

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

August 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, Hobler, Bennett, Swarm 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 July 21, 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 Swarm approving all Special Bills as submitted: Ameren IP in the amount of \$26,971.38 for electric; Ameren IP in the amount of \$2,432.23 for street lights; Wal-Mart Stores in the amount of \$29,087.11 for roadway reimbursement; Key Equipment in the amount of \$26,850.16 for sweeper payment; Bowen Signs & Designs

in the amount of \$10,800.00 for two tourism signs along Interstate 70; Vandalia Asphalt Service in the amount of \$19,038.20 for patch mix; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$1,980.00 for mozofloc; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$3,331.63 for bulk aluminum sulfer; Motion carried.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR CHRIS YOUNG:**

A moment of silence was observed for Chris Young who passed away July 30, 2008. Chris worked for the city cemetery department for one season.

A memorial service will be held on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 A.M. in The First Baptist Church of Vandalia.

Our condolences to his family.

**APPROVAL OF LAKE LOT TRANSFER TO LISA SMITH:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm approving the transfer of Lake Lot #119 which was relinquished back to the city to Lisa Smith, Brownstown, Il.

All necessary fees have been paid. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2008-8-4-A:  
AMENDING TITLE 2,  
ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL,  
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF  
VANDALIA:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch approving Ordinance #2008-8-4-A, Amending Title 2, Administration & Personnel, Of The Municipal Code of Vandalia.

The salary for the Mayor, Treasurer & Aldermen will remain the same for the next four years.

The salary for the full time position of City Clerk will increase 4% each year for the next four years.

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

**RESOLUTION 2008-8-4-B:**  
**APPROVING & AUTHORIZING**  
**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY**  
**OF VANDALIA & WAL-MART REAL**  
**ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler approving Resolution #2008-8-4-B, Approving And Authorizing Execution Of A Certain Non-Exclusive Easement And Agreement Of Restrictions And Affirmative Obligations By And Between The City of Vandalia & Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust.

The agreement will allow the city to have the right to cut into the road that lies in front of the Vandalia Commons strip mall. At this time it is a private road, and the city has no access to this road.

Cable questioned the weight limit on the property.

City Attorney Johnston said this was a stipulation of the Wal-Mart Agreeing to the access.

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

**RESOLUTION 2008-8-4-C:**  
**TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF OLD RT**  
**140 FOR HALLOWEEN PARADE:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch approving Resolution 2008-8-4-C, allowing temporary closure of Old Rt. 140 from Third St. to Seventh Street and from Gallatin St. to Johnson Street for the annual Halloween Parade scheduled for October 30, 2008. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2008-8-4-D:**  
**SUPPORTING THE CITY OF**  
**CHICAGO'S BID FOR THE 2016**  
**OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC**  
**GAMES:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm adopting Resolution #2008-8-4-D, Supporting The City of Chicago's Bid For The 2016 Olympic And Paralympic Games.

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

**COUNCIL APPROVAL TO PURCHASE  
CODE ENFORCEMENT SOFTWARE:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Bennett approving the purchase of CitizenServe Code Enforcement Software.

The first year total cost will be \$3,300.00; this includes setup and training as well as the annual subscription fee. Each additional year would be \$1,800.00. This includes licenses, support, maintenance, upgrades, unlimited data storage and data hosting. Motion carried.

**T21 GRANT PROJECT:  
MEETING SCHEDULED**

Mayor Gottman announced there will be a T-21 meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. with the engineering firm, the T-21 committee and all aldermen are asked to be present for the meeting.

Mayor Gottman announced that he received the report on the additional borings that was done. If anyone would like to review the report it is available at City Hall.

**MORANI REPORT:**

City Administrator Morani reported that he and Public Works Director John Moyer did a street assessment on areas where residents are parking on city right of way.

Morani is working on an ordinance prohibiting parking on the boulevard.

Brosman set a Street Committee meeting for August 28<sup>th</sup>, but there was a conflict with the Concerts In The Park, so another date will be set later.

**CITY CLERK REPORT:**

City Clerk reported that Civic Software trainees were on site the week of July 28<sup>th</sup> thru August 1<sup>st</sup> to teach Utility Billing. Our classes are completed at this time.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Brosman announced at the last council meeting he sought council approval to go out for bid for a new dump truck for the public works department, but putting the specs together for one of those is a challenge. Moyer who is the Public Works Director, felt that it would be better to go with the state bid for the dump truck.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable to withdraw going out for bid for a replacement dump truck and go with the state bid with Mayor Gottman, Morani and Public Works Director Moyer to work on a lease purchase agreement with Prairie International in the amount of \$85,471.00 for a dump truck. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler to purchase pump parts with six stainless steel lineshafts with couplings from Claypool Pump & Machinery Co, St. Louis, Mo. in the amount of \$5,410.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Hobler authorizing the Fire Department permission to sell the vehicle formerly used as a rescue truck. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable giving the Fire Department permission to look into cutting in a new overhead door and an

approach to the door. Motion carried.

Hobler announced that a Lake Committee meeting will be held on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. at the Marina.

Director of Economic Development & Tourism gave a report on her meeting with a potential new business owner.

In the absence of Dana Whiteman, Alderman Brosman announced that the Concerts In The Park was very well attended on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Approximately 80-85 was in attendance for The Prairieland Pickers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

Mayor Gottman announced that the State of Illinois has reduced some of the operating hours at some of the state historic sites.

Mayor Gottman announced that Mamma Antonia Pizzeria II will be opening tomorrow. They will have carry out only at this time. Their specialty is pasta and pizza.

Mayor Gottman announced that Southwestern Electric will be featuring Vandalia in their magazine this month.

Senator Frank Watson will be the guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ALDERMEN CONCERNS :**

Bennett asked Mayor Gottman if he received any updates from NewWave Communication.

Mayor Gottman directed Morani to contact NewWave and ask them what the problem is with the lower channels.

**AUDIENCE:**

Mike Johnson who owns a building at 2050 Wagner Drive requested a special use permit which would allow Larry & Anita Merriman to offer tumbling classes and training at this location.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by McNutt authorizing City Administrator Morani to draft an appropriate ordinance to present to the Planning Commission addressing the time and adequate parking for the tumbling center at said location.

Glenda Young asked what the status was with the Walgreen's Store.

Morani stated that the Planning Commission approved a site plan for the building. They are still negotiating with the land owners.

**HURST-ROSCHÉ REPORT:**

Scott Hunt with Hurst-Rosche Engineering explained that revisions were made on the TIF maps and are just about ready for delivery.

**QUESTION ON ALLOTTED  
T.I.F.FUNDS:**

Alderman Feldpouch asked if there was a period of time for an individual to use the Tax Increment Fund monies allotted to them.

Mayor Gottman stated we have not experienced this situation but something needs to be put into place if funds are not used within one year.

City Administrator Morani will check with the individual to see if they still intend to use the funds, if not they can be allotted to some other business.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY SCHEDULED  
FOR DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the City Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at The Vandalia Country Club.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

