

The Council of the City of Vandalia Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2022

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Richard Herbst, Vice Mayor David Lewis, Councilman Robert Ahlers, Councilwoman Constance Woods, Councilman Michael Blakesly

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Candice Farst and Councilman Corey M. Follick

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry McDonald, Daniel Wendt, Missy Pruszynski, Amber Holloway, Darren Davey, Bridgette Leiter, Steve Clark, Chief Althouse, Chief Follick, Kristen Carnes, Rob Cron, Zak Karto, Luther Blakely, Christine Budich, Chris Budich, and Kyle Leber

REMOTE AUDIENCE: Councilman Robert Ahlers (participated/voted on agenda items)

Mayor Herbst called the regular council meeting of the Council of the City of Vandalia to order at 7:00 p.m. **Mayor Herbst** called for a moment of reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Previous Minutes: None

Communications, Petitions and Awards:

Introduction: Administrative Assistant Christine Budich

Mayor Herbst called upon City Manager Wendt to introduce Development and Engineering Services Administrative Assistant Christine Budich who began employment February 2, 2022.

Public Hearing: None

Comments from Interested Citizens

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Mayor Herbst called for comments from interested citizens either in chambers or on-line. There were none.

Resolutions:

22-R-14 A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Two Wanco Wtmmb Solar Message Boards From Sun Belt Rentals, Inc. In The Total Amount Of \$34,426.00.

Mr. McDonald read Resolution 22-R-14 by title. **Mr. Wendt** explained the 2022 Capital Improvement Budget includes \$40,000 for portable message boards. The addition of these devices will align with the City's policy goals as identified by City Council. These items will promote a Safe and Secure way to notify traveling public of construction, traffic delays or special events that may require detours. We anticipate using the message boards for advanced warning of upcoming construction projects, assisting in traffic control of special events such as the Air Show parade, and advertising events at the Art Park. He advised the boards may also be used by other city departments such as the Parks and Recreation Department for special events or Police and Fire Departments in emergency situations. **Mr. Wendt** advised staff received two quotes for the message boards. First, Star Safety has submitted the State of Ohio contract price of \$18,995.00 each. We also received a quote from a Vandalia company, Sun Belt Rentals, Inc, of \$17,213.00 each for a comparable message board. He concluded by recommending the purchase of two Wanco WTMMB Solar Message Boards from Sun Belt Rentals, Inc. at the submitted price of \$17,213.00 each for a total of \$34,426.00. It was moved by Vice Mayor Lewis, seconded by Councilman Blakesly, to approve Resolution 22-R-14. Motion passed 5-0.

22-R-15 A Resolution Waiving The Bid And Authorizing A Contract For The Mobile Stage Refurbish Project To Century Industries In An Amount Not To Exceed \$40,000

Mr. McDonald read Resolution 22-R-15 by title. **Mr. Wendt** advised the Parks & Recreation Department's mobile sound stage will soon be 27 years old and is in need

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of refurbishing as well as new graphics to incorporate the new city logo. Century Industries is the manufacturer of the Show Master Series stage and therefore the sole source provider of the necessary components required for the refurbish project. As part of the project, Century Industries will provide a scope of work to include updated graphics design, structural and mechanical components replacement as well as new tires. He noted that Century will also provide pick-up and delivery of the sound stage between Vandalia and their manufacturing location in Sellersburg Indiana. The 2022 CIP budget has \$40,000 allotted for this project based on a quote received from Century Industries during the 2022 budget process. It was moved by Councilman Blakesly, seconded by Councilwoman Woods, to approve Resolution 22-R-15. Motion passed 5-0.

22-R-16 A Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With Image Trend Inc. For A Fire Department Data Management System. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 22-R-16 by title. **Mr. Wendt** advised in an effort to “Sharpen the Saw”, the Division of Fire proposed an \$30,000 increase to our Data Processing (110.221.5237) line of our Operations Budget to address the needed replacement of the Division of Fire’s current fire/EMS data management system. The Division of Fire’s current data management system (Emergency Reporting) was purchased in 2015. Since that time the Division of Fire has experienced a steady decline of customer support and service. Some items used in this data management system include:

- Fire/EMS incident reports
- Occupancy information(Fire Inspections, Required Hazardous Materials Reporting, and Underground Tanks)
- Vehicle/Facility Maintenance records
- Firefighter Training Files
- Inventory
- Operational tasks
- Outreach, Public Education, and Fire Station Tour Data

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Mr. Wendt explained the Division of Fire received two quotes, after review of the submissions, he recommends that council consider approving a contract be awarded to Image Trend in an amount not to exceed \$26,847.00 for the first year and in the amount of \$20,322.00 annually after 2022. He explained the Division of Fire budgeted \$30,000. It was moved by Councilwoman Woods, seconded by Councilman Blakesly, to approve Resolution 22-R-16. Motion passed 5-0.

22-R-17 A Resolution Waiving The Formal Bidding Process And Authorizing The Purchase Of Ten Motorola Mobile Radios, Requested By The Division Of Fire, From Motorola Solutions Through P&R Communications, Inc. In The Aggregate Amount Of \$60,744.25. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 22-R-17 by title. **Mr. Wendt** explained advised the Fire Division budgeted \$75,000 for the first of a two-year P25 800 portable radio replacement project in 2022. P&R Communications is the sole source provider vendor for Motorola in this region and quoted \$60,744.25 for the replacement project. The Division of Fire is asking for capital funds to replace ten (10) Motorola APX6000 portable radios that, according to Motorola, have technology that Motorola will no longer support. Most of these radios were the first generation P25 radios and are currently being used by the Command Staff, Fire Prevention, and administrative staff. The radios used by the line firefighters are scheduled to be replaced in phase two of this project in 2023. It was moved by Vice Mayor Lewis, seconded by Councilwoman Woods, to approve Resolution 22-R-17. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinances – First Reading: None

Ordinances – Second Reading:

22-04 An Ordinance Amending Sections 874.08(I); 1420.01; 1424.01; 1424.05; 1482.01(G); 1482.20 And 1610.01 Of The Vandalia Codified Ordinances By To Update Specific References To Current Building Codes And Fire Codes. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 22-04 by title in the second reading. **Mr. Wendt** explained that staff recently reviewed the City of Vandalia Codified Ordinances and determined several sections that require amendments to reference the current Building & Fire

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Codes that have been adopted by the state. The Fire Code revisions are necessary due to increasing economic development, calls related to public health, and general staffing. He concluded by noting this is a matter of housekeeping. There were no comments or questions during the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilman Blakesly, seconded by Vice Mayor Lewis, to approve Ordinance 22-04 in the second reading. All members present voted yes. Motion passed 5-0 in the second reading.

22-05 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1610 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Vandalia, Ohio, Relating To Fire Prevention Code Compliance By Adding Section 1610.07. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 22-05 by title in the second reading. **Mr. Wendt** advised he did not have any additional information as this accompanies Ordinance 22-04. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. It was moved by Councilwoman Woods, seconded by Councilman Blakesly, to approve Ordinance 22-05 in the second reading. All members present voted yes. Motion passed 5-0 in the second reading.

Ordinances – Emergency Reading:

22-09 An Ordinance Approving Individual Assessments Amounts And Directing The Finance Director Or Her Designee To Certify The Amounts To The County Auditor For Collection And Declaring An Emergency. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 22-09 by title in an emergency reading. **Mr. Wendt** advised this emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, weed cutting & delinquent sewer and water. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. It was moved by Vice Mayor Lewis, seconded by Councilman Blakesly, to approve ordinance 22-09 as an emergency. All members present voted yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes: January 12, 2022

Mayor Herbst called for comments or questions on the Board of Zoning Appeal Minutes from January 12, 2022. There were none.

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Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: January 11, 2022

Mayor Herbst called for comments or questions on the Planning Commission minutes from January 11, 2022. There were none.

Mayor Herbst reviewed the Bill Listing for January 2022 in the amount of \$2,248,744.97 and the January 2022 Purchasing Card Detail in the amount of \$35,849.61. He solicited comments or questions. There were none.

Council Comments

Mr. Wendt congratulated Facility Superintendent Rudy Wells on receiving the Marvin Link Distinguished Service Award. He advised Council approximately 50 households attended the Parks and Recreation Master Plan virtual event and he noted that this meeting will be added to the website. **Mr. Wendt** advised the city will be requesting that Congressman Turner help us with federal community spending to the tune of 1.3 million dollars for right-of-way acquisition. This will accelerate the build out of the ring road project from 2027 to 2026. He continued explaining we all know development is not going to stop; therefore, the purpose of the project is to take the trucks that are being created in the City of Dayton and the City of Union and send them around the north side of the airport where it makes sense and get them to Northwoods Boulevard. **Mr. Wendt** also explained the city has solicited funds from the capital budget bill to build out the amphitheater at the Art Park.

Councilman Blakesly advised he appreciates that staff is continually chasing grants. He specifically referred to grants recently secured by Captain Miller and Parks and Recreation Director Clark. **Councilman Blakesly** congratulated Facility Superintendent Rudy Wells and shared how humble and intuitive Mr. Wells is.

Councilwoman Woods advised she recently spoke to someone on the Board of Zoning Appeals and suggested staff solicit for volunteers for boards and commissions.

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Brief discussion was held. **Mr. Wendt** advised an ad will be placed on the website this week. She also shared information that the Ohio Society of CPA testified on several bills this week. She noted one of the bills is related to municipal taxes and the ability to send out notices to people who filed extensions and there is a little bit of a limit on penalties that can be assessed. The second one is on the business income tax deduction. **Councilwoman Woods** continued by noting there were several lawsuits in the process concerning if an owner sells their business is that considered business income for that business income deduction; there is testimony about that as well. She concluded by noting if anyone feels strongly about any of those issues they should contact their legislators.

Vice Mayor Lewis moved to excuse Councilwoman Farst and Councilman Follick from all of tonight's meetings. All members present voted yes. Motion passed 5-0. He also recognized the Division of Fire for their expert and kind assistance in caring for his mother today.

Mayor Herbst recognized Miss Holloway and Mr. Karto for their work on tonight's Downtown Overlay presentation. It was very thorough and informative.

Mr. Wendt advised Council he will be attending the Vandalia Butler City School District Board of Education meeting tomorrow night to discuss downtown development and economic development incentives in an effort to build coalition and make sure that we all keep and maintain the very good and strong working relationship that we have.

The regular Council Meeting was then adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Richard Herbst, Mayor

ATTEST:

Missy Pruszynski, Deputy Clerk of Council

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