

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

December 15, 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, Black, Feldpouch, McNutt and Swarm. Hobler was 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 Feldpouch approving the minutes from December 1, 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.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by McNutt approving all Special Bills as presented: Vandalia Country Club in the amount of \$6,607.57 for the City Christmas Party; Civic Systems in the amount of \$3,970.14 for onsite assistance with computer software; South Central FS in the amount of \$6,541.47 for fall fertilizer; Fayette Co. Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$2,615.62 for the 1st quarter. First National Bank in the amount of \$14,901.78 for a loan on the 2004 Int. truck; A.E.C. Fire and Safety in the amount of

\$3,861.75 for fire equipment; Vandalia Fire Department in the amount of \$11,796.60 for the 2% fire tax; Cargill Inc. in the amount of \$5,141.39 for salt; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$3,292.48 for fuel; B & L, LLC in the amount of \$13,393.27 for reimbursement 1 & 2 on TIF agreement; Eugene & Donelle Conaway in the amount of \$3,000.00 for a reimbursement on TIF agreement; First National Bank in the amount of \$107,800.00 for a loan on the 120 acres on Mattes Ave., Steven Henna in the amount of \$3,049.37 for a reimbursement on TIF agreement; A One A, in the amount of \$15,600.00 for TIF reimbursement; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of \$7,087.20 for mozofloc; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$3,643.31 for aluminum sulfates; Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch approving the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2008-12-15-A:
THE TAX LEVY FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm adopting Ordinance #2008-12-15-A, A Levy Ordinance Making The Tax Levy For The Fiscal Year Beginning On The First Day Of May 2008, And Ending On The Thirtieth Day of April 2009.

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

ORDINANCE #2008-12-15-B:
ABATING TAX LEVY
REQUIREMENTS OF ORDINANCE
#2007-4-16-A

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Bennett adopting Ordinance #2008-12-15-B, Abating The Tax Levy Requirements Of Ordinance No. 2007-4-16-A.

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

MFT AUDIT REPORT FOR 2007:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Black, approving the MFT Audit Report submitted by I.D.O.T. for January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2008-12-15-C:
AMENDING CHAPTER 2.12 CITY
COUNCIL OF THE VANDALIA
MUNICIPAL CODE

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable approving Ordinance #2008-12-15-C, Amending Chapter 2.12 City Council Of The Vandalia Municipal Code.

This ordinance will allow the Mayor, from time to time, select from the membership of the Council a Mayor Pro Tem to discharge the duties of the Mayor whenever the Mayor is absent from the City or is otherwise unable to discharge his duties.

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

ORDINANCE #2008-12-15-D:
ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE
HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED REAL
ESTATE, IDENTIFIED HEREIN AS
THE HAMEL'S SUBDIVISION
TRACT

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Black adopting Ordinance #2008-12-15-D, Annexing The Hereinafter Described Real Estate, Identified Herein As The Hamel's Subdivision Tract.

Voting by roll call: Swarm, yea; Brosman, yea; Feldpouch, yea;

Bennett, yea; Cable, yea; Black, yea; McNutt, yea; Hobler was absent. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2008-12-15-E:
ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE
HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED REAL
ESTATE, IDENTIFIED HEREIN AS
THE KERSHAW TRACT

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by McNutt adopting Ordinance #2008-12-15-E, Annexing The Hereinafter Described Real Estate, Identified Herein As The Kershaw Tract.

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

ORDINANCE #2008-12-15-F:
ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE
HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED REAL
ESTATE, IDENTIFIED HEREIN AS
THE CAPITOL POINTE APARTMENT
TRACT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch, adopting Ordinance #2008-12-15-F, Annexing The Hereinafter Described Real Estate, Identified Herein As The Capitol Pointe Apartment Tract.

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

ORDINANCE #2008-12-15-G:
ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER
DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE
GENERALLY IDENTIFIED HEREIN
AS THE FILLMORE/VETERANS
TRACT:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Black, adopting Ordinance #2008-12-15-G, Annexing The Hereinafter Described Real Estate, generally Identified Herein As The Fillmore/Veterans Tract.

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

ORDINANCE #2008-12-15-H:
AN ORDINANCE OF ANNEXATION

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Ordinance #2008-12-15-H, An Ordinance of Annexation for Michael S. Slater and Tamara Cripe.

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

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS
FORWARDED TO PLANNING
COMMISSION:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by McNutt to refer the zoning text amendments to the Planning Commission to be considered at their January 20, 2009 meeting.

The zoning text amendments deal with freestanding sign face area increase and removal of eating and drinking establishments listed as a permitted use in the Medical District.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
T-21 GRANT PROJECT

Mayor Gottman announced that the publication for the sealed proposals for the Gallatin Street sewer improvements was December 11, 2008.

City Administrator Morani informed the council that the bidding on sanitary work originally included the replacement of a sewer line on 7th Street, from Gallatin to Johnson Streets, but that is a part of a state route, and IDOT has new requirements on the depth those lines go to, which is very expensive to do.

Morani stated the new requirement by IDOT is to try and discourage municipalities from putting these lines along state roads. Morani said that portion of the work will now be bid as an alternate.

Morani stated work on the sanitary sewers is still being bid for areas on 6th Street in the downtown area, and on an alley way that runs by the Twice Nice Building. If the bids come in low enough, they will look at the 7th Street piece being completed. Mayor Gottman announced that the enhancement side of the T-21 grant will go out for bid with the IDOT on January 16, 2009.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderman Cable stated that the Water Committee will meet following the council meeting.

Swarm gave the monthly report for November. There was \$12,321.00 in fines paid. The city's portion was \$4,254.00.

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be a pre-bid review of the fire station upgrade at 9:00 A.M on December 16th in the council chambers.

Economic Development Director JoAnn Givens is working on the National Trail Kiosk Park redesign. The Kiosk is in the process of being built.

Givens reported that a proposal on a prospective business she had worked up a proposal for, has decided to go out of the state of Illinois with their project.

Givens stated she is working on a few other projects for prospective businesses and she mentioned that she has some warehouse prospects that are looking at different properties in Vandalia.

Givens mentioned that she has also recently met with individuals who are interested in starting up restaurants within the city.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR
GOTTMAN:**

Mayor Gottman announced that he has been working with two other individuals who have been successful in securing the dollars from one individual donor in our community to keep the Statehouse open.

Mayor Gottman announced that he received a call today in regard to the Statehouse. They have reviewed the proposal very closely and we should be receiving a letter this week in regard to getting it reopened.

Mayor Gottman added the donor wants to remain anonymous and it will be a month to month payment to the State of Illinois. The reason for that is if the state would get a new governor due to his arrest on federal corruption charges the Lt. Governor has made comments numerous times that he would reopen the parks and historical sites in Illinois.

Mayor Gottman announced that Sunday, December 14th was the official unveiling of the Wayside Exhibits.

Mayor Gottman publicly thanked Bill Donaldson who was the committee's facilitator and Jean Stombaugh and Dale Timmerman for their work with the exhibits. Timmerman worked on writing the stories about Lincoln's time in Vandalia and getting the artwork for the exhibits.

AUDIENCE :

Greg Hubler addressed the council in regard to a demolition ordinance referring to a piece of property behind the Vandalia Greenhouse.

ADJOURNMENT :

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

The next scheduled meeting is set for January 5th, 2009.

