

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

January 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: Cable, Brosman, McNutt, Hobler, Bennett, Swarm and Black. Feldpouch was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Black approving the minutes from the January 5, 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 Hobler approving all Special Bills as submitted: Hurst Rosche Engineers in the amount of \$3,150.00 for bridge inspections; Cargill Inc. in the amount of \$14,000.43 for bulk salt; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$5,190.18 for garage fuel; Univar USA, Inc. in

the amount of \$4,447.20 for mozofloc; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$3,766.99 for chemicals; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF VANDALIA ZONING DIST. MAP FAILED:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Black requesting to amend the City of Vandalia Zoning District Map.

Petitioner Larry Joe & Jeanine Wright requested to have property located in Lot 3 in Blk 7 rezoned from "RT" Two Family Residential to "CG" General Commercial.

A roll call vote was taken: Brosman, nay; Swarm, nay; Bennett, nay; Black, nay; Hobler, nay; McNutt, nay; Cable, nay; Feldpouch was absent. Request was denied.

LAKE LOT #76 TRANSFER FROM DEBBIE & CHARLES SEGRIST TO CYNTHIA & DOUGLAS HILL APPROVED:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman approving Lake Lot #76 transfer from Debbie & Charles Segrist to Cynthia & Douglas Hill. Motion carried.

All necessary fees have been paid.

APPROVAL OF TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM 12/09/08:

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Swarm approving the Tourism Commission Meeting Minutes from the December 9, 2008 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2009-1-19-A: AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING #2008-11-3-G:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm approving Ordinance #2009-1-19-A, An Ordinance Rescinding No. 2008-11-3-A.

The ordinance amendment relates to a piece of property owned by Mike Wehrle that is not in the city's TIF District boundaries.

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

T21 GRANT PROJECT:

Loren Jackson of HMG Engineering reported that the bids were opened on the Gallatin Street Enhancement Streetscape Project on January 16th and two contractors' submitted bids.

Hanks Excavating & Landscaping submitted a bid of \$3,888,880.40 and Plocher Construction Company submitted a bid of \$4,394,236.00.

The estimated cost of the project was \$3,550,648.50. The low bid is \$338,231.90 or 9.5% above the estimate.

It is the recommendation of HMG to accept the low bid from Hank's Excavating & Landscaping. Despite the low bid being above the estimated cost, it is within a reasonable range and the City is not likely to get a better price by rebidding the project due to the past history of this project according to HMG.

Alderman Cable asked if it would be possible for the council to go ahead and approve the low bid, contingent on approval by HMG and IDOT.

City Attorney stated that could be done.

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

MORANI REPORT:

City Administrator Morani reported that he spoke with Bill Flowers, representative for NewWave Communications in regard to the upgrades for the high definition change over.

Morani stated that NewWave plans to inform customers about local changes through marketing in about a month.

Morani reported that he along with Joann met with a representative from a new firm who plans to operate a soybean research facility in Vandalia.

Upon researching the Zoning Ordinance, it was determined that this type of business is only permitted in the Light Industrial Zoning District. In an effort to facilitate the site selection process for this company Morani recommended the council to consider a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to permit this type of use in the General Commercial Zoning District, with some restrictions.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable authorizing Morani to refer this text amendment to the Planning Commission to be considered at their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 17th. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable authorizing Public Works Director, John Moyer to go out for bid for a new backhoe. Motion carried.

Cable stated that one water complaint form will be reviewed following the council meeting.

Economic Development Director Jo Ann Givens also mentioned the potential business which would be an agriculture research group to Vandalia.

She also stated that she is currently working on a proposal to go out this week, on an Economic Development opportunity for Vandalia.

Givens announced that there will be a grant writing meeting this Thursday evening at 7:00 P.M. in regard to the Street Rod Festival planned for this fall.

Givens also reported that the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency did not restore any monies for the Grande Levee.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman announced that the National Interpretive Center will open on February 12th. A ribbon cutting will take place at 2:00 P.M. The center plans to open from 2:00 P.M. till 5:30 P.M.

Whiteman announced that training will take place on March 10th on the new Looking for Lincoln storyboards.

Whiteman announced that "A Night At The Races" will be held on February 7th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Mayor Gottman announced that John Lester is recuperating at home. We wish him a speedy recovery.

A list of the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Economic Development Commission meetings scheduled for 2009 were included in your packets.

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with Alderman Swarm will be attending the Rt. 51 meeting in Pana on January 22nd.

Mayor Gottman and JoAnn Givens will be attending the South Central Illinois Growth Alliance meeting on January 28th.

The Chamber of Commerce annual banquet will be held at the American Legion Home on January 29th.

The Family YMCA will be holding their auction on January 31st.

Mayor Gottman reported that twenty four stimulus packages were sent out from his office to all the legislators that represent both state and federal.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:10
P.M. :**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Black to move into Executive Session under the Act Chapter 5 ILCS 120/2 to discuss the release of minutes from previous meetings and possible litigation at 8:10 P.M.

A roll call vote was taken: Swarm, yea; Cable, yea; McNutt, yea; Brosman, yea; Bennett, yea; Black, yea; Hobler, yea. Motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES
AT 8:45 P.M.:

Executive Session ended at 8:45 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session meeting with a roll call: Swarm, yea; Cable, yea; Brosman, yea; Bennett, yea; Hobler, yea; McNutt, yea; Black, yea; Feldpouch, absent.

RELEASE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS
MEETINGS:

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Cable to release the Executive Session minutes from previous meetings.

The following minutes were approved to be released:

June 2, 1997	July 6, 1999
September 5, 2000	August 5, 2002
January 2, 2007	September 17, 2007
May 5, 2008	

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.

