

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

March 2, 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 and Hobler. Feldpouch and McNutt were absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Swarm approving the minutes from the February 17, 2009 meeting as presented. 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 Cable and seconded by Black approving all Special Bills as submitted: Burnside Johnston Law Office in the amount of \$12,851.75 for legal fees; Ameren IP in the amount of \$22,866.82 for electric; Cargill Inc. in the amount of \$3,482.58 for salt; Tee's Plus, Inc. in the amount of \$1,686.30 for DARE supplies; HMG in the amount of

\$2,229.78 for surveying/engineering expense for Gallatin Street Project; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$2,706.00 for supplies; Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$5,582.73 for maintenance to equipment; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$3,635.22 for chemical supplies. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETING:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Black approving the minutes from the Zoning Board of Adjustments Meeting held on February 18, 2009. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2009:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Cable approving the minutes from the February 17, 2009 Planning Commission as submitted.

**RESOLUTION #2009-3-2-A: SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY FACILITY FINANCING PROGRAM BY THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT & FAYCO ENTERPRISES, INC.**

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Bennett adopting Resolution #2009-3-2-A, In Support Of A Community Facility Financing Program By The USDA Rural Development & FAYCO Enterprises, Inc.

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-3-2-B: SUPPORT OF A COMMUNITY FACIITY FINANCING PROGRAM BY THE COOPERATION OF THE CHICAGO FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK BOARD, USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT & FAYCO ENTERPRISES, INC.**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable adopting Resolution #2009-3-2-B, In Support of A Community Facility Financing Program By The Cooperation Of The Chicago Federal Home Loan Bank Board, USDA Rural Development & FAYCO Enterprises, Inc.

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

**ORDINANCE #2009-3-2-C:**  
**AMENDING THE VANDALIA**  
**MUNICIPAL CODE AT TITLE X**  
**VEHICLES & TRAFFIC AT**  
**CHAPTER 10.16 PARKING ON**  
**SPECIFIED STREETS**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable, adopting Ordinance #2009-3-2-C, Amending The Vandalia Municipal Code At Title X Vehicles And Traffic At Chapter 10.16 Parking On Specified Streets.

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-3-2-D:**  
**OPPOSING HB 63 AND SB 43 OF**  
**THE 96<sup>TH</sup> ILLINOIS GENERAL**  
**ASSEMBLY**

It was moved by Black and seconded by Cable adopting Resolution #2009-3-2-D, Opposing House Bill 63 and Senate Bill 43 Of The 96<sup>th</sup> Illinois General Assembly.

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

**ORDINANCE #2009-3-2-E:**  
**AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE**  
**VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE:**

It was moved by Bennett and seconded by Swarm adopting Ordinance #2009-3-2-E, Amending Chapter 17 Of The Vandalia Municipal Code.

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

**AWARD FOR CITY HALL ROOF**  
**REPLACEMENT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman accepting the low bid from Geissler Roofing Company, Belleville, IL. in the amount of \$118,500.00 for the roof replacement on City Hall. Motion carried.

The City received other bids from the following:

Joiner Sheet Metal & Roofing in the amount of \$159,000.00

D.E. Martin Roofing Company in the amount of \$136,602.00

Gire Roofing & Construction in the amount of \$122,700.00

**T-21 PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman announced that the downtown enhancement project will be getting underway soon. The sanitary work in the downtown area is expected to begin within the next two weeks.

According to Mayor Gottman the work on the side streets should begin late March and Gallatin Street the beginning of May.

**MORANI REPORT:**

City Administrator Morani reported he attended a two day conference in Moline hosted by the Illinois City Management Association.

Morani also recently reported that he and JoAnn Givens completed a Planning and Zoning Course at the University of Missouri in St. Louis, Mo.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Cable announced that the Water & Sewer Committee will meet following the Council Meeting to review complaint forms.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Hobler to accept the proposal from Haier Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$93,370.00 to replace the lake raw water pumps. Motion carried.

Swarm reported that the bay at the Fire Hall is completed.

Cable reported that all ground

decorations, hanging pots and shepherd hooks must be removed from the City Cemeteries by April 1<sup>st</sup> so mowing and maintenance may resume for the season.

Cable also reported the City will accept applications for one seasonal laborer in the city's cemetery. Applications will be accepted until Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office. The successful applicant will perform a variety of functions, including grass mowing and general maintenance of the city cemeteries.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**DIRECTOR/TOURISM REPORT:**

Economic Development/Tourism Director JoAnn Givens gave an update to the Council on her monthly activities.

Givens stated that she met with Tess Morrison from the new International Trade Center at Kaskaskia College and made referrals to industries.

She is working very diligently on the National Road Bluegrass Festival to be held Father's Day weekend.

She continues to work on prospective business ventures.

She has created the ad to be placed in the Central Illinois Tourism Guide.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:**

Speaking on Dana Whiteman's behalf, Brett Brosman stated Dana is representing Vandalia at the Main Street Conference in Chicago.

Brosman mentioned the location that had been selected for the mural to be placed has some repairs to be dealt with and given that the Main Street committee was thinking that a different mural down the road on that wall after the repairs are done.

Brosman asked the council if they would approve placing this mural in front of the Public Safety Building. It was the consensus of the council to do so.

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Black to install the mural on the front of the Public Safety Building. Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman mentioned that these murals were funded by The Old Capitol Foundation.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS :**

Mayor Gottman announced that the City of Vandalia will be receiving some stimulus money.

The City has been awarded \$210,978.00 for roadway improvements administered through FAU funds.

Mayor Gottman announced that he attended a meeting at the Kaskaskia College where they received an award due to their green building.

**HURST-ROSCHE REPORT:**

Scott Hunt, Engineer for Hurst-Rosche reported that the Fire Station project has been completed.

They are ready to get underway on the City Hall roof replacement.

Plans for the Cemetery Maintenance Building should be available around March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Scott stated on April 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a bid opening for the building and the contract will awarded at the April 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Construction can begin in August.

Mayor Gottman requested that Hurst-

Rosche make a personal contact with our local general contractors in the City of Vandalia to bid on the Cemetery Maintenance Building.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:11 P.M. TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL & SALE & ACQUISITION OF LAND:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler to move into Executive Session under the Act Chapter 5 ILCS 120/2 to discuss sale and acquisition of land and personnel issues. Motion carried.

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

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES AT 8:49 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 8:49 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session with a roll call:

Swarm, yea; Cable, yea; Brosman, yea; Hobler, yea; Bennett, yea; Black, yea.

**HIRE EMPLOYEE AT WATER PLANT TO FILL LARRY HULSKOTTER'S POSITION:**

A motion was made by Hobler to advertise to fill the vacancy of Larry Hulskotter at the Water Plant who will be retiring in October through the union contract as written and if no one is interested authorizing City Administrator Morani, Alderman Cable and Water Plant Superintendent Marty Huskey to move forward with applications on file less than one year old. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL TO HIRE LEGAL COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES FOR MULTI-USE PROJECT:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm approving an agreement with Thompson Coburn Fagel Haber Law Firm who will serve as legal counsel in connection with development incentives for multi-use project. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

