

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

February 4, 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, McNutt, Swarm, Hobler, Elliott, Bennett and Feldpouch.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the January 21, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott 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 submitted: Ameren IP in the amount of \$24,320.77 for electric & street lights; Wal-Mart in the amount of \$38,156.90 for roadway reimbursement; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,710.00 for sewer solvents; John J. Curry, dba Curry Construction in the amount of

\$134,744.39 for payment #6 on west interchange; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$4,599.78 for chemicals; SPX Process Equipment for 70/80 Box in the amount of \$5,505.00 and socket head cap screw-nylon K5 & O-ring in the amount of 12.00; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$1,807.20 for mozofloc. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2008-2-4-A:
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
SIGN OR BILLBOARD LEASE:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Elliott approving Resolution #2008-2-4-A, Authorizing Execution of Sign or Billboard Lease.

The lease agreement will allow the city to continue to maintain a billboard or sign on Francis Reed's property along I70 west of St. Elmo.

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

RESOLUTION 2008-2-4-B:
SUPPORTING AMTRAK'S POSITION
ON CN RAILROADS' PETITION:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman adopting Resolution #2008-2-4-B, Supporting Amtrak's Position on CN Railroads' Petition to the Surface Transportation Board Regarding Finance Docket No. 35087, Canadian National Railway Company and Grand Trunk Corporation-Control-EJ&E West Company.

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

LAKE LOT #115 TRANSFER:
STENGER TO BRIAN RADER

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the transfer of Lake Lot #115 from The Estate of Ralph Stenger, Belleville, Il. to Brian & Gina Rader, Collinsville, Il.

All necessary fees have been paid.
Motion carried.

LAKE LOT #85 TRANSFER:
SWAIN TO JAKUBOWSKI

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Elliott approving the transfer of Lake Lot #85 from Clarence & Debbie Swain to Robert & Caroline Jakubowski, Vandalia, Il.

All necessary fees have been paid.
Motion carried.

ENHANCEMENT STREETScape
PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman mentioned that a report from HMG on the Enhancement Streetscape Project was included in your packets.

Loren Jackson with HMG Engineering told the council they are closer to having the bids ready to go out.

The bid letting for the water and sewer work in the downtown area would probably have a bid letting date for the spring.

Mayor Gottman said they spoke with Jackson before the meeting, asking HMG to look into a few concerns the city has. One of the concerns is about an underground tank in the downtown area. And, if that is in the path of the downtown work, who would be responsible for cleanup?

Mayor Gottman also mentioned the concern over the potential for asbestos being discovered in the downtown area during the water and sewer work.

Mayor Gottman stated the Village of Ramsey discovered asbestos under some cobblestone in their community. Mayor Gottman felt that HM should do some testing, to find out if there is any asbestos underground in the downtown

area.

MORANI REPORT:

City Administrator, Morani reported that they are finalizing the updated city boundary maps.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Brosman suggested that the Mayor send another letter to CSX to fix the railroad crossing on Eighth St.

A letter was sent to CSX to fix the crossing at Remann and that request was successful.

Brosman publicly commended John Moyer and his crew on the snow removal from the streets on January 31st and February 1, 2008.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving the low bid from Haier Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$7,622.00 to replace a 12" check valve on a high service pump. Motion carried.

The city received one other bid from Brotcke Well & Pump, Fenton, Mo. in the amount of \$11,500.00.

Cable reported following the council meeting the Water Committee will review water complaint forms.

Bennett announced that the Personnel Committee will meet on February 5th at 4:15 P.M. with the Tele-communicators and at 7:00 P.M. with the Police Union.

Economic Development-Tourism Director JoAnn Givens told the Council that she is working with the Tourism Commission on a design for the new billboards along the Interstate.

Givens mentioned to the Council that the city is planning to make a bid for the Lincoln Presenters convention of 2010.

Givens also mentioned that Paula Barenfanger had agreed to serve on the Tourism Commission.

Givens told the council the city has approximately \$100,000 in the Revolving Loan Fund, that is available to businesses.

Givens says one requirement is 51% of the employees that will benefit from your new business or expansion must be low to moderate income individuals. The maximum loan is \$15,000 per each new job created or retained.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Brosman reminded everyone that Saturday evening, Main Street will be sponsoring "A Night At The Races" to be held at the Vandalia Country Club.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Main Street Director, Dana Whiteman and her family in the passing of her grandmother, Arlene Moeller Wright.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman informed the council that this will be the last council meeting held at the former city hall.

The new table will be ready for the next meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, February 19th due to Presidents Day.

Mayor Gottman announced on February 12th, the Vandalia Statehouse will have their annual Lincoln birthday event at 2:00 P.M. The program will feature a presentation by Dale Timmermann on Vandalia Abraham Lincoln. The public is invited to attend.

Mayor Gottman announced that the west interchange water and sewer extension is completed by the new truck stop.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Elliott reported that she received a call from Todd Best who resides at 818 N. Sixth, commending Assistant Public Works Director, Tommy Henrichsmeyer for coming by on a weekend to check the water leak problem at his residence.

UPDATE FROM HURST-ROSCHE ENGINEERING:

Scott Hunt, Representative of Hurst-Rosche Engineering was present to give an update on the city boundary maps that his firm is working on for the city.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:13 P.M.:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman to move into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and possible litigation.

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

COUNCIL RECONVENES AT 8:40 P.M.:

Executive Session ended at 8:40 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting.

**RESOLUTION #2008-2-4-C:
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
CERTAIN OPTION AGREEMENT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Cable authorizing Execution of a Certain Option Agreement Between Bruce Rand Edwards, Janis K. Edwards, Robert Mars, Pamela S. Mars, William L. Opel, a/k/a Deborah K. Opal, As Optionor And City of Vandalia As Optionee.

The City has an option to purchase an additional 35 acres of property at the west interchange. The land is to the east and adjacent to the property owned by the city at the west interchange.

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

ADJOURNMENT :

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