

CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

March 16, 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, Black, Feldpouch, McNutt, Hobler and Swarm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed for Delmar Robertson, President of McKellar Robertson & McCarty Insurance Agency; John Spitler, former Mayor of St. Elmo and Marsha Barrish, daughter of city employee Linda Townsend.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving the minutes from March 2, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by McNutt 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 presented: H & H Computers in the amount of \$1,584.00 for reloading windows and installing an Intel server system; Fayette County Contracting in the amount of \$22,533.00 for the final lien waver

on work on the fire station renovation; Southwestern Illinois Tourism in the amount of \$5,650.00 for advertising in the 2009 summer Illinois Getaway guide; Tri-County Petroleum in the amount of \$6,650.77 for garage fuel; ADS Electric Corp. in the amount of \$11,708.80 for lake job materials; Centraz Industries Inc. in the amount of \$1,650.00 for sewer solvent; Vandalia City Garage in the amount of \$2,847.03 for vehicle operating costs; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of \$10,528.53 for supplies; Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

**RESOLUTION #2009-3-16-A:
APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN
THE CITY OF VANDALIA, IL. &
HURST-ROSCHÉ ENGINEERS, INC.:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Cable approving Resolution #2009-3-16-A, An Agreement For Engineering Services Between The City of Vandalia, Illinois And Hurst-Rosche Engineers, Inc.

The necessary professional engineering services will include design, bid and administer construction for the water and sewer main extension project along West Main Street.

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

**APPROVAL OF MFT AUDIT REPORT
FOR 1/01/08-12/31/08:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch approving the Motor Fuel Tax Audit Report for January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2009-3-16-B:
DIRECTING NEWSPAPER NOTICE
OF CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION
OF AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO
THE CITY OF VANDALIA
UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY,
CONTAINING 60 ACRES OR LESS:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable adopting Resolution #2009-3-16-B, Directing The Newspaper Notice Of Consideration Of Adoption Of An Ordinance Annexing To The City of Vandalia Unincorporated Territory, Containing 60 Acres or Less.

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

**GALLATIN STREET SEWER
IMPROVEMENTS-CHANGE ORDER
#1:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Black approving the Change Order #1 for the Gallatin Street Improvements. Motion carried.

The change order encompasses extra work lined out in the original alternate bid. This work includes the removal and replacement of the manhole at the intersection of 7th & Gallatin, the removal and replacement of the runs to the north and west of the intersection of 7th & Gallatin including two manholes, and the removal and replacement of twenty feet of the line running south of the intersection of 7th and Gallatin St.

**CITY TO PURCHASE TWO NEW
SQUAD CARS FROM ARTHUR
YOUNG, INC.:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Swarm approving the low bid from Arthur Young, Inc. to purchase two new squad cars in the amount of \$20,131.20 per vehicle. The City received one other bid from Hosick Motors in the amount of \$21,784.00. Motion carried.

Both bids are for new 2009 fleet models and both bids contain the police package VPD requires.

It is with the understanding that the two vehicles will be paid for after the fiscal 2010 city budget is enacted. The reason for this is that the bid prices are guaranteed. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Gottman announced that there will be an informational meeting at City Hall Tuesday evening at 5:00 P.M. for everyone to hear more from HMG Engineering and Hanks Excavating on the progress of the downtown project.

Mayor Gottman announced that Morning on Main Street will be held tomorrow morning at 8:00 A.M. at Celebrations. This get together is held to keep business owners informed on the downtown project.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Bennett approving the low bid from Tune Trucking in the amount of \$11.90 per unit for seal coat aggregate. Motion carried.

The reason for the extra MFT Letting held on March 16th, the city was unable to get slag for oil and chip.

Alderman Cable stated that the Water Committee will meet following the council meeting to review several complaint forms.

Cable reported that they will be replacing the river intake pump shortly.

Swarm gave the monthly report for February. There was \$29,058.13 in fines paid. The city's portion was \$8,709.00.

Economic Development Director Joann Givens gave an update on her activities.

MAIN STREET REPORT:

Dana Whiteman reported on the National Road Bluegrass Festival.

Whiteman reported that the Design Committee is working hard on a new idea "Paint the Town".

Steve Barker will be traveling to Kentucky to bring back some ideas to implement the program here in Vandalia.

Whiteman announced that the informational kiosk will be placed in Lincoln Park. It will display a downtown map of businesses. It should be up in the next couple months.

Women's Day Out is scheduled for April 18th.

The Organizational Committee is planning a golf tournament set for May 1st.

Whiteman reported that Jan Grimes praised Mayor Gottman for his efforts to get the Statehouse reopened.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR
GOTTMAN:**

Mayor Gottman announced that Director Jan Grimes and others from the Historic Preservation Agency was on hand Saturday for the reopening of the Vandalia Statehouse.

Mayor Gottman reported that he met with State Senator Kyle McCarter last week.

Mayor Gottman reported that Congressman John Shimkus was in Vandalia Friday, March 13th. He was

not able to attend the special ceremony for the reopening of the State House due to other commitments.

Mayor Gottman announced that the west bound lane of Gallatin Street, between Fourth & Fifth Streets, will be closed for the next few days.

Mayor Gottman announced that Governor Quinn will give his first budget address on Wednesday of this week.

COMMENTS FROM ALDERMEN:

Alderman Cable introduced Mr. & Mrs. Gale Hans in the audience. Mrs. Hans is pursuing a career in education and felt it beneficial to attend one of our council meetings.

AUDIENCE:

Dennis Grubaugh told the council that he received a ticket for having his vehicle parked in the overnight hours in front of his apartment on Gallatin Street. There is a limit of two hour parking in the downtown area.

Grubaugh says he has no problem with the limit during the day when businesses are open, but thinks it's an issue at night.

He is working on apartments in the downtown area and some of them do not have access available at the back of their buildings, so some of the tenants would have to park on Gallatin Street in the overnight hours.

Grubaugh suggested a special consideration should be taken on the parking limits after downtown business hours while they are trying to improve the downtown apartments.

Mayor Gottman suggested that the Streets Committee schedule a meeting

to discuss the issue.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:23
P.M. TO DISCUSS PENDING SALE
OR ACQUISITION OF LAND:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Black to move into Executive Session under the Act Chapter 5 ILCS 120/2 for pending of sale or acquisition of land for development. Motion carried.

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

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING SET
FOR MARCH 19, 2009:**

Mayor Gottman did announce that there will be a Special Council Meeting on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 P.M.

**REGULAR SESSION RECONVENES
AT 9:19 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 9:19 P.M. Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular session with a roll call: Cable, yea; Hobler, yea; McNutt, yea; Brosman, yea; Feldpouch, yea; Bennett, yea; Swarm, yea; Black, yea.

**NOTHING TO REPORT OUT OF
EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was nothing to report out of Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Feldpouch to adjourn. Motion carried.

