

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

November 17, 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, Bennett, Feldpouch, McNutt and Swarm. Hobler were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable approving the minutes from the November 3, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by McNutt approving the Treasurer's Report from August, September and October 2008 as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Feldpouch approving all Special Bills as presented: Hurricane Masonry Service in the amount of \$2,210.88 for work at city parking lot; Old Capitol Tree Service in the amount of \$1,515.00 to remove trees; Hurst Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$8,358.34 for the fire station

project; Kidd's Plumbing & Heating for second half of work on shorewall; Meyer Oil Company in the amount of \$9,343.46 for a TIF reimbursement; Culbertson Heating in the amount of \$6,388.00 for garage furnace; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$7,528.62 for garage fuel; Claypool Pump in the amount of \$6,332.17 for maintenance on pump; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$10,021.77 for chemicals; Motion carried.

REQUEST FROM RELAY FOR LIFE:

Vera Durbin approached the council about a fundraiser for Relay For Life. They would like to paint house numbers on the curbs of sidewalks.

Cable suggested he would like to get feedback from the public before making a decision. The council will act on the request in December.

DEAN BLACK APPOINTED TO COUNCIL IN WARD II:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Bennett endorsing the appointment of Dean Black to the council to fill the position in Ward II that was vacated by Barbie Elliott. Motion carried.

DUMP TRUCK FINANCING BIDS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by cable accepting the low bid from First National Bank for a 5-year fixed rate loan for the 2.5 ton dump truck for the Public Works Department in the amount of 4.33%. Motion carried.

Other bids submitted:

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| First Bank | 5.147% |
| Midland States Bank | 5.78% |

**ORDINANCE #2008-11-17-A:
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
PROMISSORY NOTE TO FUND
PURCHASE OF DUMP TRUCK:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman adopting Ordinance #2008-11-17-A, Authorizing Execution Of A Promissory Note To Fund Purchase Of A 2 ½ Ton 2009 International Dump

Truck.

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

**ORDINANCE #2008-11-17-B:
AMENDING CHAPTER 10 VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC AT PARAGRAPH
10.16.030 PARKING PROHIBITED
OR CONTROLLED, AT SCHEDULE D
THEREOF:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable approving Ordinance #2008-11-17-B, Amending Chapter 10 Vehicles And Traffic At Paragraph 10.16.030 Parking Prohibited Or Controlled, At Schedule D Thereof.

A no parking zone will be at the following location, Fifth Street, on both sides, from Edwards Street to Johnson Street, and from Main Street to Orchard Street.

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

**APPROVAL OF TIF MEETING
MINUTES FROM 11/07/08:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving the TIF meeting minutes from November 7, 2008 as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2008-11-17-C:
PROHIBITING USE OF
GROUNDWATER AS A POTABLE
WATER SUPPLY BY THE
INSTALLATION OR USE OF
POTABLE WATER SUPPLY WELLS
OR BY ANY OTHER METHOD**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett adopting Ordinance #2008-11-17-C, Prohibiting The use of Groundwater As A Potable Water Supply By The Installation Or Use Of Potable Water Supply Wells Or By Any Other Method.

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-11-17-D:
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN
EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE
VANDALIA PARK DISTRICT**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett approving Resolution #2008-11-17-D, Authorizing Execution Of An Easement In Favor Of A

Vandalia Park District.

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

T-21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman announced that all the documents have been signed and the bid letting is set for January.

Brosman asked when the bid letting for the sanitary sewer would take place. Morani stated that Lorne Jackson thought within the next month.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Morani announced that the Fire Hall renovation project will have their bid opening Tuesday.

Morani reported that Marc Kelly with Burnside, Johnston, Sheafor Law Firm will handle the drafting of a federal mandate created to protect the public. This time the new law and regulations are created to protect municipal customers from identity theft arising out of credit records created and maintained by local governments which extend credit to customers. The new Federal law, referred to as the "Red Flag Rules."

Morani reported on behalf of JoAnn Givens who was unable to attend the meeting this evening, that she submitted the necessary paperwork for a grant in the amount of \$200,000 in funds for Brownfield cleanups.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Cable reported that one complaint form needs review following the meeting.

Swarm gave the Police Department's monthly report for October.

There was \$19,398.00 paid in fines.

The city's portion was \$6,271.00.

Mayor Gottman reported that JoAnn Givens has submitted a proposal that came through the State of Illinois for a manufacturing facility.

**APPROVAL OF TOURISM MINUTES
FROM 10/14/08 MEETING:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable to accept the minutes from the October 14th Tourism Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

**MAYOR GOTTMAN REPORTS ON
TOURISM:**

Mayor Gottman announced invitations will be going out from the "Looking for Lincoln" group. The City of Vandalia will be celebrating the Looking For Lincoln Wayside Exhibits. They are displayed on Thirsty's, Wiseguys and one at Lincoln Park.

The dedication will be held on December 14th at 3:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The guest speaker will be Nicky Stratton. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Mayor Gottman announced he will be traveling to Springfield on Wednesday during the veto session to try to meet with legislators to possibly overturn the closure of the statehouse.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Whiteman announced that there will be some hospitality training with some of our businesses to go along with questions that individuals may have about the Wayside Exhibits.

Whiteman announced that the Pie Auction started today. This is a fundraiser for Main Street. Whiteman encouraged everyone to participate in the auction.

Main Street's Olde Tyme Christmas will be held this Friday evening.

Whiteman announced that there is a new business in the downtown area. The Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop has a satellite location next to Gloria's Christian Supply.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that "The Old Capitol Winery" will open on Friday, November 21st. It is located in the area that once housed the restaurant of the Something Special Florist building.

Mayor Gottman announced that the U.S. Route 51 will hold a regional group meeting in Vandalia tomorrow evening at the Ramada Inn.

Mayor Gottman stated that he will be in Springfield on Wednesday also to support Pontiac in keeping their prison open.

The City Christmas party will be held on December 5th at the Vandalia Country Club.

The Southern Illinois Mayors Association will meet on Wednesday in Mt. Vernon.

Congratulations to Todd Stapleton who was named general manager of Vandalia's radio stations, WPMB and WKRV, replacing John Harris.

Mayor Gottman asked to keep Larry Cable in our thoughts and prayers while he will undergo heart surgery on Wednesday of this week.

Mayor Gottman also reported that Senator Frank Watson has been discharged from Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He is still receiving therapy.

**REFER ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS
OFF TO PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch to refer the zoning text amendments to the Planning Commission to be considered at their next meeting. Motion carried.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Swarm asked where does the city stand on the clean up at Vandalia Greenhouse. Morani said that they have been approached to come up with a plan or action will be taken.

Mayor Gottman announced that a copy of the Enterprise and TIF maps were distributed to each council member.

**GRUBAUGH QUESTIONS COUNCIL
ON TIF FUNDS FOR THE LIBERTY
THEATER:**

Dennis Grubaugh approached the council about possible TIF funds to put a roof on the Liberty Theater building, to stop any more damage to the inside.

Grubaugh says putting a roof on the building would allow them to buy time. Without a new roof, the building would probably have to come down. Grubaugh is not sure what they plan to do with the building at this time.

Grubaugh said they may look to take off the 2nd floor of the building, to put a better roof on it for the time being.

The council felt they needed more of a plan on what could be done with the building before committing themselves.

Brosman and Cable stated they would like to help out with the project, but the City does not have any more TIF funds at this time, and wouldn't until possibly April.

The council agreed to have Grubaugh resubmit an application for review in the spring when funds are available.

ADJOURNMENT :

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Bennett to adjourn. Motion carried.