

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 16, 2008
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, Elliott, Swarm, Brosman, Bennett, Feldpouch and McNutt. Hobler was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the June 2, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Feldpouch approving all Special Bills as presented: H & H Computer Services in the amount of \$2,151.00 for computers for the Police Department; Mastercard in the amount of \$3,010.35 for economic development travel expense; Phillip Environmental

in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Gallatin St. evaluation; Vandalia Lion's Club in the amount of \$1,500.00 for donation for fireworks; Vandalia Main Street Program in the amount of \$7,500.00 for ½ of yearly allotment; Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$2,994.68 for patch mix; Knebel Auto/Marine in the amount of \$2,978.56 for rebuilt boat motor; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$15,879.34 for fuel; H & H Computer Services in the amount of \$2,212.00 for 2 computers for the water & sewer department; \$1,639.00 for a HP laser jet printer; Illinois EPA Fiscal Service in the amount of \$17,500. for NPDES permit; Tri-S Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$29,304.17 for Eighth St. water main replacement; Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF LAKE LOT #59
TRANSFER:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by McNutt approving the transfer of Lake Lot #59 from Sybil M. Evans, Vandalia to Stephen Friedel, Vandalia. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2008-6-16-A
ESTABLISHING PREVAILING RATE
OF WAGES:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman approving Ordinance # 2008-6-16-A, Establishing Prevailing Rate of Wages. Motion carried.

**REFERRAL OF PROPOSED
AMENDMENT TO ZONING
ORDINANCE (PROJECTING
SIGNS):**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Elliott to refer to the Planning Commission a projected sign ordinance that would permit projecting signs and awnings in the downtown Commercial Zoning District.

The Planning Commission is required to conduct a public hearing to be held on July 15th before being considered by the City Council. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 2008-6-16-B:
CLOSURE OF STATE HIGHWAY FOR
CORN DAY ON 9/27/08:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable approving Resolution # 2008-6-16-B, Closure of State Highway for Corn Day Celebration set for September 27, 2008. Motion carried.

T-21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman stated that HMG is still waiting on IDOT's approval on the testing on the downtown borings.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderman Brosman, Chairman of the Street Committee scheduled a street committee meeting for Tuesday, June 24th at 6:00 P.M. to address the parking issue in the downtown area.

Cable stated that the Water Committee will review two complaint forms following the council meeting.

Swarm gave a monthly report for May.

The total amount of fines collected was \$17,910.00. The city's portion was \$5,404.00.

Chief of Police Larry Eason, stated that Saturday was testing for new police officers; Forty-seven applications were distributed and twenty-two returned. Fourteen individuals tested, four didn't pass the physical with ten taking the written test. The results from the written exam should be back this week.

Eason remarked that the Police Department has moved into their new location. The move went well and they are pleased with the added room.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Elliott to go out for bid to construct a steel shorewall at Vandalia Lake. Motion carried.

Elliott stated that she should have a copy of the program for the council to look at on the Carlyle Watershed Annual meeting to be held in Vandalia on August 18th.

JoAnn Givens reported on the "Vandalia In Bloom" contest. She stated that there was a lot of positive feedback on the project.

Givens mentioned that the street entertainers were very well received at the Grande Levee.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Program Manager Dana Whiteman said the 5K Run/Walk was very well attended.

Whiteman announced that Main Street welcomes three new board members, Jo Lineberry, Steve Barker and Kim Shanks.

Whiteman mentioned they received two drawings for downtown businesses from the State Architect, who recently made a visit to Vandalia. One of the drawings was on the First National Bank building and the other drawing was for a new business, Celebrations, which will be moving into the former Jane Isbell building. Celebrations will be a party and supply business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that the Southern Illinois Mayors Association will meet on June 18th in Mt. Vernon.

The mayors throughout southern Illinois and legislators will discuss the proposed Capital Bill for the state.

Glen Poshard, President of the SIU-C University has been invited to attend. No word as of today if he plans to be in attendance.

Mayor Gottman said he continues to receive complaints from residents about the railroad crossings in town.

Mayor Gottman said a sign has been put up with an 800 number at the rail road crossing on Remann Street.

Gottman called that number and it is the rail road company and you can leave a message with your complaint.

Gottman encouraged anyone who has a problem with the crossing to call 1-800-232-0144.

Gottman also mentioned that a photo day is scheduled in Pontiac, Illinois on Saturday, June 21st at 10:00 A.M. by their courthouse in trying to save the Pontiac Correctional Center.

The Pontiac Correctional Center has been under consideration a few times as a possibility for closure.

Mayor Gottman stated that he has sent material to the Mayor of Pontiac in regards to fighting the possible closure of the prison.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Cable asked if anything was planned for the sign frame at the corner of the new City Hall.

Mayor Gottman said that he is working with Public Works Director John Moyer and Dan Stock, owner of ADS Electric to remove the hanging frame.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the Council, a motion was Made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch to adjourn at 7:53 P.M. Motion carried.

