

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

February 19, 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR JAN FORBES, HILDA CURRY & JILL GREER:

A moment of silence was observed for Jan Forbes, Hilda Curry & Jill Greer.

Jan Forbes and Hilda Curry were residents of the community.

Jill Greer, of St. Charles, Mo. and formerly of Vandalia. She was the daughter of Dr. Mark Greer.

Our condolences to their families.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the minutes from the February 4th, 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: Ed. Roehr Safety Products in the amount of \$2,557.00 for LED light bars, Siren C3 Mastercom Mo Spec for a 2008 Chevy Impala; Andy Lester Construction in the amount of \$14,293.56 for the final payment on work at the new location for the Police Department; North American Salt in the amount of \$2,173.85 for salt; ADS Electric Corp. in the amount of \$2,700.00 for the installation of soft start system at Water Plant; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$3,600.00 for chemicals; Missouri Machinery in the amount of \$6,827.38 to remove, repair & reinstall a 75HP Peerless water pump and motor. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**ORDINANCE #2008-2-19-A:
AMENDING CHAPTER 2.36 POLICE
DEPARTMENT OF THE VANDALIA
MUNICIPAL CODE:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler approving Ordinance #2008-2-19-A, amending Chapter 2.36 Police Department of the Vandalia Municipal Code.

The Chief of Police has prepared a Directives Manual which will both replace and supercede a portion of Article 1.5, together with other provisions of Chapter 2.36.

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

T-21 PROJECT:

City Administrator Morani told the Council that I.D.O.T. informed him if there are any environmental problems encountered in the downtown area during the water and sewer work, it would be the city's responsibility for the cost of the cleanup.

**MAGNETOMETER SURVEY &
ASBESTOS TESTING PROPOSAL:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Swarm to hire Philip Environmental Services Corporation (PSC) to conduct a magnetometer survey and asbestos testing in the downtown area. The estimated time and materials budget proposed is \$3,675.00. Motion carried.

**BIDS FOR INSULATING SHED AT
CITY GARAGE:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman authorizing DMB Coatings, RR 1, Beecher City, Il. permission to perform insulation and coating procedures at the City Garage located at 910 W. Randolph St. Motion carried.

The City received one other bid proposal from Mid-State Construction & Roofing Inc. in the amount of \$9,104.04.

MORANI REPORT:

Morani reported that he is working with Department Heads on the annual budget.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable mentioned that the Water and Sewer Committee will meet following council meeting to review complaint forms.

Swarm gave the January 2008 monthly report for the Police Department.

The amount of fines collected were \$21,802.00 in the month of January. The city's portion was \$9,106.00

Chief of Police gave a brief report on the progress at the Public Safety Building.

Bennett announced that the Personnel Committee will meet on March 12th at 4:15 P.M. with the Police Union and at 7:00 P.M. with the Tele-communicators.

JoAnn Givens, Economic Development/Tourism Director reported on her activities over the past two weeks.

City Administrator, Morani reported to the council that the Planning Commission met this evening to review the final plat for Veterans Court Subdivision.

Also to review a site plan for the building to be constructed by Aldi, Inc.

The site plan for the First National location, south of the old Wal-Mart, was also approved.

The site plan for Gary's North End location, in front of the Security Finance was also approved.

Morani announced that the Zoning Board of Adjustments will meet tomorrow evening to review an application for variance from Aldi, Inc. They are seeking a variance for parking requirements.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman reported that Thursday, February 21st is Illinois Main Street Day in Springfield.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman asked the council to read an email he received from Vandalia resident Kenny Lewey in regard to enforcing the smoking law.

Mayor Gottman announced the city received a grant with the help from Fayette County Engineer, Mike Maxey in the amount of \$1.14 million from the Illinois Major Bridge Program to replace two bridges at 5th and Randolph Streets.

The money will come from IDOT, and will be appropriated for in 2013. The money is an 80% match for the project.

Mayor Gottman stated that Vandalia was one of eight to receive the money in 2013.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Southern Illinois Mayors Association will meet February 20th in Mt. Vernon.

A copy of the Illinois Unemployment Rate by County was enclosed in your packets.

Fayette County's unemployment rate is 7.4% reported on December, 2007.

Copies of the minutes from the Vandalia Tourism Commission Meeting from January 28th were included in your packets.

Mayor Gottman announced that he received correspondence from Senator Frank Watson and Rep. Kurt Granburg also supporting the position of Amtrak as it relates to CN Railroads petition to merge with EJ& E and subsequently abandon its line into Chicago stranding downstate Amtrak riders who require service into Chicago Union Station.

Mayor Gottman stated that the city of Vandalia will tighten its security at the new city hall.

Chief of Police, Larry Eason will monitor the entrance to the council room.

Mayor Gottman stated, the entrance will be locked once the city council begins and Chief Eason will decide whether to allow anyone into the council chambers once the meeting begins.

COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:10 P.M.:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler to move into Executive Session to discuss the sale or purchase of property.

Roll call taken: Cable, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Hobler, yea; McNutt, yea; Brosman, yea; Bennett, yea; Swarm, yea; Elliott, absent. Motion carried.

MEETING RECONVENES AT 8:35 P.M.:

Executive Session ended at 8:35 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting.

COUNCIL GIVES MAYOR, ADMINISTRATOR & EC. DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM DIRECTOR AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE WITH PROSPECTIVE BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler giving Mayor Gottman, City Administrator Morani and Economic Development/Tourism Director Joann Givens full authority to negotiate all terms with a prospective business. 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.

