

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

July 21, 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, Brosman, Bennett, Elliott, Feldpouch, Swarm. McNutt and Hobler were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Feldpouch approving the minutes from the July 7, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Feldpouch approving all Special Bills as presented: Burnside, Johnston, Choisser in the amount of \$13,406.25 for small claims; SCIRP&DC in the amount of \$2,000 for technical outside services; Bodine Electric in the amount of \$2,357.45 for Police Department renovation; Peoples National Bank in the amount of \$45,407.62 for payment on fire truck; Southwestern Illinois Tourism Bureau in the amount of \$7,000 for membership dues; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$4,189.90 for fuel at

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Vandalia Lake; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$13,061.70 for fuel at City Garage; Tri S Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$47,518.27 for payment #3 on the Eighth St. Water Main Replacement Phase III Project; Curry Construction in the amount of \$121,002.22 for the West Interchange Water & Sewer Extension; Illinois Environmental in the amount of \$22,787.56 for the drinking water project; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$4,447.20 for mozofloc; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$3,249.07 for bulk aluminum; Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FOR 7/15/08 MEETING:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch approving the Planning Commission Minutes as submitted from the July 15, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2008 MEETING:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch approving the Zoning Board of Adjustments minutes from the July 16, 2008 as submitted. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2008-7-21-A AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SECOND NOVATION OF THE EXISTING EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY & JOANN GIVENS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable adopting Resolution #2008-7-21-A, Authorizing Execution of a Second Novation of the Existing Employment Contract Between The City of Vandalia and JoAnn Givens.

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

ORDINANCE #2008-7-21-B:
APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT
FOR EAST VIEW ESTATES
SUBDIVISION:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Swarm approving a Preliminary Plat for East View Estates Subdivision.

The proposed subdivision is located on the east side of Route 185 north of Deerwood Estates and south of Thrill Hill Road outside of the city limits.

A concern that the aldermen had was the width of the roads within the subdivision. Tim Alverson of Alverson Land Surveying was present for the meeting and pointed out that the road would not be a City road but one owned by the township and that the wider the road the more they would have to do to maintain it. He further stated that they are proposing 4' wide shoulders and that since the ordinance requires a minimum of 10' driving lanes he felt a 24' oil and chip road would be acceptable.

Alderman Cable said he would like to see 28' roadways.

Bruce Miller, the developer of East View Estates stated that they had measured roads in other subdivisions, and none of them are 28' wide.

Another question that was addressed was the lack of sidewalks or curbs. Morani stated that the City Council has the authority to waive requirements for curbs and gutters outside the city limits per the Subdivision Ordinance.

Alderman Cable felt that sidewalks should be included in the new subdivisions.

Voting by roll call: Brosman, yea; Cable, nay; Swarm, yea; Elliott, yea;

Feldpouch, Yea; Bennett, yea. McNutt and Hobler were absent. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2008-7-21-C:
ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE
ROAD CLOSURE:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott, approving Resolution #2008-7-21-C, requesting temporary closure of Old Rt. 140, a State Highway from Third Street to Seventh Street and from Gallatin Street to Johnson Street for the annual Homecoming Parade on September 12, 2008 between 3:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2008-7-21-D:
AMENDING CITY OF VANDALIA
ZONING ORDINANCE:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Elliott approving Ordinance #2008-7-21-D, Amending The City of Vandalia Zoning Ordinance.

This ordinance will allow downtown merchants to install signs that project out from their buildings.

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

8TH STREET WATER MAIN
EXTENSION-CHANGE ORDER #1:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable approving Change Order #1 for the 8th Street Water Main Extension Project-Phase III. This change order finalizes the quantities of materials used as constructed for the project and includes a hot-mix asphalt material for the right-of-way paving instead of oil and chip.

The original contract price was \$112,838.00 and this change order will bring the final contract price to \$126,524.66. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE
2, ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable to vote on an Ordinance Amending Title 2, Administration And Personnel of The Municipal Code of Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman and Alderman Chad Feldpouch didn't believe part-time elected officials needed a raise.

Alderman Larry Bennett, stated he felt everyone deserved some type of raise and said he might feel differently if the issue was addressed each year, but its only addresses every four years.

Voting by roll call: Swarm, yea; Brosman, yea; Elliott, nay; Feldpouch, nay; Bennett, nay; Cable, yea; The council tied three to three and Mayor Gottman voted no. Ordinance failed.

After the salary increase was voted down, the council asked if they could act on a pay increase for the full time position of City Clerk.

Mark Kelly, representing Burnside, Johnston, Sheafor & Kelly, said the council would have to vote on another proposed ordinance amendment at another council meeting.

**USE OF UNIMPROVED ROADS &
ALLEYS:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman directing John Moyer to resolve the problem in regards to the continual use of an unimproved roadway on DuPage Street, near the Vandalia Apartments, at the east end of the Meadors Subdivision.

The citizen who brought up the complaint saying that vehicles have been taking a shortcut from the west end of the Apartment property and driving across the unimproved roadway to access Brian Street.

One of the solutions to the problems discussed was putting up barricades of some kind or to take out the culverts and ditch the area.

Council agreed to leave the matter to the discretion of Public Works Director John Moyer.

T-21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman stated that a meeting on the T-21 project will be scheduled shortly.

MORANI REPORT:

City Administrator Morani stated that Scott Hunt, with Hurst-Rosche Engineering plan to bring the TIF maps to the council shortly.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

Bowen reported that training on payroll with Civic Software went smoothly. Utility billing training will begin on July 28th thru August 1st.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderwoman Elliott stated she received several complaints about individuals parking on the city boulevard on Fifth Street between Washington and Jefferson Street.

Mayor Gottman authorized Moyer, Morani, Meadows and Chief Eason to look into the problem and bring a recommendation back to the council.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable accepting the bid from Howell Paving in the amount of 4,380.00 for improvements to intersection repair at 8th Street and Orchard St.

Howell Paving proposes to furnish all necessary labor, equipment, and material to remove and replace 2" of distressed Hot Mix Asphalt pavement

surface at the intersection of 8th and Orchard St. The area of the proposed repair is 125 square yards.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable to seek council approval to go out for bid to purchase a dump truck. This will replace the 1982 model. Motion carried.

Cable stated that they will review two water complaints following the meeting.

Swarm gave the monthly Police Report for the month of June.

The total amount of fines collected was \$24,060.00. The City's portion was \$10,448.00.

Morani reported that the city's insurance carrier HCH Administration was purchased by Health Alliance Medical Plans, Inc. They are headquartered in Urbana, Illinois.

For now, HCH will continue to operate as normal. HCH will remain a separate entity with existing staff and under current leadership as a small transition team of Health Alliance and HCH representatives develops a plan to integrating the two organizations.

Mayor Gottman announced that he attended the last Lake Committee meeting held on July 12th.

Mayor Gottman recommended a complaint form be created for the Vandalia Lake that complainants must sign. The new form would be a legal document that would be submitted to the city as a way of addressing problems at the lake.

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked the many people that tried to retain Orgill in Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman stated that the City of Vandalia had a very good package that was submitted to Orgill on behalf of Vandalia. Unfortunately, Vandalia was not selected, the plant will move to Sikeston, Mo.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR/TOURISM REPORT:

Economic Development Director JoAnn Givens stated she received some good news on a couple of business opportunities for the city.

JoAnn pointed out they learned during the fight to try to keep Orgill here that Vandalia is a strong community and the city has strong programs for economic development.

JoAnn shared a digital print provided by Bruce Bowen of the signage for the billboards along the interstate.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Main Street Program Manager Dana Whiteman thanked the council for adopting the new sign ordinance allowing the projected signage in the downtown area.

Whiteman stated they are looking for ways to get more vendor involvement at their Country Market.

Whiteman said they are waiving the vendor fee for the remainder of the season.

Whiteman announced that a new business in the downtown area, called "Celebrations" opened this week. They are located in the old Jane Isbell building. Their business hours are from 10:00 A.M. till 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Gottman announced that Aldi's

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will open on July 31st.

The ribbon cutting is set for 8:00 A.M. on July 31st.

Mayor Gottman announced that Hunt Brothers Pizza will be opening in the Sunset 66 building around the 1st of August.

Mayor Gottman will be attending an IML Board Meeting in North Brook, Il. the next few days.

Mayor Gottman read the official letter of resignation from Alderwoman Barbie Elliott, who is moving to Missouri sometime in August.

Mayor Gottman told Elliott that she has been a major plus for the City of Vandalia.

Alderwoman Elliott stated she enjoyed her time on the city council.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott to adjourn. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT :

