

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

April 6, 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, Feldpouch, McNutt, and Black. Hobler was absent.

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 Delores Williams, mother-in-law of Alderman Jerry Swarm and once manager of the Sears Store in Vandalia.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Black and seconded by McNutt approving the minutes from the March 16, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch approving all Special Bills as presented: Kaskaskia College Foundation in the amount of \$75,000 for the 2008 investment; South Central FS Inc. in the amount of \$23,723.32 for TIF reimbursement; Treasurer, State of Illinois in the amount of \$1,962.30 for reimbursement for part of construction costs on

Johnson Street roadway improvements; Ameren IP in the amount of \$5,074.93 for street lights; Il Director of Employment in the amount of \$5,557.16 for 1st quarter Dept. of Employment Security; Tune Trucking in the amount of \$18,380.25 for CA-6; Peckham, Guyton, Albers in the amount of \$1,743.37 for T.I.F. Technical Assistance; Ted Thompson in the amount of \$9,782.13 for TIF reimbursement; Vandalia Community High School in the amount of \$20,000 for T.I.F. reimbursement for roof on high school; Thompson, Coburn Fagel Haber in the amount of \$16,098.90 for legal services on project; First National Bank in the amount of \$63,390.63 for General Obligation Bonds; HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$6,019.63 supplies used on Gallatin Street; HMG in the amount of \$2,294.92 for engineering services on 7 Blks of the Gallatin Street Project; USA Blue Book Inc. in the amount of \$2,623.00 for 3 pumps LMI AA9; G.S. Robins & Co. in the amount of 4,975.50 for chemicals; Ameren IP in the amount of \$15,720.62 for electric; Motion carrie

APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FROM 3/17/09:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch approving the minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting on March 17, 2009. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES FROM 3/18/09:

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Feldpouch approving the minutes from the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting on March 18,2009. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2009-4-6-A: ORDINANCE OF ANNEXATION:

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Bennett approving Ordinance #2009-4-6-A, Ordinance of Annexation. The South Half of Blocks 6 and 7, and all of Blocks 5 and 8,

within the Cocagne Addition to the City of Vandalia.

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

**GALLATIN STREET PROJECT
CHANGE ORDERS:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Swarm authorizing Mayor Gottman, City Administrator Jimmy Morani and Public Works Director John Moyer the authority to approve minor change orders for the Gallatin Street Project not to exceed \$30,000.

Mayor Gottman stated that it was imperative that work on this project continue in a timely and efficient manner. In order for this to occur, the City will need to act quickly on change orders that may arise in the two-week periods between council meetings.

A roll call vote was taken, Swarm, yea; McNutt, yea; Feldpouch, nay; Brosman, yea; Cable, nay; Black, yea; Bennet, yea; Hobler, absent. Motion carried. 5 yea and 2 nay.

**ORDINANCE FAILED:
AMENDING CITY OF VANDALIA
ZONING DISTRICT MAP KIMBERLY
WUEHLER OSBORNE**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable Amending The City of Vandalia Zoning District Map.

The Petition of Kimberly Wuehler Osborne, owner and Bryan Cain, contract purchaser for the property asked to have the property at 215 S. Eighth Street rezoned from RT Two Family Residential to CG General Commercial in order for Mr. Cain to move his land surveying business to this property.

The concern that the Planning Commission had, with rezoning it General Commercial which would open up the possibility of any type of commercial moving in should Mr. Cain decide to sell.

Mayor Gottman noted that the recommendation from the Vandalia Planning Commission, rejected the zoning change.

A roll call was taken: Brosman, nay; Swarm, nay; Bennett, nay; Black, nay; McNutt, nay; Feldpouch, nay; Cable, nay. Hobler was absent. Motion was denied.

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP WEEK SET FOR MAY 4th/May 8th:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Black approving the City Wide Clean Up Week set for May 4th through May 8th. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2009-4-6-B:
APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO AN
AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF
VANDALIA & HURST-ROSCHE
ENGINEERS, INC.**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Bennett approving the necessary land surveying services to provide right of way documents for the water and sewer main extension project along West Main Street.

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

FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS TO BE USED ON SIDEWALKS:

The City was recently awarded \$210,978 in Federal Stimulus Funds for street improvements.

The Council was presented two options as to how the city should allocate the funds.

Option #1 Coles Street Improvement. This project would consist of removing the existing oil and chip roadway from

St. Louis Ave. to the railroad bridge and replacing with concrete.

Option #2 Fillmore Street Sidewalks. This project would consist of installing new sidewalks along Fillmore Street from Kaskaskia College to Vandalia High School.

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Swarm to go with Option #2 on new sidewalks. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR COPS GRANT:

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Cable giving Chief of Police Larry Eason authorization to apply for the Department of Justice COPS grant. Motion carried.

The Department of Justice will supply funds to pay the starting salary and benefits of a police officer for three years. As the officer received pay raises over the three years, the city would be required to make up the difference between the starting salary and any increases.

After the three year period of grant funding, the city must keep the officer on the payroll, at city expense, for 12 months.

**ORDINANCE #2009-4-6-C:
APPROVING A CERTAIN TAX
INCREMENT DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE
CITY OF VANDALIA AND SLOAN
IMPLEMENT COMPANY, INC.**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Swarm approving a T.I.F. agreement Between The City of Vandalia and Sloan Implement Company.

Through the agreement, 70% of new property taxes created by the increase in the equalized assessed value of Sloan's property as a result of the development will be used for qualified project costs.

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

DOLORES THOMAN TO RETIRE ON APRIL 30, 2009:

Effective April 30, 2009, Dolores Thoman will be retiring from the City. A retirement party is being planned by the Clerk's Office.

T21 GRANT PROJECT:

Loren Jackson of HMG Engineering stated that he will be meeting with railroad representatives on Thursday of this week. Public Works Director John Moyer was asked to attend this meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable announced that the City is seeking chemical bids at this time.

Cable introduced Randy Carroll who will be employed at the City of Vandalia's Water Plant.

Black gave an update on the Blue Grass Festival to be held Father's Day Weekend June 12th and June 13th.

MAIN STREET:

Dana Whiteman reported that she attended Main Street Day at the Illinois State Capitol. Governor Pat Quinn was also in attendance.

At the rally, Governor Quinn commended communities for their assistance in hosting the 2009 National Main Streets Conference in Chicago earlier in March.

Women's Day Out is scheduled for April 18th. The event will include a Victorian Tea at the American Legion, with a special guest giving a presentation.

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

Whiteman announced that a Special Promotional Committee Meeting will be held tomorrow evening.

Whiteman announced that the next Morning on Main Street will be held on Monday, April 20th at 8:00 A.M. at the WKRV/WPMB Radio Station.

**UPDATE FROM HURST-ROSCHE
ENGINEERING:**

Scott Hunt with Hurst Roche Engineers reported the Glen Haven Subdivision review comments were sent to Morani.

The City Hall Roof Replacement bid was awarded on March 2, 2009.

Hunt did report that there was a pre-bid on the Cemetery Maintenance Building last Thursday. There were two contractors in attendance.

There were seven or eight prospective bidders for the project. The bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, April 9th at 2:00 P.M.

Hunt is working with Morani and Moyer on the Illini Avenue water lines.

Hurst and Rosche have submitted a revised engineering agreement on the Illinois Avenue water lines.

Scott Hunt remarked that they are looking at a potential fix for the Vandalia Lake spillway. They have been in touch with a contractor to see if the cost would be below \$30,000 so it would not have to be bid out, but his estimate came in around \$57,000 to fix the spillway.

More discussion will take place on this project at a later date.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MAYOR
GOTTMAN:**

Mayor Gottman is asking the public to voice their displeasure with the proposed closing of the Department of Human Services Office in Vandalia.

Mayor Gottman stated that this is unfair to the unemployed, elderly and the disabled throughout the county. If the office closed, it would mean people would have to drive to the office in Centralia.

Mayor Gottman stated that Ricky Cox Land Surveying, will give a presentation at the next council meeting concerning his firm providing engineering and surveying services for the City.

Mayor Gottman stated that a draft of the proposed fiscal year 2009-2010 budget has been submitted to you for your review. We will take action on this proposal at the April 20th meeting.

Mayor Gottman stated beginning May 1st the city will begin some sidewalk repairs with money allocated for this project from the sales tax increase.

It will be publicized where the sidewalk repairs will take place.

Mayor Gottman reminded everyone that tomorrow is election day. Please exercise your right to vote.

**APPROVAL OF INSTALLATION OF
A NEW MANHOLE:**

A motion was made by Feldpouch and seconded by Brosman approving the installation of a new manhole at the intersection of Fourth and Gallatin Street as part of the downtown project.

The cost of the manhole installation is not to exceed \$7,715.00. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT :

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

