

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

April 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, Brosman, McNutt, Hobler, Elliott, Bennett and Feldpouch. Swarm 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 Cable approving the minutes from the March 17, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving all Special Bills as submitted: Arthur Young Inc. in the amount of \$22,627.00 for a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck extended 4x4 for the Fire Department; Fayette Co. Treasurer in the amount of \$2,615.62 for 2nd qrt. Animal control; HMG in the amount of \$20,094.55 surveying services; Il

Correctional Ind. in the amount of \$5,500. for conference table for council meetings; Kaskaskia College in the amount of \$75,000. for the 2007 commitment to the college; Randy Edwards in the amount of \$2,200.50 for sidewalk reimbursement; SCBAS, Inc. in the amount of \$7,580.00 for nozzle assemblies; United Science Ind. Inc. in the amount of \$12,250.00 for the Phase I Vandalia Industrial Site environmental assessment; Beelman Truck Corp. in the amount of \$31,098.69 for hauling CM13; Metal Culverts, Inc. in the amount of \$4,056.70 for culverts; Centraz Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,710.00 for sewer solvent; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$4,092.57 for chemicals; HD Supply Waterworks for safety flg kit and clamps; HMG in the amount of \$5,980.94 for Main St./Van Sant Ave. infrastructure; Ameren IP in the amount of \$15,069.57 for KWH Water Plant and WWTP; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$5,280.00 for mozofloc. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF AUDIT PROPOSAL
FROM TIMMERMANN & COMPANY:**

A motion was made by McNutt and seconded by Bennett approving the City of Vandalia financial audit for the years ending on April 30, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

The cost of performing an accrual audit for all funds for each year, **except for the cost of auditing federal funds**, will be as follows:

April 30, 2008: \$22,500
April 30, 2009: \$25,000
April 30, 2010: \$27,500

All aldermen voted yea with the exception of Hobler with a nay vote. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING
COMMISSION MINUTES FROM
3/18/08:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch approving the Planning Commission Minutes from the March 18, 2008 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENTS MINUTES FROM
3/19/08:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the Zoning Board of Adjustments Minutes from the March 19, 2008 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2008-4-7-A:
APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PLAT
FOR VETERANS COMMONS
SUBDIVISION:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Ordinance 2008-4-7-A, Approving A Preliminary Plat for Veterans Commons Subdivision.

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

**ORDINANCE #2008-4-7-B:
PROVIDE FOR LICENSING &
REGULATIONS OF RAFFLES OF
THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by McNutt approving Ordinance #2008-4-7-B To Provide For Licensing And Regulation of Raffles Of The Vandalia Municipal Code.

The new ordinance would allow for one seeking a raffle license to buy one raffle license for \$20.00, which would be good for one year.

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

**ORDINANCE #2008-4-7-C:
CONTROLLING PARKING ON THE
SENIOR CITIZENS PARKING LOT:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman adopting Ordinance #2008-4-7-C Controlling Parking On The Senior Citizens Parking Lot.

The request for the ordinance was brought to the council by Alderman Larry Bennett, on behalf of the Senior Citizens Center.

The ordinance stipulates the parking lot of the center, be used only by seniors using the center or people working there.

Alderman Bennett said the request was made because the parking lot has been used by people not using the center and individuals parking their vehicles in the lot for an extended period of time.

Alderwoman Elliott, said that she supports the use of the center by the seniors, it would be nice for nearby residents to use the lot in the evenings when the center is closed.

Alderman Feldpouch questioned whether it was the city's obligation to implement parking restrictions.

Mayor Gottman stated that the senior citizens center is owned by the city and leased to the center.

A roll call vote was taken: Hobler, yea; Brosman, yea; McNutt, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Elliott, yea; Bennett, yea; Cable, yea; Swarm, absent. Motion carried.

T21 GRANT PROJECT:

A monthly progress report describing work performed in the past month and work anticipated for next month was included in packets.

MORANI REPORT:

City Administrator, Morani reported that a representative from New Wave Communications will be on hand at the April 21st council meeting.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving the purchase of software from Civic Systems in the amount of \$42,000.

Bowen stated the software will be used for utility billing, payroll, accounts payable and the general ledger.

It was approved unanimously by the city council.

SAFETY CODE OFFICIAL:
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Keith Meadows stated that there have been complaints about the conditions of a house located on West Johnson St. Meadows said he attempted to contact the owner who lives out of state but later found out the legal owner was deceased. Meadows attempted to contact a daughter and when he could not contact anyone, he issued a ticket in the amount of \$150.00 plus court costs. After this, he heard from the family and they stated they would like to have the house torn down, but they do not have the money to pay for the demolition which they believe would cost around \$5,000.

Alderwoman Elliott and Alderman Hobler suggested that the family could sign the property over to the city, and then the city could proceed with tearing down the house.

Brosman said if we do that for them, we should be prepared to do that for basically anything.

Brosman suggested that it should be determined on a case by case basis.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman to contact the owners and ask them if they would sign the property over to the city, who

then would clean up the property. After the cleanup the city would sell the property. Motion carried.

Brosman reported that a lengthy Streets Committee was held prior the Council Meeting.

As a recommendation from the committee a motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler to instruct the Public Works crew to paint the stripes that designate parking on both sides of Second Street one block south of Gallatin St.

Mayor Gottman questioned if Second Street was wide enough to get two vehicles through and to have parking on both sides?

After some discussion the motion was amended by Hobler to have the city crew stripe the parallel parking spots on the east side only on Second St. Motion carried.

Brosman also mentioned in the Street Committee meeting they discussed the problems with some of the city's unimproved alleyways. During the heavy rains and wet grounds, some of the alleys have seen damage from vehicles driving thru them. Specifically they were talking about one of the alley's between Lincoln and Washington and the alley in the Old Theatre Drive area. There was no formal recommendation made by the committee at this time.

Mayor Gottman announced on April 14th, there will be a union negotiation meeting at 4:15 P.M. in City Hall for the Street Department.

Cable announced that there will be a Water Committee meeting following the Council Meeting to review some water complaint forms.

Cable announced that Clean Up Week will be May 12th thru May 16th for Doty Sanitation customers only.

Cable reported that the water plant employees have been blowing off the intake screen on the city's raw water intake once per shift the past two weeks, and that has allowed regular use of the intake.

Mayor Gottman announced that there is a negotiation meeting for the Police Department set for April 8th at 4:15 P.M. in City Hall.

JoAnn Givens, Director of Economic Development and Tourism reported that The Grand Levee will be celebrating their 40th anniversary this June.

Givens is working on various events to coincide with the Grande Levee such as old time street acts, old time bicycler, an old vendor on corner, a juggler, an acting group from SIU.

JoAnn also announced she is pleased to announce BindTech Products, Inc. has moved to Vandalia from Shelbyville.

BindTech Products is a sales and service company specializing in the repair and remanufacture of bindery equipment for the printing industry.

The company is operating out of the former U.S. Chemical building on Wagner St.

The company currently employs a total of seven persons and hopes to expand in the future.

A meeting is set for April 29th at 9:00 A.M. at Days Inn for hotel, restaurant owners and commercial businesses to meet to discuss bundle services.

The idea is to put together a package to promote overnight stay.

Todd Tracy will speak at the EDC meeting on May 1st at noon at Los Amigos.

The Tourism Commission Meeting will meet April 8th at 4:00 P.M.

Elliott reported that John Goldsmith is working on a federal grant for the Interpretive Center.

Elliott distributed a project summary 2008 for the National Road Interpretive Center in Vandalia to all council members.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Whiteman reported on the grant for the Farmers Market.

Womens' Weekend is scheduled for May 2nd and May 3rd.

Whiteman announced that Main Street will host a state workshop on May 15th for communities interested in applying for membership with Illinois Main Street.

Council directed City Attorney Johnston to review sign ordinance regulations in reference to small hanging signs outside of businesses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be attending the IML meeting in Springfield April 9th and April 10th.

**REPORT FROM SCOTT HUNT/
HURST-ROSCHÉ ENGINEERING:**

Scott Hunt, Representative of Hurst-Rosche Engineering was present for the meeting. He reported the city boundary maps that his firm had been working on are completed.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 8:41 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch to move into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, land acquisition and labor negotiations.

Roll call: Cable, yea; Brosman, yea; Bennett, yea; Elliott, yea; Hobler, yea; McNutt, 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; Feldpouch, yea; Hobler, yea; McNutt, yea; Elliott, yea;

ADJOURNMENT :

There being nothing to report out of Executive Session a motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Elliott to adjourn. Motion carried.

