

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

August 17, 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, Brosman, Bennett, Swarm, Black, Feldpouch, Hobler and McNutt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED:

A moment of silence was observed for Bob Carroll, a former business owner and step-father of Chad Feldpouch and Vera Durbin another business owner and past president of Relay For Life.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from the August 3, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Cable approving all Special Bills as submitted: Lowenbaum

Partnership, in the amount of \$1,988.75 for professional services offered; Old Capital Tree Service in the amount of \$1,640.00 for tree and limb removal; Hurst Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$7,000 for Cole Street resurfacing; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$13,035.99 for fuel; Crawford, Bunte, Brammeier for traffic evaluation for Mo-town; Hurst Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$2,400.00 for the Illini Ave. Water Main Extension (Revised); Diamond Equipment in the amount of \$13,965.00 for a Wacker pump which includes trailer and hitch; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$12,253.50 for chemicals; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-8-17-A:
APPROVING A CONSULTING
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTING
SOLUTIONS:**

Chris Stone with Governmental Consulting Solutions based out of Springfield, IL gave a company overview of what their firm can provide.

Their firm would lobby on behalf of the City to prevent layoffs at the Vandalia Correctional Center and help to obtain state and federal grant funds for the city.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler approving Resolution #2009-8-17-A, Approving A Consulting Service Agreement with Governmental Consulting Solutions.

In consideration of Governmental Consulting Solutions rendering of Services, they will be paid \$24,000 with monthly payments of \$2,000 to begin within 30 days from the

acceptance date of September 1, 2009.

This agreement shall be effective as of September 1, 2009 and continue in full force and effect through August 31, 2011, Subject to (60) days written notice, agreement may be terminated for any reason by either party.

Voting by roll call: Cable, nay; Brosman, nay; Bennett, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Black, yea; Swarm, nay; Hobler, yea; McNutt, yea. 5 yea and 3 nay; Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2009-8-17-B:
HOMEcomings PARADE ROAD
CLOSURE:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler adopting Resolution #2009-8-17-B, For the purpose of road closure for the "Homecoming Parade" on Friday, September 11, 2009.

It will take the route of Eighth Street from the Vandalia Community High School south to Jefferson Street, then east to Fifth Street, then north to Orchard Street. Motion carried.

COUNCIL APPROVES PURCHASE OF
KUBOTA TRACTOR FOR WASTE
WATER TREATMENT PLANT:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Black approving the purchase of a Kubota tractor with a loader and rotary cutter from Bluff Equipment in the amount of \$30,000.00 Motion carried.

The City did receive one other bid from Sloan Implement in the amount of \$34,353.86.

RESOLUTION #2009-8-17-C:
AN AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING
SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY,
AND HURST-ROSCHÉ ENGINEERS,
INC.:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler adopting Resolution #2009-8-17-C, approving an agreement for engineering services between the City and Hurst-Rosche to provide work associated with replacement of the sedimentation basin weirs at the Water treatment Plant.

They estimate a construction budget for this work to be \$25,000.

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

COUNCIL APPROVES MOTORCYCLE SHOW AT CAGES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Black approving the closure of Third Street between Gallatin Street and Johnson Street from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 5th for a motorcycle show to be held at Cages. Motion carried.

The proceeds from the show will go to the Children's Miracle Network and the local DARE program.

A REQUEST FOR FOURTH STREET MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR WISEGUYS & THIRSTY'S:

Rich Lawinger speaking on behalf of Wiseguys and Thirsty's asked the Council to consider closing a portion of Fourth Street from Thirsty's Building edge out to the corner of Fourth & Gallatin St. on September 26th from 4:00 P.M. until midnight.

Robert Scrimsher, Coordinator stated that they would like to serve beer from a beer wagon in the street. Scrimsher along with Lawinger said a beer wagon would allow for quicker service and increased sales.

The bars plan to do a 50/50 drawing, with half of the proceeds going to Main Street.

Black asked if the city has any liability, due to the fact that the music festival is held on the city street, and City Attorney stated that there is potential liability.

Attorney Johnston asked that they provide copies of their insurance at the September 8th meeting. It was also suggested that their insurance representative be present for any further questions that might arise.

Mayor Gottman said that the request will be tabled till the September 8th meeting, giving the public a chance to voice their opinion.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman allowing Chief Eason to move forward with NIXLE which is a community information service that creates a public safety webpage for the city. Motion carried.

Citizens can register at the website NIXLE and check the city's page for information concerning crime, road closures, parade route information, etc.

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Cable to advertise for bids to do repairs at the spillway. Motion carried.

The schedule is as follows:

- August 20th - Advertise for bids
- August 21st Plans available to bidders
- Sept 9th Pre-bid at 2:00 P.M.
- Sept 17th Bid Opening at 2:00 P.M.

UPDATE FROM JOANN GIVENS:

JoAnn Givens mentioned that The Depot and Sloan Implement are moving along very well on their construction.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana reported that Main Street continues with their "Paint The Town" project. They are working on Gathe Tax Service building at this time.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by McNutt allowing Main Street to hold a sidewalk sale on the streets of downtown.

Corn Day's Celebration is scheduled for September 25th and 26th. The Lion's Club will have a circus coming to town on September 24th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that he will meet with Governor Quinn on August 29th at the DuQuoin State Fair in regard to the layoff at Vandalia Correctional Center.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be meeting with Mayor Tish from St. Elmo and Mayor B.J. Deal from Brownstown this Wednesday at 4:30 P.M.

SCOTT HUNT/ STATUS OF PROJECTS:

Scott Hunt, Engineer with Hurst-Rosche gave an update on current projects under construction.

He said that he received approval of the pre-final plans from IDOT last week on the Coles Street resurfacing project.

On the West Main Street Water & Sewer Extension they hope to receive a permit from IEPA within the next two to three weeks.

There will be a pre-bid meeting on the Vandalia Lake Spillway Repair Project on September 9th at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

