

CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

January 4, 2010
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, Black and Hobler.

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 Black approving the minutes from December 21, 2009 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Feldpouch approving all Special Bills as presented: Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$893,314.07 for the Gallatin St. Project; First National Bank in the amount of \$21,007.36 for payment on 2006 dump truck; Moore's Inc. in the amount of \$20,348.10 for sidewalk replacement; Furlong Excavating Inc., in the amount of \$58,579.86 for water and sewer extension; Vandevanter Engineering, in the amount of \$38,748.00 for the West Main Street Sewer Project; First National Bank in

the amount of \$12,783.31 for payment on the 2009 dump truck; Motion carried.

Mayor Gottman announced that all bills, including the regular and special approval bills will be available for the public to view online at the city's website.

ORDINANCE #2010-1-4-A:
AMENDING TITLE V BUSINESS
LICENSES & REGULATIONS OF
THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE
AT CHAPTER 5.04-BUSINESS
LICENSE GENERALLY

A motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Feldpouch adopting Ordinance #2010-1-4-A, Amending Title V Business Licenses & Regulations Of The Vandalia Municipal Code At Chapter 504-Business License Generally.

This ordinance will allow for a fine, where the previous ordinance just allowed revoking their license.

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

ORDINANCE # 2010-1-4-B:
AMENDING CHAPTER 9.08-
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC
PEACE & DECENCY OF THE
VANDALIA MUNICIPAL CODE AT
SECTION 9.08.030-PUBLIC
INDECENCY

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Brosman adopting Ordinance #2010-1-4-B, Amending Chapter 9.08-Offenses Against Public Peace & Decency Of The Vandalia Municipal Code At Section 9.08.030-Public Indecency.

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

T-21 GRANT PROJECT:

Mayor Gottman said that a weekly report from IDOT on the downtown project was included in your packets.

Mayor Gottman stated that he will check tomorrow on getting Gallatin Street back open.

He along with City Administrator Morani will talk with HMG, to see if opening up the currently blocked off section of Gallatin would be possible.

Mayor Gottman said that he would like to open it back up to traffic to try and help businesses.

Mayor Gottman reported that the work with Governmental Consulting Solutions is showing some results. The city received three checks from the State of Illinois towards the states unpaid amount of water and sewer services for the Vandalia Correctional Center. On December 22, 2009 a check in the amount of \$21,332.64; December 23, 2009 in the amount of \$10,484.00 and December 28, 2009 in the amount of \$7,796.00, totaling \$39,612.64.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

City Administrator Morani reported that the current projections for the Gallatin Street Project show that the project will come in \$136,000 under budget upon completion. The project is 85% completed.

Morani, noted that he sent an email to the council with an update list of costs for the Gallatin Street project.

He also supplied the council with the most current tax revenues received by the city.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cable stated the City heard a proposal from the Gonzales Group on a potential solution for the river intake. The total costs of improvements proposed by the Gonzales Group would be \$400,000.00.

Mayor Gottman asked that Cable schedule a Water Committee meeting soon to look over the proposed plan.

Swarm read a press release distributed by Chief Eason.

Over the last four days, Vandalia has had three known attempted burglaries and three successful burglaries. All but one was against a residence. The burglars have been bold, acting in the early evening. Twice they have been attempting entry as the residents returned home.

They are possibly knocking on the front door to determine if anyone is home, then leaving and circling to the back door to force entry.

The police are asking that anyone who sees someone acting suspiciously around a neighbor's home to contact the Police Department immediately.

Information that leads to arrests of suspects can earn a cash reward from Fayette County Crime Watchers, phone 283-1986.

Economic Development Director JoAnn Givens gave an update on her recent activities.

Givens met with the president of All Steel.

She also met with management of Van Seals and Land of Lakes.

She researched County Recovery Bond allotment from the ARRA for possible use in incentives.

She also reported she is continuing to meet with Orgill and some prospects for their currently vacant building. She said one potential prospect for the building has asked that some trees on the Orgill property be cleared. She

stated that she along with the Mayor and Senator Kyle McCarter met with representatives from the IDOT and Ameren, who said they would be willing to work with the request to remove the trees from the roadway, if that prospect did decide to move into the building.

Givens also reported that Craig O's hope to open their new business located at 337 Mattes Ave. within the next two weeks.

MAIN STREET UPDATE:

Dana Whiteman reported that Main Street is working on a fund raiser for the month of March.

The Night At The Races is scheduled for sometime in February.

Whiteman reported that the downtown project has come to a standstill due to the extremely cold temperatures.

The quarterly news letter will be coming out this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

With approval from the Mayor and City Council, City Administrator Morani will be absent from a few city council meetings to attend classes in Human Resources Management.

The city will pay for his books, but Morani will be responsible for the tuition.

Brosman requested that the FY tax revenues be available online for the public to view. Morani will do so.

UPDATE FROM HURST ROSCHE:

Scott Hunt representing Hurst Rosche gave an update on current projects for the city.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION TO DISCUSS PROBABLE
LITIGATION & PERSONNEL
MATTERS AT 8:12 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Feldpouch to move into Executive Session to discuss matters pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 personnel matters and probable litigation. Motion carried.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT
9:47 P.M.:**

Executive Session ended at 9:47 P.M.

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting with a roll call: Cable, yea; Bennett, yea; Swarm, yea; Feldpouch, yea; McNutt, yea; Hobler, yea; Brosman, yea; Black, yea.

**NO ACTION TAKEN FROM
EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no action taken from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

