

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

September 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, Swarm, Brosman, Bennett, Feldpouch, McNutt and Hobler.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the September 2, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving all Special Bills as presented: Civic Systems, LLC in the amount of \$30,118.03 for final payment on software; Corbin Design in the amount of \$5,150.00 for work on the codification; Bill Jacobs Joliet, LLC in the amount of \$38,473.32 for 2 2008

squad cars for the Police Department; Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$33,175.12 for chip mix and HFE 300; Tri County Petroleum in the amount of \$8,168.00 for fuel at Vandalia Lake; Tri County Petroleum in the amount of \$5,332.34 for fuel at the City Garage; Centraz Industries in the amount of \$1,875.00 for sewer solvent; Brenntag in the amount of \$3,000. for chemicals; G.S.Robins & Co. in the amount of \$4,539.00 for chemicals; Hach Company in the amount of \$1,968.54 for chemical supplies; Motion carried.

**REPRESENTATIVE RON STEPHENS
PRESENTS CHECK TO THE CITY:**

State Representative Ron Stephens presented a check to the City of Vandalia in the amount of \$200,000. for road improvements.

After the presentation of the check, Rep. Stephens offered to take questions from the officials.

One of the questions addressed was the closure of the Vandalia Statehouse.

Stephens stated that he along with other legislators are still working to keep the site open.

**REQUEST TO MOVE THE LOCATION
FOR RELAY FOR LIFE:**

Vera Durbin spoke to the Council on behalf of the Relay For Life, asking that the City Council allow them to move the event to the walking trail at Rogier Park. The event is currently held at the Vandalia High School track and football field, but Durbin says many of the cancer survivors find that to be a very hot area for them to walk during June. The cinder dust from the track is also an issue.

Alderman Brosman mentioned he had concerns for the residents that live along those streets, talking about the

music that is played throughout the relay.

Durbin said that none of their performers are loud bands and that organizers plan to contact residents living near the park, to notify them about the event and invite them to participate.

Also, a concern about parking was discussed.

Mayor Gottman suggested that the council hold off till the October 6th meeting to hear from residents before they give their ok.

ORDINANCE #2008-9-15-A:
AMENDING TITLE V, BUSINESS
LICENSES & REGULATIONS, AT
CHAPTER 5.08 ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGE SALES, OF THE
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by McNutt approving Ordinance #2008-9-15-A, Amending Title V, Business Licenses And Regulations, At Chapter 5.08 Alcoholic Beverage Sales, Of The Vandalia Municipal Code.

This Ordinance allows Wiseguys and Thirsty's, to fence off the area in front of their businesses for an outdoor event from 2:00 P.M.- 10:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 27th.

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

ORDINANCE #2008-9-15-B:
APPROVING A CERTAIN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY
OF VANDALIA, IL AND MIKEJO,
LLC:

It was moved by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler to approve Ordinance #2008-9-15-B, a Tax Increment Development Agreement with Mike and Jo Ellen Wehrle.

That agreement provides Wehrle's a 10-year reimbursement of 70% of new tax monies created through the rehabilitation of two buildings located at 1505 Veterans Avenue.

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

**MUTUAL AGREEMENT WITH IL
DEPT OF HEALTH & VANDALIA
CITY WORKS:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler to enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health that the Fayette County Health Department and the Vandalia City Works enter into a Mutual of Understanding Agreement from our First Responders and Community Officials within the county be completed by October 2008. Motion carried.

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DEPT OF HEALTH & THE CITY OF
VANDALIA:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch to enter into an agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health that the Fayette County Health Department and the City of Vandalia enter into a Mutual of Understanding Agreement from our First Responders and Community Officials by October 2008. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2008-9-15-C:
APPROVING A CERTAIN TAX
INCREMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY & ALLEN & DEBORAH
L. HUNTER:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable approving Ordinance #2008-9-15-C, A Tax Increment Agreement with Allen R. Hunter and Deborah L. Hunter.

The City shall provide assistance in the form of a \$7,500 grant and a 10 year reimbursement of 70% of new tax monies that will be created through the expansion of their business.

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

**ORDIANNCE #2008-9-15-D:
APPROVING A CERTAIN TAX
INCREMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CITY & LEO E. MURRAY, JR:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch approving a Certain Tax Increment Agreement Between The City and Leo E. Murray, Jr.

The City shall provide assistance in the form of a \$3,000 grant or 50% of total projects costs.

These improvements are for the Nice Twice building.

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-9-15-E:
APPROVING A FLEXIBLE
SPENDING PLAN, A MEDICAL
REIMBURSEMENT PLAN, A
MEDICAL PREMIUM
REIMBURSEMENT PLAN, AND A
DEPENDENT CARE ASSISTANT
PLAN:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Bennett approving A Flexible Spending Plan, A Medical Reimbursement Plan, A Medical Premium Reimbursement Plan, And A Dependent Care Assistant Plan.

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-9-15-F:
APPROVING INCLUSION OF
COMPENSATION PAID UNDER AN
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE
SECTION 125 PLAN AS IMRF
EARNINGS:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch approving Resolution #2008-9-15-F, Approving Inclusion Of Compensation Paid Under An Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings.

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-9-15-G:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN
THE CITY & HMG:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler approving an Agreement with Henry, Meisenheimer & Gende, Inc.

HMG will assist in replacing the vertical turbine pumps at the intake pump station at Vandalia Lake.

Feldpouch questioned this project, when there are continued problems with the intake at the river.

Cable stated those current problems are because the river is currently so high.

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

**RESOLUTION #2008-9-15-H:
APPROVING & AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY & AL
OLDFIELD AUTO SALES INC.:**

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman approving Resolution 2008-9-15-H, Approving And Authorizing Execution Of An Agreement Between The City of Vandalia And Al Oldfield Auto Sales Inc.

This agreement prohibits drilling for groundwater on the city right of way in the area of the former Star Station on Orchard Street.

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

T-21 GRANT PROJECT:

A monthly report was submitted to the Council for review.

Mayor Gottman announced that a meeting was held last week to finalize the Streetscape project.

HMG plan to complete revisions to the sewer plans for bidding.

Revised plans and specifications for submittal to IDOT on September 26th for the January 2009 letting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Brosman submitted to the council a list of policy recommendations made by the Street Committee. Most of the changes to the traffic schedule concern inconsistencies with other existing ordinances or sign postings.

The Council will take action on the Street Committee recommendations at the October 6th meeting.

Cable presented to the Council results of solicited proposals for two raw water pumps at Vandalia Lake.

The City has appropriated a total of \$360,000.00 in Capital Improvement Funds for this project. The original scope of the project included the replacement of the existing building. Based on feedback from HMG and Marty Huskey, replacement of the entire building is not necessary at this time.

The City received two proposals:

Proposal #1 from Brotcke Well & Pump for the entire scope of work in the amount of \$149,507.00.

Proposal #2 from Haier Plumbing & Heating & ADS Electric for just the pump replacement & Electrical (VFD) in the amount of \$103,600.00.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman to go with Proposal #2. Motion carried.

Swarm gave the August monthly report for the Police Department.

The amount of fines that were paid was \$29,961.00 and the City's portion was \$12,186.00.

Economic Development/Tourism Director JoAnn Givens reported to the Council that she will be working with a grant writer who will attempt to help secure a Brownfield grant for the City and that would be \$200,000 in Haz Mat and \$200,000 in Petroleum.

Givens announced that she along with Mayor Gottman and City Administrator Morani continue to meet with members of the Economic Development Commission on an individual basis.

The Looking for Lincoln Storyboards were on display in Council Chambers on Monday evening.

Givens reported that the Vandalia Tourism Committee is looking into moving the city's welcome sign on Randolph to a spot at the west Interstate 70 interchange.

Givens stated she thought many tourists who enter Vandalia at that interchange do not see the sign because they turn onto Veterans Avenue.

Mayor Gottman suggested that the sign be redone because it is in poor shape.

Feldpouch suggested that some flowers be planted by the sign to show some pride in our community.

Givens said that the Tourism Committee is also looking into improving the signage along Kennedy Blvd. for the Chamber of Commerce Information Center.

Mayor Gottman reported after speaking with Public Works Director, John Moyer, the Mayor will draft a letter

to IDOT to consider allowing the city to mow grass at the Vandalia Interchanges on I-70.

Mayor Gottman said it's pathetic the way the highways look and are considered unsafe with the tall grass.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman, Main Street Program Manager reported that the annual Corn Day festival will be held on Saturday, September 27th from 10:00 A.M. till 5:00 P.M.

Dana also mentioned beginning at 7:00 A.M. a community-wide yard sale will get underway.

"Ole Time Christmas" is set for November 21st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by McNutt giving Community Partners permission to work with Main Street as a fund raiser for banners to be placed at Kennedy and Randolph St. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman mentioned correspondence that the City received from several individuals.

Mayor Gottman stated that work is underway on the Sixth Street & Remann railroad crossings.

Mayor Gottman announced that he has put together a committee that will be working to save the Vandalia Statehouse. The first meeting will be held on Monday, September 22nd at noon at the Vandalia Country Club.

The committee will be made up of Bill Donaldson, Dale Timmerman, Mary Truitt, Jim Staff, Bill LaDage, Randy Edwards, Dana Whiteman, Jimmy Morani,

JoAnn Givens and Mayor Gottman.

Mayor Gottman announced on Wednesday, September 17th there will be an unveiling of the "Portrait of a Soldier" memorial exhibit at the Kaskaskia College Vandalia Campus.

The exhibit includes portraits of 191 Illinois soldiers who have been killed in the line of duty since 9/11/01.

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn will be on hand at 3:00 P.M.

The Illinois Municipal League will be held next week in Chicago. Several elected officials will be in attendance.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Hobler asked where the owner stands about a potential restaurant by the Holiday Inn Express. Hobler pointed out the restaurant was supposed to be part of the package.

Mayor Gottman said Mr. Keller has been working very diligently to attract a restaurant, but that it's difficult to get such a business right now, due to the economy.

Mayor Gottman did say that he along with Joann Givens is working to get a restaurant at both the Holiday Inn Express and South Central FS Travel Center.

Brosman also mentioned that it was a year ago Labor Day since The Depot caught fire. Brosman felt he believes its time something got done on that property. Brosman said he hoped that they had a plan and encourage them to do something. Mayor Gottman said he would talk with the owner.

AUDIENCE :

Dale Timmerman was on hand to explain the Looking For Lincoln storyboards that are scheduled to go up early October.

SALE OF PROPERTY :

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded Feldpouch giving authorization to accept a piece of property located at 704 & 706 W. Randolph from Peoples Bank & Trust in Pana, Il. Motion carried.

After ownership is acquired the City will sell this piece of property.

ADJOURNMENT :

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

