

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

December 21, 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, Bennett, Black, McNutt and Feldpouch. Hobler 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 Black approving the minutes from the December 7, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**REGULAR BILLS:**

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Brosman 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: Lowenbaum Partnership in the amount of \$1,766.25 for general legal services; Wal-Mart Stores in the amount of \$31,189.65 for reimbursement on roadway; Ameren IP in the amount of \$9,841.14 for street lights; Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush in the amount of \$5,242.09 for legal fees

for Vandalia Lake report; Steven C. Henna, in the amount of \$3,070.33 for TIF reimbursement; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$4,890.06 for fuel for the garage; Richards Brick Company, in the amount of \$1,935.22 for brick pavers; HMG in the amount of \$37,698.17 for the Gallatin Street project; Hurst Rosche Engineers in the amount of \$3,510.00 for West Main St. water extension; Vandalia Tractor Sales in the amount of \$2,187.95 for tractor repairs; Centraz Industries in the amount of \$2,625.00 for sewer supplies; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$9,995.90 for supplies; Ameren IP in the amount of \$11,586.78 for electric; Hurst Rosche Engineers, in the amount of \$1,870.00 for survey and engineering services on the Vandalia Lake Spillway. Motion carried.

Kevin Elam, employee for the city, asked if there was a breakdown available on the special bills.

Mayor Gottman gave him a copy for him to review.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 15, 2009:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Black approving the Planning Commission Minutes from the December 15, 2009 meeting as submitted. Motion carried. Alderman Cable abstained from voting.

**T21 GRANT PROJECT:**

A weekly report from I.D.O.T. was enclosed in your packets on the downtown enhancement project.

Mayor Gottman announced that work on the downtown project continued through today.

They will take a break for the holidays.

City Administrator Morani stated the project is about 85% complete.

The pavement, crosswalks, driveways and alleys are completed. Sidewalk pouring started mid November and is halfway completed at this time.

**GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTING  
SOLUTIONS UPDATE:**

Mayor Gottman stated Governmental Consulting Solutions is lobbying to make sure that the city receives funding for improvements to Seventh and Eighth Streets.

Mayor Gottman announced that Senator Kyle McCarter and Representative Ron Stephens each lobbied for \$200,000.00 for those improvements.

Mayor Gottman said the consulting firm asks that letters be sent out to those legislators to ask for those dollars to be pushed up to the first of their year.

Mayor Gottman also announced that the consulting firm is working to lobby in the state capitol for increasing the number of inmates for the Vandalia Correctional Center.

The city is hoping to get the VCC population total at or close to its original number when the 2010 census is conducted.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Bret Brosman, Chairman of the Street Committee gave an update of the Street Committee Meeting held on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Brosman stated that he was approached by Tyler and Stephanie Montgomery about vacating the portion of Water Street that lies just south of Randolph Street, as well as their property.

Brosman stated that he learned on Monday morning, that Montgomery's withdrew their request.

Another issue discussed was the parking problem at Sixth St. and Lincoln Street. No recommendation or action was taken at this time.

Brosman said that they encouraged the owners of Do or Dye Salon to work on some off street parking on the property.

Item #3 they were approached by Randy Edwards and Bill LaDage in regard to some runoff of storm water that comes down the hill on Sunflower, runs into culvert and runs in a stream through their properties.

Brosman stated that the committee would like to have City Attorney Jack Johnston look over this matter from a liability stand point and see what he would have to say.

Item #4, Brosman stated that they talked about the sad state of the balance in the Motor Fuel Tax and the ongoing oil and chip program that they try to do one-third of the city each and every year. The committee agrees that 2010 should be a light year, and once the fund is built up again, they

will continue with the program they have been following.

Cable announced that there will be a work session at 5:30 on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 on the river intake issues.

The report is from the Gonzalez Company. Cable said some of it he could understand, but other parts, he did not.

Cable mentioned that the Gonzalez Group will be on hand to explain their recommendations.

Cable reported that the spillway at the lake is completed.

Alderman Swarm gave the monthly Police Report for the month of November.

The total amount of fines that were collected in November was \$19,137.00. The City's portion was \$6,468.00.

Swarm announced that plans are underway for "The Night At The Races" set for February 2010.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be a work session on January 4<sup>th</sup>, following the council meeting. It will be a personnel work session reviewing Jimmy Morani's evaluation.

Mayor Gottman wished everyone a "Happy Holiday". Hoping for better things in the new year.

**ALDERMAN SWARM THANKS MOYER FOR FIXING SIDEWALK ON KENNEDY:**

Swarm thanked John Moyer and his crew for getting the sidewalk handicap accessible on Kennedy Blvd.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING  
LITIGATION WITH MOTOWN AT  
7:51 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Black to move into Executive Session to talk about Motown for a pending litigation. Motion carried.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT  
8:05 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:05 P.M.

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

There was no action taken from Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Black and seconded by Feldpouch to adjourn. Motion carried.

