Training Institute on September 14<sup>th</sup> in Belleville, Il.

Chief of Police, Larry Eason announced that the two 2008 squad cars have arrived.

Feldpouch announced that things are moving along at the new location for City Hall.

The move should take place in October.

Mayor Gottman announced that a lease has been signed for Sears to open a

store at the Vandalia Commons Shopping Center near Walmart. The owner is also the same owner as the Sears location in Effingham.

Mayor Gottman announced that he had spoken with Deb Hamel owner of The Depot and she asked to meet with the Mayor to talk about her plans for The Depot. Mayor Gottman stated that he will encourage her to rebuild.

Elliott reported that the Tourism Committee has received several bids on the highway signs.

Elliott representing the Tourism Commission made a request to hire John Dotray from Vandalia to create a temporary tourism web site.

The council denied the request to hire the individual to create the web site.

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Director reported that she attended a workshop in Alton on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Dana announced that Main Street has submitted six nominations for the Illinois Main Street Award.

Dana announced that the Corn Day Celebration is this Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 A.M. till 8:00 P.M.

The Lions Club will host the Carson and Barnes Big Top Circus this Friday evening on the parking lot of the former Wal-Mart building.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

Mayor Gottman announced that the City received a check from NewWave Communications today, for the second quarter franchise fees in the amount of \$5,699.46.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Feldpouch questioned where we stand with Fayette Water Company?

City Administrator, Jimmy Morani said that he spoke with Randy Wolf of Fayette County Company about the water rates and what it would cost him. He is looking at a lesser charge for water. They are looking at a rate of \$2.75-\$3.00. Morani stated that we cannot offer him that rate so Morani sent him a copy of our rate charge to review.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:04 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Brosman to move into Executive Session to discuss the sale or purchase of land and a personnel matter. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL RECONVENES AT 8:34 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:34 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting.

**RESOLUTION #2007-9-17-B:  
APPROVING AN OPTION IN FAVOR  
OF BRYANBETS VENTURES, LTD.**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Resolution #2007-9-17-B, Approving An Option In Favor of Bryanbets Ventures, Ltd.

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

Hosick Motors will purchase 8.54 acres at the west interchange.

The option is for one year with the price of \$30,000 an acre.

Hosick Motors plans to relocate its auto dealership from 1213 N. Sunset Dr.

Hosick Motors has a buyer for their current location.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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