

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

February 17, 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, McNutt, Brosman, Black and Bennett. Feldpouch and Hobler were 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 Brosman approving the minutes from the February 2, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm approving the regular bills as presented. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Cable approving all Special Bills as submitted: Hurst Rosche Engineers in the amount of \$8,385.00 for engineering fees on the

City Hall roof replacement; Cargill Inc., in the amount of \$3,389.09 for bulk salt; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$4,841.17 for garage fuel; Centraz Industries in the amount \$1,875.00 for sewer solvent; Sidener Environmental Services in the amount of \$2,234.48 for maintenance to equipment; G.S. Robins in the amount of \$5,121.00 for chemicals; Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF VANDALIA TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM 1/13/09:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving the Vandalia Tourism Commission meeting minutes from January 13, 2009. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2009-2-17-A: ORDINANCE OF VACATION

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Brosman adopting Ordinance #2009-2-17-A, An Ordinance of Vacation just east of Jay's Restaurant.

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

APPROVAL OF MFT BIDS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable accepting the proposed Motor Fuel Tax bids for street materials. Motion carried.

2009 CASE BACKHOE FINANCING BIDS:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded Cable approving the low bid from First National Bank for the financing of the 2009 Case 580 Super M Series Backhoe. Motion carried.

The rates submitted were as follows:

First National Bank	3.74%
Midland States Bank	3.88%
National Bank	3.89%

The City will finance \$22,645.00 for two years.

2010 CENSUS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by McNutt, adopting Resolution #2009-2-17-B, Supporting 2010 Census Partnership Agreement.

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-2-17-C:
AGREEMENT WITH HURST-ROSCHE ENGINEERS ON CEMETERY BUILDING:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Brosman approving Resolution 2009-2-17-C, An Engineering Agreement Between the City of Vandalia and Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc.

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

**ORDINANCE #2009-2-17-D:
APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT FOR EAST VIEW ESTATES:**

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by McNutt, Approving A Final Plat for East View Estates Phase I Subdivision.

The subdivision is located on the east side of Zent Drive.

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

**ORDINANCE #2009-2-17-E:
AMENDING THE CITY OF VANDALIA ZONING DISTRICT MAP:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable adopting Ordinance #2009-2-17-E, Amending The City of Vandalia Zoning District Map for East View Estates, LLC, to rezone from "A-1" Agricultural to "RS" Single Family Residential.

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

T-21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman announced that the infrastructure work on the downtown streetscape project could begin within the next two weeks. Motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Alderman Brosman stated that he was approached by Chief of Police Larry Eason asking for parking to be allowed on the east side of Fifth Street from the Johnson Street intersection south to the First National Bank parking lot entrance for police, fire and other municipal emergency vehicles only.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable directing City Attorney Johnston to draft an ordinance to this effect. Motion carried.

Cable stated that there will be a Water & Sewer Committee Meeting to review some water complaint forms following the Council Meeting.

Swarm gave the monthly report for the Police Department for January 2009.

There were \$33,951.37 collected in fines and the city's portion was \$10,028.00.

Swarm reported that the contractors are working on the extra bay area at the Fire Station and hope to complete the work this week.

Jimmy Morani mentioned that the roof replacement on City Hall is out for bid at this time.

The pre-bid meeting was held on February 12th. The bid opening is set for February 24th. Action will be taken at the March 1st meeting.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM
REPORT:**

JoAnn Givens stated she met with Dan Jansen and Jimmy to investigate the possibility of RBEG grant for water and sewer extensions in several locations in the city limits.

Givens mentioned that the Census Testing numbers have been low. Anyone wishing to help with the census count can call 866-861-2010.

Givens also announced that grant applications for the Tax Increment Finance assistance program are now available through her office.

Givens announced that the Fayette County Farm Bureau, along with seven other County Farm Bureaus, is sponsoring a Motorcycle Poker Run to be held in conjunction with the National Road Festival. They will be traveling across state with plans to stop in Vandalia on Saturday, June 20th, for a water stop. There will be 250 motorcycles participating in the event. She requested that a portion on the east side of the Statehouse be blocked off for their motorcycles.

Mayor Gottman reported the hiring of an employee for the Vandalia Statehouse is pending, waiting for the Governor's signature.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Main Street Director Dana Whiteman mentioned that the design committee is working on an informational kiosk to be placed in Lincoln Park to draw people further downtown into businesses.

Dana announced that "Mornings on Main Street" was held at City Hall with a small group attending.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10th at 8:00 A.M. at Celebrations.

Dana also mentioned that members of Main Street will be "taking paint to the streets" as their contribution as a thank you for doing the Streetscape project.

Another Main Street mural is completed and will be put up on the side of Uncle Charlie's Krazy Barn, the former Ben Franklin Building.

Dana announced that the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Home Show in the gym of the Vandalia Junior High on Saturday, February 28th.

On March 10th The Looking For Lincoln Hospitality Training in the afternoon and in the evening, followed by the Candidates Forum sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce at the KC Campus.

Whiteman also announced that she along with Steve Barker and Jo Lineberry will be attending the National Main Street Conference in Chicago on March 1st. Illinois will be the host for the National Conference this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Mayor Gottman congratulated the Lady Vandal Basketball team for winning the regional title and also winning the first game in sectionals.

Mayor Gottman directed City Attorney Johnston to draw up an ordinance reducing the Class E liquor license to five (5).

Mayor Gottman announced that he met with Mr. Sloan owner of Sloan Implement of Assumption who has purchased Wehrle Brothers Equipment.

Mayor Gottman announced that he will be attending the Southern Illinois Mayor's Association Meeting tomorrow evening in Mt. Vernon.

Mayor Gottman will be attending a ceremony at the Kaskaskia College on February 19th.

Mayor Gottman announced that John Lester is in the Fayette County Hospital at this time. We wish him a speedy recovery.

GOOD TURN OUT FOR RIBBON CUTTING AT INTERPRETIVE CENTER:

Alderman Swarm stated that a good crowd gathered for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the National Road Interpretive Center on Thursday, February 12th.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

