

**CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting

January 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, McNutt, Swarm, Brosman, Bennett, Hobler and Feldpouch. Elliott was absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JIMMY & BECKY MORANI:**

Congratulations to City Administrator Jimmy Morani & his wife Becky who are parents of a girl, Leah May Morani born on January 17, 2008.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the January 7, 2008 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 McNutt approving all Special Bills as submitted: Hurst-Rosche Engineers in the amount of \$7,110.00 for zoning maps; Ameren IP in the amount of \$1,995.00 for street lights; Ray O'Herron Co. Craig Antenna

in the amount of \$17,124.80 for tasers for the Police Department; South Central F.S., Inc. in the amount of \$3,235.44 for chemicals; S.W. Il. Tourism Conv. Bureau in the amount of \$4,920.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter brochures; North American Salt Co. in the amount of \$4,229.42 for bulk salt; Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$1,930.76 for patch mix; Art Martin DBA Donaldson Carpet & Floor Covering in the amount of \$7,809.00 for a TIF Reimbursement; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$9,408.81 for garage fuel; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,710.00 for sewer solvent; G.S. Robbins & Co. in the amount of \$6,720.00 for chemicals; HMG in the amount of \$39,876.09 for the Main St./ VanSant Project & Eighth St. Watermain Phase; Illinois EPA in the amount of \$22,787.56 for Project #L17-2192. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-1-21-A:  
MAINTENANCE OF STREETS &  
HIGHWAYS:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the Resolution for Maintenance of Streets & Highways by Municipality Under The Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$347,289.50. Motion carried.

**PRINTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE LEADER-UNION/FAYETTE CO.  
SHOPPER & CITY OF VANDALIA:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch to enter into an agreement with the Leader-Union Investment Level #9 in a total investment of \$10,750.00. This would be an 18% discount off the open rate. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING  
COMMISSION MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable approving the Planning Commission Minutes from the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

**EIGHTH STREET WATER MAIN  
REPLACEMENT:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman approving a bid of \$112,838.00 submitted by TRI-S Excavating, LLC of Odin, Il. for the next phase of the 8<sup>th</sup> St. water main replacement.

According to HMG Engineering, the bid submitted by TRI-S is \$57,243.50 less than the Opinion of Cost. Motion carried.

**"LOOKING FOR LINCOLN"  
STORYBOARD QUOTES:**

The City received two bids from local contractors for labor/installation of the Looking For Lincoln Storyboards. Miller Brothers at \$15,500.00 and Andy Lester Construction at \$24,400.00.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable approving the low bid from Miller Brothers at \$15,150.00 for labor and installation of the Looking For Lincoln Storyboards. Motin carried.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett to purchase the storyboard exhibits from Engraphix Company of St. Louis in the amount of \$62,768.00.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler approving the agreement with I.D.O.T. allowing the City to purchase the eight ITEP eligible storyboards with the 80% matching grant funds, the City's portion of this expenditure will amount to \$23,654.40. IDOT'S portion will be \$39,113.60. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2008-1-21-B:**  
**PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR**  
**VETERANS COURT SUBD:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler approving Ordinance #2008-1-21-B, Approving A Preliminary Plat For Veterans Court Subdivision.

Developer Bill York stated the subdivision is located directly west of Security Finance with frontage on Veterans Avenue. The area would be used to divide up for development property.

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

**REQUEST TO AMEND CITY OF**  
**VANDALIA ZONING DIST. MAP:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm to act on an Ordinance Amending the City of Vandalia Zoning District Map.

A request from James Logue to rezone a piece of property described as 1430 N. Seventh St. to have the zoning changed from RD Single Family to CG General Commercial.

The petitioner is wanting to put storage units on this property. It was pointed out that it was a very small lot and that the units would be up to the neighboring properties homes.

Voting by roll call: Cable, nay; Feldpouch, nay; Hobler, nay; McNutt, nay; Brosman, nay; Bennett, nay; Swarm, nay; Elliott, absent. Request denied.

**REVIEW OF UPDATED CITY**  
**BOUNDARY MAP:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the Updated City Boundary Map is available for review following the council meeting.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEAN BLACK TO  
POLICE PENSION BOARD:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable approving the appointment of Dean Black to the Police Pension Board. Motion carried.

Black will replace "Bud" Ballinger who has served on the board for several years has done an excellent job, but decided to resign.

**TRANSFER OF LAKE LOT #152  
FROM PAT CLICK TO ROBERT  
WILLIAMS:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the Lake Lot transfer of Lot #152 from Patrick Click, Ramsey, Il. to Robert Williams, Shobonier, Il. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**T-21 PROJECT:**

Loren Jackson of HMG engineering said they are getting closer to being able to go out for bids on the downtown water and sewer project.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Brosman stated that he met with Chief of Police Larry Eason in reference to an earlier request made for stop signs on Rock Island, Karen and Brian St. They do not feel there is a need for a stop sign in that area.

Cable stated he felt it would be an area that would need a stop sign.

Hobler stated at the intersection it could be confusing with no stop signs as you approach.

Public Works Director Moyer stated that there isn't that much traffic in that area.

Cable reported that the water intake froze up again. Cable mentioned they may have to get a larger intake.

Swarm gave the Police Report for the month of December.

The total amount of fines for the month of December was \$31,443.00. The City's portion was \$12,436.00.

Bennett reported the Personnel Committee had their first meeting with the Police & Tele-communicators Union.

Bennett stated the Personnel Committee will meet on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 P.M. to review the contract proposals received from the two unions and then the city will create a proposal of their own.

On February 5<sup>th</sup> the Personnel Committee will meet with the Police and Tele-communicators Union.

Swarm reported that he along with other Tourism leaders met with Bruce Miller and Mike Mars on work to be done on the Sonneman Building.

Mayor Gottman announced that National Road received grants through the Old Capitol Foundation and the Hazel Kelly Foundation to renovate the old Sonneman Building.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:**

Whiteman announced Main Street's Promotion Committee will again sponsor a two day event "Women's Day Out" on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Vandalia Country Market will begin on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and take place every Saturday till October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Illinois Main Street Day is set for February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Capitol in Springfield.

Whiteman has been in contact with different bands for "Concerts In The Park", which will begin on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

Mayor Gottman announced that Vandalia Main Street and Vandalia Tourism bought a display board to market our community.

Mayor Gottman announced on January 23<sup>rd</sup> he along with several community members will be going to Centralia to look at their incubator program they have for businesses in Centralia.

Also, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Mayor Gottman will be attending the South Central Illinois Growth Association meeting at Kaskaskia College.

Mayor Gottman reminded the public of the Route 51 meeting to be held on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. at the new Kaskaskia College-Vandalia campus.

Mayor Gottman announced on January 28<sup>th</sup> he will be meeting with Vicki Buzzard, Store Manager for Walmart to see how she can be of some assistance to the City of Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman announced the Vandalia School District will discuss the possibility of a closed campus for the High School at there February meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT :**

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

