

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

January 7, 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, Bennett, Brosman, Elliott, Feldpouch, Swarm, McNutt and Hobler.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott approving the minutes from the December 17, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman approving all Special Bills as presented: ADS Electric Corp. in the amount of \$3,211.75 for building repairs; Bodine Electric in the amount of \$4,400.00 for phone equipment; Burnside, Johnston, Choisser in the amount of \$9,730.00 fees for small cases; Fayette Co. Treasurer in the amount of 42,615.62 for 1st quarter animal control; First National Bank in the amount of \$14,575.00 yearly payment for the 2006 dump truck; HMG in the amount of \$18,261.37 for bridge

projects; Ameren IP in the amount of \$1,776.64 for street lights; Ameren IP in the amount of \$16,293.27 for electric bill; Roberts Office Supply in the amount of \$2,455.00 for wall panels for the new City Hall; Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. in the amount of \$31,642.12 for roadway reimbursement thru November; North American Salt Co. in the amount of \$4,262.07 for bulk salt; Steven C. Henna in the amount of \$3,805.99 for a TIF reimbursement; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$1,800.00 for chemicals; Unifilt Corporation for filter sand and filter anthracite; Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2008-1-7-A:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch approving Ordinance #2008-1-7-A, Authorizing Execution of a Contract Between Kaskaskia College District and The City of Vandalia, Pursuant To The Provisions of 625 ILCS 5/11-209.

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

ORDINANCE #2008-1-7-B:
RESCINDING ORDINANCE #2003-
5-5-B:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Elliott, Rescinding Ordinance #2003-5-5-B.

The Kaskasia College District has requested that Ordinance #2003-5-5-B be rescinded, and this contract be acknowledged as null and void.

The City of Vandalia by Ordinance #2008-1-7-A has approved a new contract with the Kaskaskia College District whereby the City of Vandalia shall provide parking lot patrolling to the new Kaskaskia College District property.

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

2008 WWTP NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by McNutt to accept the proposal from Hurst-Rosche Engineering, Hillsboro, Il. in the amount of \$3,500 for the necessary professional engineering services to renew the Sewer Treatment Plant NPDES permit.

Voting by roll call: Brosman, nay; Swarm, nay; Bennett, yea; Cable, nay; McNutt, yea; Elliott, nay; Hobler, nay; Feldpouch, yea; 5 nay and 3 yea; Motion denied.

The council agreed to have HMG Engineering submit a proposal for the permit work, due to HMG had done the work in the past and they would have the necessary information to complete the permit work.

RESOLUTION #2008-1-7-C: NAMING STREETS:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Cable adopting Resolution 2008-1-7-C, A Resolution Naming Streets.

The City of Vandalia has accepted maintenance of responsibility of County Road 1650 North extending easterly from County Road 1600 East to County Road 675 East hereby named "Little Street".

County Road 675 East lying Southerly of the Easterly terminus of Little Street and extending Southerly to Janette Ave. (the frontage road lying immediately adjacent to the Northerly boundary of the Interstate 70 right-of-way) is hereby "Baumann Street".

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

AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF VANDALIA & NATIONAL ROAD ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch approving the agreement between the City of Vandalia and The National Road Association of Illinois to use the grant funds to design and construct a *National Road Wayside Interpretive Site* (Kiosk), located at the southeast corner of the City Hall parking lot adjacent to the alley. Motion carried.

T-21 PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman announced there is a report in your packets dealing with the T-21 project.

MORANI REPORT:

Morani reported that he had spoken with New Wave officials, and the cable TV provider confirmed its plans to expand its services to the community. In the first quarter of this year they plan to provide more video channels and DVR's tivo services. Their plan for the second quarter is to provide high-speed Internet and digital telephone service.

Morani reported that the city map is about finalized. Several subdivisions have been added and city boundaries.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Brosman reported that the Streets/Sewer Committee met with the Water Committee which met with the Downtown Enhancement Project.

Brosman stated that they discussed the T-21 project.

The committee wanted to see if I.D.O.T. would allow "staging", basically ask for bids to do from Third Street to Sixth Street with the

option of adding Sixth and Seventh as a stage and Eighth as a stage and found out that would not be a viable option as per I.D.O.T. At this time, the committee does not have a recommendation for the council for the downtown project.

He stated that the general feel that came from the meeting, was to proceed with the water and sewer aspect of the downtown area and once we get those bids back, the city will know how much money would be left for the downtown enhancement project.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving the proposal from ADS Electric to replace wire from the master control center to two pond motors at the Sewage Treatment Plant. The amount of the proposal is \$14,130.00.

Mayor Gottman questioned if this was the only bid received and why?

Morani stated that he spoke with Mark Augenstein about the project and felt that ADS would be the best fit for the project.

Mayor Gottman mentioned in the future he would like to see at least two bids on projects such as this.

Council agreed to the proposal from ADS Electric. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler accepting the proposal from Vandevanter Engineering to repair and upgrade the Wastewater Pump Station SCADA System subject to the insurance company not requiring to have two bids and them accepting the bid submitted. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman asked that the proposal be divided out for lightening damage and upgrades of the existing pump station.

The insurance company will be responsible for the lightening damage only.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman recommending the city go out for bids for the water and sewer line work that be will performed on Gallatin St., from Third St. to Eighth Street. This is the part of the project that the city will have to pay for totally.

According to Loren Jackson, engineer for HMG the estimated figure for the infrastructure improvements are a little under \$900,000.00.

Feldpouch asked Jackson what the plan for repairing sidewalks after the infrastructure improvements was completed. Jackson said the project plans include a thin asphalt patch, which would be replaced when the streetscape work is done.

Feldpouch questioned if this is where the City could run into environmental issues downtown?

Jackson said there were two major areas of concern, at Third & Gallatin and Sixth and Gallatin and that tests of soil samples from those areas show no indication of contamination.

Mayor Gottman brought up the tank which is said to be located in the downtown are of Sixth & Gallatin.

Jackson said that borings have indicated that there is no contamination at that location.

All council members voted yea to go out for bids for the water & sewer line work except for Feldpouch. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman announced that the council table should be delivered by the second meeting in January. Check your packet for the location of the January 21st meeting.

ED/TOURISM DIRECTOR REPORT:

Director of Economic Development and Tourism JoAnn Givens reported that she and City Administrator Morani had contacted owner Deb Hamel of The Depot, to let her know that the council wanted more of a commitment from them on rebuilding the restaurant before acting on their request on TIF funds to help with the cleanup.

Givens stated that they have not heard back from her.

A thorough report of JoAnn's job duties was included in your packets.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Program Manager reported that Vandalia Main Street will host a state workshop on May 15th for communities interested in applying for membership with Illinois Main Street.

Dana also reported that Main Street will hold its annual "Night at the Races" fundraiser on Saturday, February 9th at Vandalia Country Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Mayor Gottman announced that two bids were received for mounting "The Looking For Lincoln" storyboards.

Mayor Gottman announced on January 24th at 1:00 P.M. in the Kaskaskia College Vandalia Campus Multi-Purpose Room the Illinois Department of Transportation and their Engineers will conduct a public meeting in regard to the Route 51 expansion. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Mayor Gottman announced that the city will be providing e-mail addresses for all city officials.

City Administrator Morani explained that this is being done so officials can send and receive e-mails regarding city business through Swetland Internet. Morani said that any city related e-mails on personal accounts are subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

Mayor Gottman reported on the public auction the City held on January 4th.

The sale grossed \$9,610.00. The fee for the auctioneer was \$950.00. The City netted \$8,660.00.

Mayor Gottman reported that some of the Vandalia Volunteer Firemen along with retired firemen purchased a 1924 America LaFrance gas driven fire engine off the Internet in the amount of \$9,300.00.

Mayor Gottman forwarded to the Street Committee a request for stop signs at Brian St. and Rock Island and Karen St. and Rock Island & St. Clair.

AUDIENCE :

Thomas Baker, President of Hurst-Rosche Engineering from Hillsboro, Il. along with Scott Hunt introduced themselves to the council.

Mr. Baker publicly thanked the Council for giving them the opportunity to update the city maps. Mr. Baker stated that he will be submitting a monthly report to the council.

ADJOURNMENT :

There being no further business to bring before the council, a motion was made by Elliott and seconded by Brosman to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. Motion carried.

