

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

July 20, 2009
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, Black, Bennett, Hobler and Feldpouch. McNutt 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 Black approving the minutes from the July 6, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable approving all Special Bills as submitted: Lowenbaum Partnership in the amount of \$3,142.50 for professional services through June

30, 2009; Illinois Municipal League in the amount of \$2,000 for registration fees for the IML Conference; Municipal Code Corporation in the amount of \$4,269.21 for printed supplement pages and updating the electronic database; Fayette County Clerk & Recorder's Office in the amount of \$5,231.25 for the 2nd & 3rd quarter animal control; Midland States Bank in the amount of \$45,407.62 for lease payment on fire truck; Hurst Rosche Engineers in the amount of \$11,200.00 for Coles Street resurfacing; Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$171,529.94 for HFE 300; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$5,949.70 for fuel at the Vandalia Lake; ADS Electric Corp. in the amount of \$9,829.46 for the lake pump station; Hurst Rosche Engineers in the amount of \$3,050.00 for repairs at the Vandalia Lake spillway; Thompson, Coburn, Fagel for legal services in connection to the Motown project; Crawford, Bunte & Brammeier for the Motown traffic impact study; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$5,946.24 for fuel; Hurst Rosche Engineers in the amount of \$3,981.25 for engineering fees for the revision on the Illini Avenue Water Main Extension. Hurst Rosche Engineers in the amount of \$4,743.75 for surveying and engineering fees; Haier Plumbing in the amount of \$88,420.00 for the Lake Raw Water Pumps Replacement; Lee Matthews Equipment in the amount of \$4,160.00 for the Water Plant; Il. EPA in the amount of \$22,787.56 for drinking water permit; G.S. Robins in the amount of \$8,778.58 for chemicals; Motion carried.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED
FOR LAVERLE KNEBEL & PAULINE
DEVERICK:**

A moment of silence was observed for business owner and member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments LaVerle Knebel and business owner Pauline

Deverick, former owner of The Dairy Queen. Our condolences to the families.

ORDINANCE #2009-7-20-A:
ADOPTING A PERSONNEL POLICY
HANDBOOK:

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cable approving Ordinance #2009-7-20-A, An Ordinance Adopting A Personnel Policy Handbook.

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

APPROVAL OF TIF ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM JUNE
30, 2009:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler approving the TIF Advisory Committee Minutes from the June 30, 2009 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2009-7-20-B:
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION IN
FAVOR OF AN EASEMENT
(UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC) IN
FAVOR OF ILLINOIS POWER
COMPANY d/b/a AMERENIP:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Black approving Ordinance #2009-7-20-B, Authorizing Execution In Favor Of An Easement (Underground Electric) In Favor Of Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP.

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

ORDINANCE #2009-7-20-C:
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING
EXECUTION OF A POLE LINE
REMOVAL AND RELOCATION
AGREEMENT:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Black approving Ordinance #2009-7-20-C, Authorizing Execution Of A Pole Line Removal And Relocation Agreement.

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

**ORDINANCE #2009-7-20-D:
RESCINDING #2002-9-3-C AND
TERMINATING THE TIF
REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF VANDALIA
AND THE DEPOT OF VANDALIA,
INC.**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm Approving Ordinance #2009-7-20-D, Rescinding Ordinance #2002-9-3-C And Terminating The Tax Increment Finance Redevelopment Agreement By & Between The City of Vandalia, IL And The Depot of Vandalia, Inc.

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

**ORDINANCE #2009-7-20-E:
APPROVING A CERTAIN TIF
REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY
AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA AND THE DEPOT, LLC:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Brosman adopting Ordinance #2009-7-20-E, Approving A Certain Tax Increment Finance Redevelopment Agreement By And Between The City of Vandalia And The Depot, LLC.

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

LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Black approving the recommendation of Mayor Gottman to increase the number of Class E liquor licenses from six to seven for The Depot.

Roll call was taken: Cable, yea; Swarm, yea; Hobler, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Brosman, yea; Bennett, yea; Black, yea; McNutt, absent. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF
POLICE & FIRE COMMISSIONERS:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable approving the appointment of Charlie Barenfanger to the Police and Fire Commission. Motion carried.

**POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
TERM APPOINTMENTS:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Black approving the term appointments for the Police and Fire Commission. Motion carried.

David Riegel 2010- 1 year term
Al Schumacher 2011- 2 year term
Charlie Barenfanger 2012- 3 year term

**APPOINTMENT OF JERRY SWARM
TO MAIN STREET BOARD CITY
REPRESENTATIVE:**

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Feldpouch approving the appointment of Jerry Swarm as the City Representative to the Main Street Board. He will replace Bret Brosman as the city representative.

**APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENTS:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving the appointments of Larry Herker and Melissa Depew to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT MINUTES FROM
7/15/09:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting on July 15, 2009. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The weekly reports from IDOT were in each alderman's packet for review.

Mayor Gottman reported that the Gallatin Street project is running about five weeks ahead of schedule.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderman Cable reported to the council that the City solicited quotes for the Gallatin Street Water Main Replacement, due to the failure of the State to release funding at this time for the grant. A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Feldpouch to waive the formal bidding process for this project. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler to accept change order #8 submitted by Mettler Development, L.L.C. in the amount of \$100,185.00 for water lines for Gallatin Street, from 5th to 6th Street. This was the lowest of the two quotes.

The city will use general funds that were earlier budgeted for the cemetery maintenance building and shift to the Street Department for paving work. The TIF funds allocated for street paving will be utilized for the water main replacement.

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

A list of existing sidewalks that need to be replaced was distributed to the councilmen. A total of 22 areas of sidewalk a total of 13, 188 sq. ft. The mayor asked for authorization from the council to accept bids for sidewalk replacements.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Cable to advertise and accept bids for sidewalk replacements. Motion carried.

The funds to pay for this project will come from the infrastructure monies.

Swarm gave the June report for the Vandalia Police Department.

There were \$17,827.00 collected in fines and the city's portion is \$7,009.00.

Hobler reported that the Lake Committee will meet on Saturday, August 8th at 9:00 A.M. at The Marina.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR:

Mayor Gottman announced that The Village Shoppe has moved out of their downtown location.

The building has been leased. The name of the new business is Main Street Market. They will be selling crafts and furniture.

Mayor Gottman spoke a little on the Capital Bill.

Mayor Gottman will be attending an IML Board meeting in O'Fallon, IL Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week representing the City of Vandalia.

Main Street will be hosting their annual meeting cookout in the Lincoln Park on July 30th.

Mayor Gottman spoke with Carol Hodge Brown this week asking to set up an appointment with Governor Quinn in regard to the issues of layoffs of certain state agencies.

Mayor Gottman announced that Orgill has issued another termination notice to their employees for September and October.

SWARM GIVES UPDATE ON INTERPRETIVE CENTER:

Swarm gave a report on the National Interpretive Center. There have been approximately 245 individuals who have toured the facility since opening day of February 12th.

Mayor Gottman reported that a reception was held for artist Kay Metzger Smith at the Fayette County Museum on Sunday afternoon.

CONCERNS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Treasurer Marjorie Blythe was asked by Local Roads Engineer Greg Palmer, to inquire if anything has been done on the Cole Street project. If this to get on a letting it needs to be finalized soon.

City Administration stated along with John Moyer and Scott Hunt they are working for a possible November letting.

REPLACING NEW WATER SERVICES FOR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES:

City Administrator wanted the public to be aware starting Thursday, July 23 they will be replacing the water main from Fifth to Sixth Street. The new water service lines will be installed approximately two feet from the existing service connection to the buildings. The project is estimated to be completed within three weeks.

If any of the businesses wish to replace their existing water service connection into the building, the city recommends this be done during the same time period in which the City's improvements are being performed. This will prevent future excavation of the City sidewalk and likely result in less expense to the building owner since the excavation will have been performed.

It is at the discretion of the business owner who they wish to hire as a licensed plumber.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Black to adjourn. Motion carried.

