

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

November 2, 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, Feldpouch and McNutt.

**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 October 19, 2009 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.

**SPECIAL BILLS:**

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Cable approving the Special Bills as presented: Geissler Roofing Company in the amount of \$11,850.00 for final payment on City Hall roof; AmerenIP in the amount of \$16,432.37 for electric; AmerenIP in the amount of \$4,301.39 for street lights; Wal-Mart in the amount of \$27,308.14 for roadway reimbursement; CSX Transportation in the amount of \$12,437.93 for installation of storm water pipe; South Central FS Inc, in the amount of \$1,892.72 for grader tires; Southwestern Il. Tourism in the amount of \$3,591.56 for full page ad

and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter commitment; Craig Antenna Service in the amount of \$2,269.18 for installation of radio at Water Plant; Gonzalez Companies in the amount of \$2,760.00 for engineering services; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$9,841.69 for chemical supplies; Motion carried.

**MARY TRUITT HAS HEART PROBLEMS:**

Mayor Gottman announced that Mary Truitt has been treated at a Springfield hospital with heart problems. He asked that everyone keep her in their thoughts and prayers.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by McNutt approving the Planning Commission minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2009-11-2-A:  
AMENDING CHAPTER 17 ZONING  
AT SECTION 17.28.010 CHANGE  
BY PETITION**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Ordinance #2009-11-2-A, Amending Chapter 17 Zoning At Section 17.28.010 Change By Petition.

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

**APPROVAL OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Black approving the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN FOR ENERGY PURCHASE CONTRACT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Feldpouch authorizing Mayor Gottman to execute an energy purchasing agreement to save the city money on their power bills. Motion carried.

City Administrator Morani says Schreiber with Energy Plus told him they could save up to \$27,000 over the next three year agreement. Morani says that Centralia is currently doing this, and that many large businesses may look at the possibility also.

**CRAIG O'S TO OPEN IN THE VANDALIA COMMONS NEXT YEAR:**

Craig Wooldridge and Todd Logan owners of Craig O's in Salem told the Council that they plan to open an Italian Restaurant in the Vandalia Commons. They plan to open in January.

The two requested a liquor license for the restaurant. They are asking to serve beer and wine. Their request for a liquor license will be acted on at the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**RICKY R. COX ASKING FOR OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGINEERING & SURVEYING SERVICES:**

Ricky R. Cox, who offers engineering and surveying services spoke to the Council on services that he can provide to the City of Vandalia. He stressed that he is a Vandalia native and felt that the Council should look locally for such services.

He spoke on his experience and educational background which he believes would show his ability to perform any engineering and surveying services for projects small or large for the City of Vandalia.

**T-21 PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman stated that the downtown project is 75% complete. They were slowed down in their progress last week due to the heavy rains.

Mayor Gottman stated that there was an issue with the heavy rains, some of the downtown businesses basements being flooded.

John Moyer Public Works Director explained that was probably from the trenches that the construction crew was digging while they are working on the project. Those problems should go away once the project is completed.

**REPORTS:**

Morani announced that he will meet with each department head to discuss their budget. He is asking each department head to recommend areas where their budget can be reduced.

Morani reported that he will start submitting a report on agenda items and other notes on projects and administrative operations to keep the Council more informed.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Alderman Cable reported that we are getting water from the lake at this time.

Cable also announced following the Council Meeting the Water Committee will review a complaint form.

JoAnn Sasse Givens submitted her monthly report to the Council for the month of November.

She reported that the grant with Kuma Energy Solutions was submitted at 4:28 P.M. on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

She also reported that she finished Brownfield Assessment grant and submitted it to EPA on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

She also met with Todd Tracy and Rob Powell from Agracel regarding marketing remaining portion of the Agracel Building.

She stated that she responded to a lead for Plastics Manufacturing Facility. They did not want to

retrofit, needed a 75' bump up roof over 10,000 sq. ft. of the building and equipment in place. The City did submit for retrofit anyway, but the broker informed Dave Pearson at the state that the company found a perfect building empty in Ohio.

Givens announced that representatives for Motown will be present for the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the YMCA will officially hold a groundbreaking for their new facility at 710 Rock Island at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Gottman announced that the construction work on The Depot is moving along quickly.

Mayor Gottman also announced that he received a letter from NewWave Communications stating that they will be increasing their rates effective December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Gottman reported that he met with Paul who represents Ameren IP in regard to the tree trimming.

Paul did relay to the Mayor that they will do courtesy calls before they trim any trees. The plans are available at City Hall for the public to review.

**HURST-ROSCHE REPORT:**

Scott Hunt, Hurst-Rosche Engineering gave a brief report on the status of projects under contract with their firm.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:19 P.M.**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Hobler to move into Executive Session to discuss probably litigation Section 5ILCS 120/2, the

sale or inquiry of real estate Section 5ILCS 120/2 (5) and personnel matters of 5ILCS 120/2 (1).

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT  
9:23 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 9:23 P.M.

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting with a roll call: Cable, yea; Brosman, yea; McNutt, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Hobler, yea; Swarm, yea; Bennett, yea; Black, yea.

There was no action taken from Executive Session.

Mayor Gottman announced due to all the construction in the downtown area there will be no Christmas tree at the top of the hill.

Mayor Gottman announced that there will not be a City Christmas party this year due to the cost and expenses.

Mayor Gottman also announced that there was a Freedom of Information Act filed on the IML conference that elected officials attended in Chicago in the month of September. The information was given to Trevor Elam who requested the information.

Brosman stated in lieu of the annual Christmas Party, I assume that a Christmas card will be sent to everyone who would normally be invited to the Christmas Party?

Mayor Gottman stated that a young man in the community went through the art class in Vandalia who drew a picture

of City Hall that we will have made into a Christmas card to send out.

Mayor Gottman also informed the Council that he along with Jimmy are having monthly department head meetings with all the department heads, talking about what's going on, what the issues are and what their needs are.

Swarm asked that a recap of those meetings be included in the councilmen's packet.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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









