

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 5, 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, Hobler, Brosman, Elliott, Feldpouch, Swarm, and McNutt. Bennett was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

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

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by McNutt 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 presented: Civic Systems, LLC in the amount of \$21,000 for a portion of the computer software programs for Clerk & Water & Sewer Departments; First National Bank in the amount of \$10,311.15 for 2003 Case backhoe; Global Tech. Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$1,665.00 for 49" Liberty Bar Lightbar; Hurst-Rosche Engrs., Inc. for Edwards property survey; Ameren IP in the amount of \$16,801.68 and \$4,152.50 for street lights; Noise Music & Sound in the

amount of \$3,037.94 for Accuvision 100" electric projector, Toshiba DVD/VCR player; Panasonic PT-LB60U LCD projector, Universal Projector mount, cables and speaker wires; Andy Craig in the amount of \$25,000 for a TIF reimbursement; Robert Anderson in the amount of \$1,685.00 for TIF reimbursement; Dennis Young in the amount of \$17,400.00 for a TIF reimbursement; Dennis Grubaugh in the amount of \$32,500.00 for TIF reimbursement; ADS Electric Co. in the amount of \$14,130.00 to Wire FRM MCC; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$4,620.00 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DEAN MCNUTT:

A moment of silence was observed for Dean McNutt, owner of Slice of Nature. Dean passed away suddenly on May 1, 2008.

Our condolences to his family.

APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MINUTES FROM 4/16/08 MEETING:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch approving the Zoning Board of Adjustments minutes as submitted from the April 16, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 2008-5-5-A: APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by McNutt approving Ordinance #2008-5-5-A, The Annual Appropriations Ordinance For The Fiscal Year Beginning On The First Day Of May, 2008 & Ending On The Thirtieth Day Of April, 2009.

The city did not approve an additional \$5,000 funding for the Vandalia Main Street Program.

Currently, Main Street receives \$15,000 a year from the City.

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

RESOLUTION #2008-5-5-B:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
TECHNICAL SERVICES &
ASSISTANCE BETWEEN THE CITY
& PECKHAM GUYTON ALBERS &
VIETS, INC.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman, approving Resolution #2008-5-5-B, An Agreement for Technical Services & Assistance Between The City Of Vandalia and Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets, Inc.

The contract employs PGAV to provide consultation pertaining to tax increment financing.

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

AUTHORIZATION TO REFER
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING
REGARDING MANUFACTURED HOMES
TO PLANNING COMMISSION:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch giving authorization to refer a zoning ordinance amendment regarding manufactured homes to the Planning Commission Committee. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission will hold a Special Meeting on May 27th at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the zoning issue.

RESOLUTION #2008-5-5-C:
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
RELEASE OF COMMERCIAL
GUARANTY:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Cable authorizing execution of a release of commercial guaranty.

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

T21 GRANT PROJECT:

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

A preliminary engineering progress report was attached to progress report.

The water and sanitary sewer improvements will be put out for bid soon.

The storyboards should be delivered to the city by this fall.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable reported that the water plant and sewer plant is back in operation.

Cable stated that the Water & Sewer Committee will review complaint forms following the meeting.

The opening of chemical bids will follow after the close of the council meeting.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by McNutt giving the Personnel Committee authorization to hire a replacement for Martin Huskey at the Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

Huskey was promoted to superintendent of the Water Treatment Plant.

Hobler announced the Lake Committee will meet Saturday, May 10th at 8:30 A.M. at the Marina.

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

Givens held a meeting with the hotels and businesses to group services for weekend packages.

Givens is working on talent for the Grand Levee and National Road Weekend event.

Givens reported that the City of Vandalia lost the bid to host the annual convention of the Association of Abraham Lincoln Presenters in 2010. Kentucky was chosen.

Mayor Gottman commended Abe Clymer, a Lincoln presenter, for his hard work in trying to get the group to return to Vandalia next year.

Brosman stated that Clymer shared with him, that Vandalia came in second.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Program Manager stated the state application workshop for Main Street has been changed to August 25th.

Whiteman announced Main Street will hold "Race to Downtown" on June 14th.

This is a 5K run/walk through Vandalia streets and ends up downtown, jut in time for the Grande Levee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman said that Jack Johnston reviewed the documents submitted on the taxi cab service. The taxi service was approved, with a minor name change. All necessary papers are on file.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Elliott asked what the final word for helping Main Street with an additional \$5,000.

Mayor Gottman stated the budget was approved as presented with \$15,000 approved for Main Street.

Mayor Gottman said that they should work with JoAnn, Economic & Tourism Director and with the city to help offset costs where it can legally be done.

Feldpouch asked if it maybe wasn't time to look at the possibility of putting Vandalia Main Street and the Tourism Board under the same program.

Brosman felt that there was a lot of overlap within the two programs, but both have different focuses.

Elliott agreed that maybe in the future it should be looked at.

Elliott remarked that the City of Lebanon operates their Tourism and Main Street programs together.

Swarm reported that he received a call from a resident in his ward, requesting a street light in the 400 Block of North Sixth.

Mayor Gottman referred this request off to the Street Committee.

Swarm questioned if the city is ever going to get any satisfaction from the railroad on the railroad crossings in town?

Mayor Gottman replied that all necessary requests have been sent on line to the necessary contacts.

Mayor Gottman stated that he received seventeen calls from residents in the community in regards to tree trimming by the contractor for Illinois Power.

Several residents feel that the trees have been "butchered".

Mayor Gottman spoke to the foreman of the tree trimming crew and also a representative from Illinois Power. He plans to visit Vandalia to look at the issue.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT:

John Moyer, Public Works Director stated the work is moving along well on the water lines on Eighth Street from Gallatin St. to Main Street.

**SCOTT HUNT PRESENT FROM
HURST-ROSCHÉ ENGINEERING:**

Scott Hunt, representing Hurst-Rosche Engineering was on hand to answer any questions the council might have.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION AT 8:36 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, personnel issues and land acquisition. Motion carried.

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

**COUNCIL RECONVENES AT 9:15
P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 9:15 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting with roll call: Cable, yea; Brosman, yea; Hobler, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Swarm, yea; Elliott, yea;

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing to report from Executive Session, a motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch to adjourn at 9:18 P.M. Motion carried.

