

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

October 19, 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: Hobler, Brosman, Bennett, Black, Feldpouch, McNutt and Swarm. Cable 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 McNutt approving the minutes from October 05, 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 Black and seconded by Brosman approving all Special Bills as presented: Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$9,602.82 for fuel; Burnside, Dees, Johnston, Sheafor & Kelly in the amount of \$7,515.00 for attorney fees; Vandalia Lions Club in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the Halloween Parade; Fayette Co. Treasurer in the amount of \$2,615.63 for 4th quarter animal control; Governmental Consulting Solutions Inc., in the

amount of \$2,000 for November consulting services; Richards Brick Co., in the amount of \$3,593.98 for brick pavers; HMG in the amount of \$48,641.33 for surveying & engineering fees for the 7 blks. Of Gallatin St.; Hurst Rosche Engineers in the amount of \$2,845.00 for engineering fees for the West Main Street Water & Sewer Extension; Hurst Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$3,780.00 for WTP Wier Replacement; Vandalia Country Club in the amount of \$7,767.80 for the 2009 lease; Hurst Rosche Engineering in the amount of \$3,600.00 for engineering fees for Rock Island; HMG in the amount of \$2,810.73 for the inspection of the elevated tank; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$2,706.00 for supplies; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

PRESENTATION ON KUMA ENERGY SOLUTIONS:

Ken Anno and Scweta Pahouja of Kuma Energy Solutions spoke to the Council about an idea to bring a wind energy turbine product from Japan to manufacture in the U.S.

The product is the Spiral Magnus Wind Turbine. They believe that Vandalia would be an ideal hub location to use as a manufacturing plant for their product.

They asked the council to agree to a resolution, by submitting the request for state funding under the Illinois Community Renewable Energy Grant for purchase and installation of a Spiral Magnus prototype from Japan.

Anno and Pahouja will submit the grant application with no financial obligations to the city at this time.

RESOLUTION #2009-10-19-A:
AUTHORIZING A COMMUNITY
RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm approving Resolution #2009-10-19-A, Authorizing A Community Renewable Energy Program Grant Application.

The grant application must be submitted before the October 26, 2009 deadline.

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

RESOLUTION #2009-10-19-B:
APPROVING NOVATION OF
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY &
OLD CAPITAL PROPERTIES, LLC
TO SHARE INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT COSTS

Chuck Keller, developer of the Holiday Inn Express was present for the Council meeting, telling the Council that he has been working to bring a restaurant to the property by the Holiday Inn Express. He said that he spoke with Applebees, Steak n Shake, Chilis, Krieger's, Niemergs, Garfield's, Ruby Tuesday's, Bob Evans, Cracker Barrel and others but none of the restaurants were interested due to either the economy or possibly demographics. He stated that other communities are having a difficult time landing restaurants also.

Keller is asking for an extra 18 months to try to find a restaurant for the property.

As part of the original agreement, there were fines imposed for every day there was not a restaurant on the property, after a certain period of time.

If the restaurant is in place and

open to the public within 18 months of date of this novation, the payment of liquidated damages as otherwise provided in the agreement is hereby waived.

Alderman Bennett stated that he could vote for this if there is a guarantee that we will have something. His concern is that they will come back and ask for another extension eighteen months from now.

Alderman Brosman stated that the city upheld their part of the bargain and felt that the other parties should do the same.

Brosman said that it was nothing personal but it's an agreement the City made with Old Capital Properties.

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch approving Resolution #2009-10-19-B, A Novation Of Agreement Between The City of Vandalia And Old Capital Properties, LLC to Share Infrastructure Improvement Costs.

Voting by roll call: Brosman, nay; Hobler, yea; Swarm, yea; McNutt, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Bennett, nay; Black, yea; Cable, absent. Motion carried. 5 yea and 2 nay.

RESOLUTION #2009-10-19-C:
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A
VETERANS TRIBUTE AT
KASKASKIA COLLEGE

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving Resolution #2009-10-19-C, In Support of a Veterans Tribute At Kaskaskia College.

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

**APPROVAL OF FINANCING ON
INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by McNutt approving the low bid from Midland States Bank in the amount of 3.25% for financing a 2010 International Dump Truck. The city will finance \$68,331.00 for four years. The total cost of the dump truck is \$87,831.00. Motion carried.

Others who submitted a bid were:
National Bank : 3.85%
First National Bank : 4.23%
First Bank: 6.5%

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF LAKE
LOT #38 TO SCOTT & RUTH ZOLA
FROM LONNIE PRUETT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Black approving the transfer of Lake Lot #38 from Lonnie Pruett to Scott and Ruth Zola. Motion carried.

**ENERGY PLUS ASSOCIATES, INC.
SERVICES PROPOSAL:**

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Bennett approving the proposal from Energy Plus Associates to look into ways that the city can lower its energy costs. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A copy of the weekly report from Illinois Department of Transportation was included in your packet.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Swarm gave the monthly report for September. There was \$19,903.86 in fines paid. The city's portion was \$7,377.00.

Hobler announced that the camping area at Vandalia Lake will close for the season the end of October.

JoAnn Givens Economic Development Tourism Director reported that she spoke with Ken Bardwell recently. His plans are to attend the December 7th Council Meeting.

She asked that everyone keep Ken and his family in your prayers.

Ken Bardwell's uncle passed away last week and his mother is suffering from a blood clot in her chest.

Givens also reported that letters of support for the Brownfield Assessment Grant were received from Senator Richard Durbin and U.S. Congressman John Shimkus. The grant could be used to clean up contaminated properties and make them suitable for productive use.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman announced Vandalia Main Street's Spooktacular Saturday will take place October 24, 2009 from 10:00 A.M. till 1:00 P.M.

The Halloween Parade will be held on Thursday, October 29th downtown. The parade will come down Gallatin St. turn on Fifth Street, then turn off Fifth Street at Johnson Street, and the parade will end at the former Kroger parking lot area due to the downtown construction.

Olde Tyme Christmas is scheduled for November 20th.

Dana is requesting anyone knowing of someone who would like to donate a Christmas tree for the top of the hill to contact her.

Dana announced that Gathe Tax Service paint project has been completed.

The next paint project will be the Interpretive Center beginning Tuesday morning.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR
GOTTMAN:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the National Road Interpretive Center has been awarded a Grant through the Federal Highway Administration National Scenic Byways Program in the amount of \$101,750.00. This grant covers the creation of interpretive panels and displays, but not operational costs.

Mayor Gottman announced that on October 13th he received a letter from Ameren IP attached with a map of the listing of trees to be trimmed by Ameren IP. The letter is on file at City Hall for the public to view.

CONCERNS FROM THE ALDERMEN:

Alderman Feldpouch asked if Motown had reimbursed the city for the traffic impact study.

Mayor Gottman stated they have been billed but at this time we have not received any money.

Alderman Swarm asked if the city has had any contact with Governmental Consulting Solution.

Mayor Gottman reported that there is a conference call every Wednesday, that he along with Jimmy Morani are working with them on possibly grant money. Hopefully there will be an announcement soon on some work that they are working on for the city.

Mayor Gottman said that he would have Morani put the list of items that the city is going after for grant dollars in the next board packet.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Feldpouch to adjourn. Motion carried.

