

**CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting

February 1, 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, Hobler, and McNutt. Black and Feldpouch were absent from the meeting.

**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 Hobler approving the minutes from the January 18, 2010 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 Brosman approving all Special Bills as presented: Municipal Code Corp. in the amount of \$2,730.99 for municipal code updates; South Central FS Inc. in the amount of \$21,689.21 for sales tax reimbursement; Wal-Mart Store in the amount of \$38,594.86 for roadway reimbursement; Fayette Co. Treasurer in the amount of \$2,615.62 for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter animal control; Allen Hunter in the amount of \$7,500 for TIF reimbursement; Illinois EPA, long term debt payment;

Centraz Industries in the amount of \$3,000 for chemicals. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2010-2-1-A:  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
CHAPTER 5.08 ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES SALES**

Mayor Gottman stated that several bar owners have contacted him requesting extended hours for Super Bowl Sunday.

Fred Tessman owner of The Full Moon asked the council if they would consider the local bars to be open another hour on Sunday evening because the Super Bowl sometimes is not over by 9:30 P.M.

Alderman Cable suggested adding two hours, in case of overtime play and the half time show.

After discussion, McNutt suggested a compromise of ninety minutes, and that was voted on by the council. This would allow the bars to serve alcohol until 10:30 P.M. and all customers out by 11:00 P.M.

A motion was made by Cable and seconded by Brosman adopting Ordinance #2010-2-1-A, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5.08 Alcoholic Beverages Sales.

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

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING  
COMMISSION MINUTES FROM  
JANUARY 19, 2010:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm approving the Planning Commission Minutes from January 19, 2010 as submitted. Motion carried.

**LEADER UNION DOLLAR VOLUME  
AGREEMENT FOR 2010:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by McNutt to enter into an agreement with Vandalia Leader-Union.

The dollar volume pricing allows advertisers to get the best rate

possible based on total advertising.

The investment Level #10 would be a total investment of \$10,750.00. This would be an 18% discount off the open rate. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE #2010-2-1-B:**  
**AMENDING CITY ZONING**  
**DISTRICT MAP PERTAINING TO**  
**BURTSCHI SUBDIVISION**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded Bennett approving Ordinance #2010-2-1-B, Amending City Zoning District Map Pertaining To Burtschi Subdivision Of Outlot 78 Of The 12 Acre Outlots of The City of Vandalia.

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

**ORDINANCE #2010-2-1-C:**  
**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND**  
**DECLARING AN ALLEY**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Swarm approving Ordinance #2010-2-1-C, Establishing And Declaring An Alley.

This ordinance is a result of discussions with Tony Lawler, the property owner of the building adjacent to the City's property at 8<sup>th</sup> and Main Street.

At the last meeting, Mr. Lawler informed the council that his sale of the property on 8<sup>th</sup> Street is being delayed since the prospective buyer has concerns about the limited access to the south side of the building.

After further inspection by Public Works, it was determined that a 30' wide alley south of the Lawler property would not interfere with any public utilities. By declaring this an alley, the City retains sole control of the property and also provides more access for the property owner to the north.

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

**COUNCIL APPROVES SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SITE LOCATION PARTNERSHIP:**

A motion was made by Swarm and seconded by Bennett to enter into an agreement to hire Site Location Partnership out of Flower Mound, Tx. to market the city's property and develop new contacts at various shows.

The amount of the contract is \$2,795 for one year.

The agreement states that Site Location Partnership shall not accept any new economic development clients within a 45 mile radius of Vandalia during the course of this agreement.

It was the consensus of the council to enter into this agreement for one year.

**T21 GRANT PROJECT:**

Mayor Gottman said that the city inquired about the opening of the final two blocks of Gallatin Street with Hank's Excavating.

Hank's Excavating released a letter to the City of Vandalia with two options.

Option #1: Temporary Open Roadway Stage 4 in the amount of \$3,807.33 each. This price includes the covering and uncovering of appropriate signage to allow the opening of Stage 4 during weather related shutdowns. It is the intent to leave in place and uncovered the signage associated with the "Detour" route even through Gallatin is open. The price also includes the removal or relocating and reinstallation of the barricades currently protecting the closure.

Option #2: Opening of Roadway and Performing the Balance under Open Traffic Control Conditions in the amount of \$18,892.68 Lump Sum. This price includes the necessary flaggers to perform the traffic control for open roadway conditions.

The council felt that was much too high and decided not to approve the opening.

A weekly report was enclosed in your packet from IDOT on the downtown project.

**CLERK REPORTS STATE OF ILLINOIS MAKES PAYMENT ON VCC SEWER BILL:**

City Clerk Peggy Bowen reported that the City received a check from the State of Illinois today, February 1<sup>st</sup> for a portion of the sewage service for the Vandalia Correctional Center in the amount of \$9,587.00. They have a balance that is owed to the City in the amount of \$55,564.11 in water and \$17,755.00 in sewer making it a total of \$73,319.11.

**MAYOR REPORTS ON IMPROVEMENTS ON FORMER GAS STATIONS:**

Mayor Gottman announced that improvements were being made at the former Star Station at 300 W. Orchard Street. The demolition was done by Kidd's Excavating.

Improvements on the Old Clark Station on Kennedy Boulevard will begin shortly.

Work is also being done on the former Shell Station at the corner of Eighth and Veterans. The fuel tanks are being recertified and then put back in place.

**INTEREST IN VANDALIA FURNITURE BUILDING:**

Mayor Gottman stated that someone was interested in the Vandalia Furniture building. Mayor Gottman will keep you up to date on that if something develops.

**REVIEW CONTRACTS:**

Mayor Gottman stated that Robin Schukar and Keith Meadows employment contracts will be reviewed shortly.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TOURISM REPORT:**

JoAnn Givens gave a brief report on her activities during the past two weeks.

JoAnn reported to the Council that a new business is coming to town. Mark and Teresa Focht plan to break ground in March at 1410 Rock Island for a new business they will call Vandalia Wash. The 3,440 Sq. Ft. building will house a laundry mat, dog wash, and car wash. The car wash will be a friction wash, which is currently not available in Vandalia, and the laundry mat plans to use state of the art machines. The pet wash was a unique addition. They hope to be open sometime in May.

JoAnn also reported that a new beauty salon Absolute Styles opened at 824 Veterans Avenue. The owner is Sybrinia Lineberry.

JoAnn reported that work has resumed at the new YMCA facility today.

JoAnn also stated that she enclosed an Illinois Energy Star Appliance Rebate Program, courtesy of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in each packet for council information.

**MAIN STREET REPORT:**

Dana Whiteman announced that there will be an open house at the National Road Interpretive Center on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

On display will be the Conestoga wagon.

The celebration of Lincoln's 201<sup>st</sup> birthday will be held at the Vandalia Statehouse that evening.

Dana also announced that she hopes to soon get Main Street's "Paint the Town" project back up and going. Whiteman said that they are waiting for a break in the weather to get back to working on several downtown businesses.

Whiteman stated last year some of the Main Street board members went down to Kentucky to meet with Sam Kasinsky who got the Paint the Town project started in his community. Whiteman says there is a documentary being planned on PBS about the project.

A Night At The Races will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Vandalia Country Club.

Whiteman announced that Main Street is working on a potential new event "SummerFest" that will be discussed at a future board meeting.

Whiteman announced that the Chamber of Commerce Home Show is scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Junior High.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Gottman announced that he along with Chief Eason will be attending an appreciation breakfast hosted by Marty Davis at McDonald's for the crossing guards.

Mayor Gottman announced that on Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> he will meet with representatives from the SILDC laborers and the F.O.P. to look at ways to reduce costs in the different departments.

**ALDERMEN'S CONCERN:**

Alderman Cable told the council that he spoke with representatives from Southwestern Electric in regard to installing more street lights along West Main Street out to the new Sloan Implement building and they were

unwilling to install any additional lighting.

Cable said that he will continue to work on the much needed light issue.

**HURST & ROSCHE REPORT:**

Scott Hunt Project Engineer for Hurst Rosche gave an update on the different projects under contract with the City of Vandalia.

Scott announced that a preconstruction meeting on the Cole Street project will be held at the IDOT office in Effingham on Wednesday of this week. Scott along with John Moyer will be attending this meeting.

Hunt reported on one other project, the sedimentation basin weir replacements at the Water Treatment Plant. Hurst-Rosche will be looking for the council's approval within the next couple weeks on setting bid dates on that project.

City Administrator Morani had asked Hurst-Rosche to request a time extension from EPA so we could get that project completed under next year's budget instead of this year's budget.

Scott said that they sent an email to them requesting an extension under that violation notice and hopefully hear back with their approval and maybe set a bid date at the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Mayor Gottman announced that the next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> due to President's Day being observed on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Gottman also reminded the council to complete the performance evaluation on Jimmy Morani and return the original

form to the City Clerk by Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCIL MOVES INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:22 P.M.:**

A motion was made by Hobler and seconded by Brosman to move into Executive Session at 8:22 P.M. to discuss matters of probable litigation and sale or acquisition of land.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDS AT 8:56 P.M.**

Executive Session ended at 8:56 P.M.

Mayor Gottman reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:58 P.M. with a roll call: Cable, yea; Swarm, yea; Bennett, yea; Hobler, yea; Broman, yea; McNutt, yea;

**RESOLUTION #2010-2-1-D:  
THIRD OPTION AGREEMENT ON  
PIECE OF GROUND**

A motion was made by Brosman and seconded by Hobler approving Resolution #2010-2-1-D, Authorizing Execution Of A Third Option Agreement Between Bruce Rand Edwards, Janis K. Edwards, Robert Mars, Pamela S. Mars, William L. Opel, a/k/a William L. Opal And Deborah K. Opel, a/k/a Deborah K. Opal, As Optionor And the City of Vandalia As Optionee.

The option cost is \$3,000 and the purchase price for the 19.870 acres, more or less at \$33,000 per acre.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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



