

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

January 5, 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, Feldpouch, McNutt, Black and Swarm. 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 Feldpouch approving the minutes from the December 15, 2008 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 Cable and seconded by McNutt approving all Special Bills as presented: Wal-Mart Stores in the amount of \$33,220.74 for roadway improvements; First National Bank in the amount of \$14,575.00 on loan for the 2006 Int. Dump truck; HMG in the amount of \$2,160.88 for surveying fees at Eastview Estates; Ameren IP in the amount of \$18,319.18; Breathing Air Systems Division in the amount of \$2,768.94 Vandalia Asphalt in the amount of \$2,397.20 for patch mix; Jody Osborne in the amount of \$24,000 for TIF reimbursement;

Octochem in the amount of \$27,627.17 for TIF reimbursement; Leo Murray, Jr. in the amount of \$3,000. for TIF reimbursement; HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$1,875.00 for supplies; Centraz Industries in the amount of \$1,875.00 for sewer solvent; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$2,269.50 for chemicals; Univar USA, Inc. in the amount of 4,447.20 for mozofloc; Motion carried.

PRESENTATION GIVEN BY JOHN ASHDOWN ON YMCA REC CENTER:

On behalf of the Fayette Co. YMCA, John Ashdown gave a presentation on efforts being made by the YMCA to build a new facility across from the KC Campus.

Ashdown says the facility would be a 16,900 sq. ft. facility, and would allow room for a gymnasium, a full locker room and a raised jogging and walking track over the gym.

Ashdown also added they are working on building T-ball, baseball, soccer and football fields in the Miller Field across from the campus.

Ashdown said they are looking for assistance with the project from the city. They are looking to raise two million dollars for the project, and they are currently halfway there.

2009 COUNCIL MEETING LIST APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Black approving the list of Council Meeting dates as submitted. Motion carried.

2009 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE DATES APPROVED:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable approving the Holidays the city will observe for 2009. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING
COMMISSION MINUTES FROM
12/16/08:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch approving the minutes from the Planning Commission on the December 16, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS MINUTES FROM
12/17/08:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving the minutes from the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on the December 17, 2008. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2009-1-5-A:
AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Swarm approving Ordinance #2009-1-5-A, Amending Chapter 17 Of The Vandalia Municipal Code At Section 5.6 Medical District Subsection 5.6.2 Permitted Uses by the addition of Offices Of Insurance Agents, Brokers and Service.

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

**ORDINANCE #2009-1-5-B:
AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE
VANDALA MUNICIPAL CODE:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Cable approving Ordinance #2009-1-5-B, Amending Chapter 17 of The Vandalia Municipal Code, be amended at Article 5, Section 5.6 Medical District Subsection 5.6.2 Permitted Uses by the Public Health Departments and Agencies.

Article 5, Section 5.7 Downtown Commercial District 5.7.2 Permitted Uses by Public Health Departments & Agencies.

Article 5, Section 5.9 Light Industrial District Subsection 5.9.2 Permitted Uses by the Public Health Departments and Agencies.

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

RESOLUTION 2009-1-5-C:
MAINTENANCE OF STREETS &
HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY
UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY
CODE:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Black approving Resolution 2009-1-5-C, Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$404,373.60 for January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2009-1-5-D:
ANNEXATION INTO THE CITY
SUBMITTED BY STEVE & KYLE
BARKER:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Swarm approving the Ordinance #2009-1-5-D, An Ordinance of Annexation submitted by Steve and Kyle Barker.

Barker is asking to have eight lots on Illini Ave. located south of P&G Machine Shop brought into the city limits.

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

VANDALIA MAIN STREET BOARD
REQUEST FOR \$7,500.00:

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Bennett approving the second distribution to Vandalia Main Street in the amount of \$7,500.00. Motion carried.

BID ACCEPTED FROM
METTLER DEVELOPMENT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$72,570.00 FOR
GALLATIN ST. SEWER
IMPROVEMENTS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Swarm approving the low bid from Mettler Development, LLC of Highland in the amount of \$72,570.00 for the Gallatin Street Sewer Improvements. Motion carried.

**REZONE PROPERTY DIED FOR
LACK OF MOTION:**

A motion to rezone Lot 3 in Block 7, in the Commercial Addition to the City of Vandalia from "RT" Two Family Residential to "CG" General Commercial died for lack of motion.

Petitioner Larry Joe Wright, Jr. & Jeanine M. Wright requested the zone change.

The Planning Commission also voted not to recommend the zoning change.

T21 GRANT PROJECT:

Loren Jackson of HMG Engineering stated that at least six or seven contractors have shown an interest in bidding on the downtown enhancement project, which is currently out for bid through IDOT. Jackson said the bid opening is set for January 16th.

MORANI REPORT:

Morani reported that he has compiled all the annexation and zoning ordinances from 2008 to submit them to Hurst Rosche Engineering to update our city base map for publication in March.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable announced following the council meeting, the Water Committee will review some water complaint forms.

Cable announced a Water Committee Meeting will be held on January 19th at 6:30 P.M.

Cable reported due to the very high levels on the river led them to switch to get water from the lake.

Cable stated when the river sees very high levels it causes problems with the water intake.

Mayor Gottman reported that he was notified by Randy Edwards that he will be resigning as a member of the Lake Committee due to commitments made for the upcoming summer.

JoAnn Givens submitted a monthly report to the council on her economic development activities.

Givens also reported that she is met with the Looking For Lincoln Brochure designer.

Givens also met another potential restaurateur to discuss incentives, business plans and etc.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman introduced Steve Barker as the new Design Chairman for Main Street.

Whiteman reported that Main Street had a very successful 2008 year.

HURST-ROSCHE ENGINEERING REPORT:

Scott Hunt with Hurst Roche Engineers reported that a preconstruction meeting was held on December 16th for the fire station renovation.

Hunt stated the renovation should get underway next week weather permitting.

According to Hunt, the contractor has ordered the overhead door.

The targeted dates for roof replacement for the City Hall is as follows, specs on roof by February 2nd; pre-bid on February 12th; bid opening on February 24th and the city would award the bid contract on March 2nd.

Hunt also reported that they have completed the inspection of seven bridges. Hunt stated nothing has worsened since the last inspections.

The next inspection will be in two years.

Hunt also mentioned that they will review the specs on the Cemetery Maintenance Building which was put on hold after coming in over the city's budget.

Mayor Gottman stated that something needs to be done with the building at the cemetery. It is in very poor condition.

MAYOR GOTTMAN'S REPORT:

Mayor Gottman reported that he received a call from Senator Frank Watson. Watson requested a list of projects that are going on in Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman also reported the Marty Davis, owner of McDonald's held an appreciation breakfast for the crossing guards, which also included Chief of Police Larry Eason and Mayor Gottman. Mayor Gottman thanked Davis for helping to fund the crossing guard program.

Mayor Gottman reported that he is continuing to work with Director Grimes with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency on the reopening of the Vandalia Statehouse.

Mayor Gottman stated that they are hopeful to have someone in place by the end of the month. Definitely by Lincoln's 200th birthday on February 12th.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will represent the City in twenty-eight meetings throughout the region in the month of January.

Mayor Gottman announced that Ben Shroyer has opened a new business in the downtown area. It is a business dealing with security systems.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Feldpouch asked if there was any update on the possibility of Walgreens coming to Vandalia.

Economic Director Givens says that Joseph Hurwitz, who has been handling the possible location issue for Walgreens, has presented the information and plan on to Walgreens and they are waiting on answers.

Givens said Walgreens may need some assistance to move ahead with the project. They have already spent around \$73,000 on the project. At this time there is no secondary site location for Walgreens in Vandalia.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

