

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

December 1, 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.

**DEAN BLACK SWORN IN AS
ALDERMAN IN WARD II:**

Dean Black, who was appointed at the last council meeting as Alderman in Ward II was sworn in by City Clerk Peggy Bowen.

ROLL CALL:

Aldermen present were: Cable, McNutt, Swarm, Brosman, Bennett, Feldpouch, Hobler and Black.

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 November 17, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch 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 submitted: Wal-Mart in the amount of \$28,880.23 for roadway reimbursement; Cargill Inc. in

the amount of \$13,914.28 for bulk salt; HMG in the amount of \$2,750.00 for dam inspection; Barenfanger Inc. in the amount of \$11,500.00 for TIF reimbursements; Dennis Grubaugh in the amount of \$15,000 for TIF reimbursement; Robert M. Johnson in the amount of \$1,505.48 for TIF reimbursement; The Depot in the amount of \$5,876.11 for TIF reimbursement; Wait Land Trust in the amount of \$8,411.94 for TIF reimbursement; Univar USA Inc. in the amount of \$4,447.20; Ameren IP in the amount of \$3,961.31 for electric at the Water Plant; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$3,574.39 for chemicals; Ameren IP in the amount of \$5,596.25 for electric at the Disposal Plant; Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting held on November 19, 2008. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2008:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable approving the minutes from the November 18, 2008 Planning Commission as submitted.

ORDINANCE TO CHANGE VANDALIA ZONING DISTRICT MAP DENIED:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Swarm to vote on an ordinance amending the City of Vandalia Zoning District Map.

The ordinance if approved would change the zoning of a building located at 915 N. Eighth St. from "MED" Medical District to "CG" General Commercial, to allow Clint Flowers to relocate his insurance business to the former location of Bandy Pharmacy.

It was noted that the Planning Commission rejected the proposal at

their November 18t meeting after hearing objections from residents of that area.

The residents in that area did not object to Flowers moving into the building, but are concerned about what type of business might use it if Flowers would happen to leave.

Voting by roll call: Brosman, nay; Swarm, nay; Benett, nay; Black, nay; Hobler, nay; McNutt, nay; Cable, nay; Feldpouch, nay; Ordinance failed.

The Planning Commission will now consider a proposal to change the medical zoning regulations to include insurance businesses.

**RESOLUTION #2008-12-1-A:
APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR
CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN
THE CITY & ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT:**

Feldpouch moved and Brosman seconded that the council approve Resolution #2008-12-01-A, A Resolution Approving A Contract For Consulting Services Between The City of Vandalia, Illinois, And Environmental Management, Inc.

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-12-1-B:
DIRECTING NEWSPAPER NOTICE
OF CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION
OF ORDINANCES ANNEXING TO
THE CITY OF VANDALIA
UNINCORPORATED
TERRITORIES, EACH CONTAINING
60 ACRES OR LESS:**

Mayor Gottman felt that this resolution should be tabled till the next meeting due to some of the individuals not been notified of the annexation.

City Administrator said that this resolution only directs the publication of the notice. The properties would not be annexed in until the next meeting.

City Administrator Morani stated that the reason it should be acted on before the end of the year is due to tax purposes.

Mayor Gottman stated that he felt the individuals should be notified before it's published in the paper.

Cable and Brosman both stated that they did not think there was any problem in voting on this resolution.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett approving Resolution #2008-12-1-B, Directing Newspaper Notice Of Consideration Of Adoption Of Ordinances Annexing To The City Of Vandalia Unincorporated Territories, Each Containing 60 acres or Less.

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

**ORDINANCE #2008-12-1-C:
AMENDING CHAPTER 8 HEALTH &
SAFETY AT CHAPTER 8.08 FIRE
PREVENTION CODE:**

It was moved by Hobler and seconded by McNutt Amending Ordinance #2008-12-1-C, Chapter 8 Health & Safety At Chapter 8.08 Fire Prevention Code.

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-12-1-D:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN
THE CITY OF VANDALIA &
HURST ROSCHE ENGINEERS, INC.:**

It was moved by Swarm and seconded by Black Approving An Agreement Between The City of Vandalia and Hurst Rosche Engineers, Inc. for the inspection of eight city bridges.

Hurst-Rosche Engineers proposes to inspect the listed In-Service bridges in the City of Vandalia at a unit price of \$450.00 per bridge.

The scope of work includes review of the current bridge inspection files, visual inspection of the bridges, completion of the inspection report forms, and submittal to the Department of Transportation.

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

ACCEPTING LOW BID FOR FIRE STATION RENOVATION:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Black accepting the low bid from Fayette County Masonry, Inc., Brownstown, Il. In the amount of \$22,533.00 for renovations to the Vandalia Fire Station.

Hobler was the only alderman who voted nay. Motion carried.

The following bids were received for the fire station renovation:

Fayette Co. Masonry	\$22,533.00
Lester Construction	28,900.00
HS Contractors, Inc.	35,600.00
Johannes Construction	45,000.00

COUNCIL APPROVES REQUEST FOR CURB PAINTING:

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Brosman approving the request from Vera Durbin, the chairwoman for Relay for Life for 2009, allowing them to paint address numbers on the curb in front of homes as a fundraiser. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
T 21 GRANT**

Mayor Gottman stated that the street portion will go out for bid with the Ill. Dept. of Transportation on January 16, 2009 and the water and sewer in the downtown area will go out for bid with HMG on December 11, 2008.

MORANI REPORT:

Morani reported that he submitted a draft of the Tax Levy to each alderman for review. The council will act on this at the December 15th meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Swarm announced on December 10th at 4:00 P.M. there will be a meeting in regard to the Emergency Plan in the council chambers.

Hobler requested that City Administrator Morani talk with the Fayette County Health Department about the fee it charges for inspections of sewage systems and holding tanks.

Hobler stated that residents of the Vandalia Lake area say that the Health Department is charging about three times more than local plumbers for that service, and would like to know if the Health Department would consider lowering their fees.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR/TOURISM REPORT:**

Economic Development/Tourism Director JoAnn Givens gave an update to the Council on her monthly activities.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Main Street Program Manager Dana Whiteman reported that the "pie auction" was a great success.

Whiteman reported that Olde Tyme Christmas was very well attended and seemed to be very successful for downtown businesses.

Whiteman reported that 42 banners promoting Lincoln's 200th birthday will be installed along Kennedy Boulevard and Randolph Street sometime this month or early January.

Two ribbon cuttings are scheduled.

Old Capitol Wine Cellar - 12/05/08 at noon.

Auxiliary Gift Shop-12/05/08 at 12:15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Mayor Gottman announced that The Chamber of Commerce will meet at 12 noon on Wednesday December 3rd at Ponderosa.

On December 3 from 12:00 till 6:00 P.M. the public is invited to see what the steering committees have done for Rt. 51 at the Ramada Inn.

On December 14th, the Looking For Lincoln committee will be having a ceremony in Council Chambers at 3:00 P.M. The City will be celebrating the Looking For Lincoln Wayside Exhibits. The guest speaker will be Nicky Stratton.

Mayor Gottman reminded everyone that the City's Christmas Party is Friday evening at the Country Club.

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked Mick and Pat Buscher for donating the Christmas tree for the top of Gallatin Street.

Mayor Gottman stated that he is still working with other groups to try and save the Vandalia Statehouse from closure.

The Old Capital Foundation has raised money to try and keep one employee on at the Statehouse.

The Mayor is working with Jan Grimes Director of Illinois Historical Preservation, by using the same approach as the Davis Mansion, which has been able to stay open due to

donations.

Mayor Gottman stated that there were a few people in the community that worked along with the Old Capitol Foundation to possibly receive funding based on the agreement that we receive from the state.

Mayor Gottman announced that he received a letter from NewWave Communications notifying the city effective January 1, 2009 there will be an increase in your bill.

**OPEN HOUSE AT INTERPRETIVE
CENTER SET FOR SUNDAY:**

Swarm announced that the National Road Association of Illinois will hold an open house from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the Interpretive Center on Sunday, December 7th.

Swarm reported that The National Road Association did not receive the grant for the Interpretive Center located in Vandalia.

They were asked to resubmit the paperwork in January.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

