

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 3, 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, and McNutt. Hobler was absent.

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 Swarm approving the minutes from the February 19, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott 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 presented: Ameren IP in the amount of \$17,828.05 for electric and \$4,736.48 for street lights; Slack Glass in the amount of \$2,651.00 for glass at the Public Safety Building; North American Salt Co. in the amount of \$5,585.53 for salt; Dan Stock DBA ADS Electric in the amount of \$3,129.39 for a TIF reimbursement; HMG in the amount of \$14,354.25 for the Main St. Project; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$2,640.00 for 8 Drums of mozofloc;

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MINUTES FROM
2/19/08 MEETING:**

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving the Planning Commission minutes from the February 19, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENTS MINUTES FROM
2/20/08 MEETING:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable approving the Zoning Board Of Adjustments minutes as submitted from the February 20, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

**BOBBY DOWELL TO RETIRE FROM
WATER TREATMENT PLANT:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Cable accepting the letter of retirement from Bobby Dowell effective May 31, 2008. Motion carried.

City Administrator Morani stated the city is advertising the position with the American Water Works Association, The Illinois Municipal League, the Illinois Rural Water Association, The Leader union and has been posted for current city employees.

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF LAKE
LOT #81 FROM DAVID SWAIN TO
SAMUEL MILLER**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Elliott approving the transfer of Lake Lot #81 from David & Teresa Swain, Brownstown to Samuel Miller, Brownstown. All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MFT MATERIAL
BIDS:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman approving the Motor Fuel Tax Material Bids as submitted. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2008-3-3-A:
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF
SUBORDINATION OF MORTGAGE
PERTAINING TO OCTOCHEM,
INC., & PEOPLES BANK OF
VANDALIA:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Resolution #2008-3-3-A, Authorizing Execution of Subordination Of Mortgage Pertaining to Octochem Inc., Peoples Bank of Vandalia.

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

ORDINANCE #2008-3-3-B
APPROVING FINAL PLAT FOR
VETERANS COURT SUBDIVISION:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch approving Ordinance #2008-3-3-B, approving the Final Plat For Veterans Court Subdivision. Bill York's subdivision located off of Veterans Ave.

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

T21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman announced a monthly progress report from HMG is included in your packets.

MORANI REPORT:

Morani reported that he had met with several department heads this week in regard to their portion of the new budget.

Morani stated that he had talked with Timmerman Auditing Firm about consolidating the water and sewer accounts into one combined account for convenience to the city.

Aldermen Cable and Brosman questioned how that would work, due to separate rates for residents for water and sewer.

Morani said he would check with Timmermann again on the issue.

Morani mentioned that they are getting bids on security cameras for City Hall and the Public Safety Building.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

City Clerk Peggy Bowen mentioned to the Council that she is in the process of looking at different vendors to update the utility billing and payroll software for the city.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable announced on March 11th at 7:00 P.M. the Water & Sewer Committee will meet with local plumbers in Council Chambers.

The reason for the meeting according to Moyer, some of the plumbers are not repairing the streets properly after making residential repairs, and that the \$7,500 bond they are required to post is not sufficient to take care of the street problems.

Alderman Brosman reported the new council table should be delivered by March 7th.

Bennett announced that the Laborers' International Union, Local 1048 will meet at 4:15 P.M. on March 4th with the Personnel Committee and a work session with the garage on Thursday.

JoAnn Givens, Director of Economic Development & Tourism reported to the council that she continues to meet with potential new business owners.

A Tourism Commission meeting is set for Tuesday, March 11th at 4:15 P.M.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Program Manager announced that a member of the Design Architects will be visiting Vandalia on Tuesday of next to look at the Interpretive Center.

Whiteman stated they will be looking at another building, Clymer TV who is looking at redoing their storefront.

Whiteman mentioned that she attended Main Street Day at the Capitol on February 21st.

Whiteman announced that Womens' Weekend will take place on May 2nd and May 3rd.

Mayor Gottman announced that he attended the Mayor's luncheon at the Capitol on Il. Main Street Day in Springfield.

Mayor Gottman announced that the Statehouse visiting hours will change effective Saturday, March 1st.

Jennifer Tirey, acting director of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, announced that the old state capitol will now be open Tuesday through Saturday.

Mayor Gottman announced that the city council and city employees received a thank you from John & Ruth Ann Moyer for the memorial given to the Holy Cross radio ministries in memory of John's mother-in-law Hilda Curry.

Mayor Gottman reported that he met with Mary Truitt and John Goldsmith today. They are in the process of applying for a federal highway administration grant to do some work on the interpretive center.

The grant is an 80% grant with a 20% match. They will raise the 20% match. Since they are applying for a grant they will need to attach the city's name to the necessary paper work.

The necessary paperwork will be brought before the council at the March 17th meeting.

Scott Hunt, with Hurst-Rosche Engineering gave an update on the boundary maps for the city.

Mayor Gottman announced that Scott Rakers was unable to attend the meeting this evening.

**FELDPOUCH REQUEST THAT
ANOTHER ENGINEERING FIRM
LOOK AT THE PROBLEM WITH THE
WATER INTAKE:**

Alderman Feldpouch said that he felt its time the city hired an outside engineering firm to take a look at the intake.

Feldpouch said that HMG has had plenty of time to get the problem fixed, but has not been able to do so and there is always a new problem causing the system to not work properly.

Cable thought the switch with the new intake from one side of the river to the another was a problem, as they went to a deeper side that appears to pick up more debris.

Cable felt that this is probably not the best time to have someone look at the intake, because the river level is so high.

Mayor Gottman pointed out when the city dealt with the problem with the smell from the sewer plant, it took hiring an outside firm to figure out that problem.

A motion was made by Feldpouch to bring in an outside engineer or consultant to take a look at the intake, but the motion died for a lack of a second.

Alderwoman Elliott remarked that she would like the city to think about looking at having Vandalia Lake dredged, to remove the build up in the lake. Elliott believed the lake

originally had a life span of 25 years, and we are now at about 40 years without the lake being dredged.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 8:16 P.M.:**

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

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

**COUNCIL RECONVENES AT 8:55
P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:55 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting with roll call: Cable, yea; Brosman, yea; Bennett, yea; McNutt, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Swarm, yea; Elliott, yea; Hobler, absent.

**MOTION TO PAY CURRY
CONSTRUCTION PAYMENT #8:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Elliott approving pay request #8 to Curry Construction in the amount of \$87,456.93 for the west interchange water and sewer extensions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Bennett to release the list of Executive Session minutes as listed in your packet to the public.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before the council, a motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch to adjourn at 9:05 P.M. Motion carried.

