

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

November 16, 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. 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 John Lester, a former business owner and the building code official for the City of Vandalia.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Black approving the minutes from the November 2, 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 Cable and seconded by Brosman approving all Special Bills as submitted: Lowenbaum Partnership, in the amount of

\$3,622.50 for professional services offered; Governmental Consulting in the amount of \$2,000.00 for consulting services; First National Bank in the amount of \$23,379.60 for settlement agreement; Prairie / Archway International in the amount of \$19,500.00 for down payment on 2010 International Dump Truck; Cargill Incorporated in the amount of \$5,280.29 for salt; Knebel Auto/Marine in the amount of \$1,897.62 for replacing bilge pump, rebuild power head, replace water pump and etc.; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$10,093.84 for fuel; Gonzalez Companies in the amount of \$14,852.25 for project engineering services; Farnsworth Group, Inc. in the amount of \$4,940.10 for survey of river bottom; South Central FS Inc. in the amount of \$1,783.94 for tractor tires; Vandalia Sand and Gravel in the amount of \$2,094.90 for aggregate products; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$7,108.52 for chemical supplies; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

ORDINANCE #2009-11-16-A:
AMENDING VANDALIA MUNICIPAL
CODE AT TITLE V BUSINESS
LICENSES & REGULATIONS AT
SECTION 5.08.070
NUMBER OF LICENSES

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Brosman amending the Vandalia Municipal Code At Title V Business Licenses And Regulations At Section 5.08.070 Number of Licenses, the number of Class E liquor Licenses should not exceed eight (8) at any time.

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

**COLES STREET PROJECT BID
LETTING:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch approving the low bid from Bruce Concrete Construction Inc. of Granite City in the amount of \$218,693.11 for the Coles Street project. Motion carried.

Their bid is well under the engineer's cost estimate of \$323,350 and slightly above the allotment of the City's stimulus funds which is \$210,978.00.

**RESOLUTION #2009-11-16-B:
AUTHORIZING ACQUISITION OF A
2010 INTERNATIONAL MODEL
7400 4X2 DUMP TRUCK AND LOAN
DOCUMENTS THERETO PERTAINING**

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Brosman approving the purchase of a 2010 International Dump Truck for a total cost of \$87,831.00. The City will put \$19,500 down for the truck and finance \$68,331 for four years from Midland States Bank with an interest rate of 3.25%.

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-11-16-C:
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF
FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND
TO CEMETERY OPERATIONS &
MAINTENANCE FUND**

A motion was made by McNutt and seconded by Black approving a transfer of \$10,000 from General Fund to Cemetery Operations and Maintenance.

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

**ORDINANCE #2009-11-16-D:
AUTHORIZING & DIRECTING
EXECUTION OF A RIGHT OF WAY
EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF FAYETTE
WATER COMPANY**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Black adopting Ordinance #2009-11-16-D, Authorizing And Directing Execution Of A Right Of Way Easement In Favor Of Fayette Water Company.

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

**BURTSCHI SUBDIVISION
REZONING REFERRED BACK TO
PLANNING COMMISSION:**

A motion was made by Black and seconded by McNutt to refer the Burtschi Subdivision Rezoning back to the Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2009-11-16-E:
SUPPORTING NATIONAL DRUNK
AND DRUGGED DRIVING (3D)
PREVENTION MONTH DECEMBER
2009**

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Black approving Resolution #2009-11-16-E, Supporting National Drunk And Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month December 2009.

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

T-21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman announced that the downtown project is moving along well before the rains slowed the project down. The middle lane of the current work has been poured, and the crews hope to get back to work by Thursday.

A weekly report was submitted to each alderman from IDOT on the downtown project.

Donnell Conaway owner of Something Special addressed the council in regard to her building downtown. When tearing out the sidewalk on the south side of Gallatin St., construction crews learned that part of the foundation of Something Special was setting on that sidewalk.

Donnell stated they tore out part of the foundation when tearing out the sidewalk.

If Donnell fixed the problem the cost would be \$2,420.00. If the city agreed to take care of it, the cost would be \$4,110.00 due to paying prevailing wage rates.

She told the Council that she can't do it right now, because she did not have the money.

Mayor Gottman stated that if the City was involved in helping to pay for the repairs, the money would have to come out of the contingency money for the project, which still has \$18,000.00.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Black and seconded by Bennett to cover the cost of repairs. Motion carried.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman reported that Main Street will be holding their second annual pie auction this week.

Old Tyme Christmas will take place Friday evening in downtown Vandalia from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable stated the Water Committee will review two complaint forms following the council meeting.

Swarm gave the monthly Police Report for the month of October.

There was \$21,622.03 collected in fines. The City's portion was \$6,957.00.

McNutt announced that a Cemetery Committee meeting will be held Thursday evening, November 19th at 4:45 P.M. at City Hall.

Economic Development Director JoAnn Givens, reported that selected members of the Motown group will be attending the December 7th council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Gottman stated the Insurance Committee met on Thursday evening, November 12th to discuss the possible change of Liability/Worker's Compensation Insurance.

The FY 2010 Tax Levy will be addressed at the December 7th council meeting.

Mayor Gottman reported that he attended the Veterans Program in St. Louis on November 7th.

He attended the Southern Illinois Mayor's Meeting in Carbondale.

Morani has met with all department heads in regards to cutting the budget. We will be amending the budget the first part of 2010.

Mayor Gottman reported that The Depot is moving along very well. They are looking at a March 2010 opening.

Craig'Os will start construction in the morning. They are looking at a January opening at the latest.

Mayor Gottman announced that a prospect was here last Friday to tour the Orgill building.

Mayor Gottman stated that the current prospect is looking for a shell building. The mayor stated that it was a partial distribution company.

The engineering firm looking at the river intake will be back on site soon. The delay was due to a death in the family.

The Vandalia Rotary Club will hold their annual Christmas parade on December 5th at 10:00 A.M.

Mayor Gottman along with Chief Eason attended the first Fayette County Youth Forum on Wednesday, November 4th at the Vandalia Junior High.

There will be a Blood Mobile tomorrow at The Moose from noon till 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

