

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

September 8, 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, and McNutt. Alderman Hobler was absent.

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 George Stombaugh, a long-time business owner and former Fire Chief for the Vandalia Volunteer Fire Department and for Ed Mills, a retired teacher in the community.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Black approving the minutes from the August 17, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Black 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:

Timmermann & Co., Ltd., in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the annual audit; Arthur Young, Inc. in the amount of \$10,663.00 for a pickup truck for use at the Lake; Ancel, Glink, Diamond & Bush in the amount of \$2,406.25 for Lake Recreation legal fees; Hurst Rosche Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$4,200.00 for the Cole Street Project and \$2,572.50 for the sewer line extension project; Merritt's Tree Service in the amount of \$2,900.00 for the removal of a tree; H.M.&G., Inc. in the amount of \$58,286.19 for the Gallatin Street Project; Wal Mart Stores in the amount of \$29,849.18 for roadway reimbursement; McKellar, Robertson, McCarty & Click in the amount of \$2080.00 for annual boiler insurance; Ill. Municipal League in the amount of \$18,288.49 for the balance due of annual losses; Mettler Development, LLC in the amount of \$129,996.29 for Water Main Project and \$49,003.85 for the Sewer Project; Vandalia Tractor Sales in the amount of \$1,703.35 for Cemetery tractor; St. Jacob Winwater Works in the amount of \$16,544.00 for Water Project at Illini & Rock Island Ave.; Centraz Industries in the amount of \$2,625.00 for sewer solvent; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$15,428.69 for Water Plant chemicals; Bluff Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$30,000.00 for a Kubota for the Sewer Plant; and Treasurer, State of Illinois in the amount of \$275,545.64 for the Gallatin Street Project. Motion carried.

ANNUAL AUDIT
PRESENTED:

Dale Timmermann and Trisha Elam of Timmermann & Co. presented a detailed review of the City's annual audit and explained the deficit areas.

They recommended the City increase the water rates by 7.19% and the sewer rates by 2.19% to off-set the increased system expenses. No action on the rate increase was taken at this time.

Cable moved and Feldpouch seconded to accept the annual audit as presented. Motion carried.

RIVER INTAKE
PROJECT UPDATE:

Jim Wells and Pat Judge with Gonzales Engineers were present to update the Council on the status of the raw water intake inspection they recently conducted. Due to the high river level, a large amount of the rock in the dike has washed away. He will be receiving proposals on a hydrographic survey needed to correct the intake problems. It will be an additional expense for the City.

RESOLUTION 2009-9-8-A:
"CORN DAYS" CELEBRA-
TION STREET CLOSURE:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Swarm adopting Resolution 2009-9-8-A, to close Old Rt. 140 from Third Street to Fifth Street on September 26, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This closure is needed for the annual "Corn Days" Celebration. Motion carried.

DAM INSPECTION
REPORT:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Black to accept the annual Dam Inspection Report presented by H.M.&G., Inc. Several problems in the dam were noted, but will be addressed at a meeting to be held on Tuesday. Motion carried.

ZONING BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENTS
MINUTES:

Brosman moved and McNutt seconded accepting the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2009.

Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman to accept the Minutes of the August 18, 2009 Planning Commission Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER #12:
METTLER DEVELOPMENT:

Bennett made a motion and Cable seconded approving Change Order #12 submitted by Mettler Development. The change order is for Gallatin Street project expenses in the amount of \$35,665.80. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009-9-8-B:
DESIGNATING EMPLOYEES/
OFFICERS/MEMBERS OF
CITY TO RECEIVE TRAINING
MANDATED BY 5 ILCS
120/1.05:

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Brosman adopting Resolution 2009-9-8-B with the addition of Mayor Gottman's name. This resolution will designate the persons to receive training to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

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

PURCHASE OF TRUCK
FOR LAKE DEPARTMENT:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Black to approve the purchase of a 2006 GMC ½ Ton Pickup Truck for the Lake Department. Purchase price is \$10,588.00.

The truck it replaces will be transferred to the Cemetery Department for their use. Motion carried.

WEST MAIN STREET
WATER & SEWER EXTENSION
PROJECT UPDATES:

The IEPA has granted the permit for the West Main Street Water and Sewer Extension Project. Cable moved and Brosman seconded to advertise for bids for this project. The bid opening will be on October 1, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable authorizing the direct purchase of lift station equipment for the Sloan Implement extension. It will be purchased from Vandever Engineering in the amount of \$46,967.00. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009-9-8-C:
APPROVING IDOT LOCAL
AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR
FEDERAL PARTICIPATION:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Black to approve the IDOT local agency agreement allowing for participation in the Coles Street improvement project.

The estimated cost is \$341,077.00 and the City's share is projected to be \$26,020.00.

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

RESOLUTION 2009-9-8-D:
APPROVING AGREEMENT
FOR ENGINEERING SER-
VICES WITH HURST-
ROSCHE ENGINEERS, INC:

A motion was made by Bennett and was seconded by Swarm to adopt Resolution 2009-9-8-D, approving an agreement for engineering services between the City and Hurst-Rosche to provide design engineering and permit work on the Rock Island and Fillmore Street Water Main Loop project.

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

REFER ORDINANCE TO
PLANNING COMMISSION:

Swarm moved to send the proposed ordinance to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and Feldpouch seconded.

The ordinance would amend the governing of zoning map changes. Motion carried.

T21 GRANT PROJECT
UPDATE:

The Fifth and Sixth Street pavements will be completed by next week. The electrical subcontractor will set the meter pole so Ameren can start the wiring between Sixth and Seventh Streets.

STANDING COMMITTEE
REPORTS:

Brosman informed the Council that he had been contacted by a resident requesting a vacation at the end of Randolph Street. It will be referred to the Street Committee.

Swarm mentioned that railroad ties have been stacked up on the right-of-way next to “The Depot” and are very unsightly. He asked to have the Code Official follow up with citations, if necessary.

McNutt advised the Council that many trees were damaged in the recent storm and have been removed. Several stones also suffered damage but are the property of the owner.

The Lake Committee will meet Saturday, September 12th at 9:00 a.m. at the Lake Marina.

Black announced the opening of Hawthorn Animal Hospital at the Vandalia Commons.

UPDATE FROM
JOANN GIVENS:

JoAnn Givens updated the Council on the September 8th Tourism Meeting. Since revenues are down from the Hotel/Motel Taxes, they have been working on ideas for funding their upcoming activities.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana reminded everyone of “Corn Days” on September 25th and 26th. There are many activities planned for all ages and she encouraged everyone to attend.

The Vandalia Lion's Club is also sponsoring the Carson and Barnes Circus on Thursday, September 24th. It will be held West of the "Chuckwagon".

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman announced that two awards have been made to the City of Vandalia for expenses related to the Gallatin Street Project. Senator Kyle McCarter supported one in the amount of \$200,000.00 and Representative Ron Stephens supported one also in the amount of \$200,000.00. The funds will come from the Emergency Repair Program (ERP) and will be reimbursed through Ill. Dept. of Transportation.

Mayor Gottman will be sending letters thanking them for their support in the near future.

Mayor Gottman announced that Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association is awarding the City with an IMLRMA Safety Award based upon the City's 2008 safety record.

Mayor Gottman announced on Thursday, he will represent the City as he travels to Vienna for the Illinois Dept. of Corrections hearing and also the news conference. Both the local and regional union reps will also be present.

Once a final cost is known, benches for Gallatin Street could be purchased and donated in memory or honor of family members or businesses. Mayor Gottman would like the news media to publicize this information for those interested.

SCOTT HUNT:
STATUS OF LAKE
SPILLWAY PROJECT:

Scott Hunt, Hurst Rosche Engineer, stated that I.E.P.A. issued the permit for the Vandalia Lake Spillway Project. On September 9th there will be a Pre-Bid at 2:00 p.m. for the contractors participating in the September 17th Bid Opening.

Swarm mentioned his concerns about the damage four wheelers have been causing to the backside of the spillway.

He questioned whether the City could put up a chain link fence to prevent this problem in the future.

ORDINANCE 2009-9-8-E:
AMENDING BUSINESS
LICENSES & REGULATIONS-
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
SALES:

After discussion, Attorney Johnston was assured that "Wiseguys" and "Thirsty's" have the appropriate liability insurance for their second annual music festival during Main Street's Corn Days.

Bennett made a motion and McNutt seconded to approve Ordinance 2009-9-8-E. This amendment will allow them to sell alcohol and have live music indoors and in a fenced area outdoors during this event.

It will also allow them to be open from 4:00 p.m. until midnight. They have agreed to provide the proper security.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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