

The Blue Letter

October 18, 2024

Honorable Mayor & Esteemed City Councilmembers:

Budget Workshop

Our next Budget Workshop will be October 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the basement of the Municipal Building. If necessary, we will return to the Budget Workshop after the Council Meeting that evening.

Rock the Rec Halloween Party, Saturday October 26th

The Rock the Rec Halloween Party will be at the Vandalia Sports Complex from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. There will be food trucks, hayrides, Trick-or-Treat, live music, inflatables, kid's activities, Halloween costume judging, many craft vendors and more! Entry is free and all ages are welcome.

Beggar's Night, Thursday, October 31st

Beggar's Night will be held Thursday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm.

Monday, October 21, 2024, Council Meeting: The Study Session will begin at **6:30 p.m.** The Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Study Session:

Monday, October 21, 2024, Items:

Items on this evening's Council Meeting agenda

Ordinance: Assessments July, August and September - This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, delinquent sewer & water, weed cutting and property maintenance.

Discussion Items:

Short Term Rentals - Staff performed research on the number of short-term rentals in the city and issues relating to them. This information, which includes the number of such facilities, property maintenance issues and police calls for service to each location will be presented to City Council.

Blight Abatement/Demolition of Structure Under \$50,000 - Information will be provided to City Council regarding the blight abatement on a particular property in the City of Vandalia.

September 2024 Financial Reports - Mr. Schwieterman and Mrs. Leiter will deliver the September 2024 Financial Report.

Legislative Calendar - The calendar is included in your packets for your review.

Council Meeting:

Resolutions:

Resolution 24-R-61: Amending Personnel Manual - This resolution will amend Section 800 of the current Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to update in accordance with current labor laws, standards, and practices. This includes changes related to sick leave, vacation, and bereavement.

Resolution 24-R-62: 2025 Council Summer Schedule - This is a resolution to set the summer schedule of City Council meetings during the months of June, July, and August 2025. The proposal is that the City Council meet once per month, on the 3rd Monday of each month. The City Council Study Session would begin tentatively at 5:30 pm with the regular business meeting commencing at 7:00 pm. The official dates for 2025 would be June 16, July 21, and August 18. In previous years, after providing adequate notice, the City Council has held special meetings on the first Monday to consider planning and zoning items to be efficient and expeditious in the processing of lawful applications. If it is the desire of the City Council, I would recommend maintaining this same practice in 2025.

Resolution 24-R-63: Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor - This resolution will accept the Amounts and Rates for Tax Year 2024. The Montgomery County Auditor noted the Amounts and Rates are subject to change due to election results and value changes. The revenue estimates continue to be at 95% collection. The packet includes a memo detailing the Local Government Fund distribution estimates for Calendar Year 2025, provided by the Montgomery County Auditor.

Ordinance – First Reading:

Ordinance 24-22: PC 24-11 – Rezoning – 7848 S Brown School – A (Agriculture) to RSF-4 (Residential Single-Family) - At the request of the applicant, Addison Properties, this item will be tabled until further notice as they consider the comments they have received and consider their options.

Ordinance – Emergency Reading:

Ordinance 24-21: This emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, delinquent sewer & water, weed cutting and property maintenance.

Reports from Boards and Commissions:

Variance: BZA 24-09 – Variance (Six Foot Fence in Zone A) – 168 Colebrook Drive - The Applicant, Pam Thomson has requested a variance to permit the construction of a six-foot fence in Zone A for the property located at 168 Colebrook Drive. The proposal involves replacing the existing chain-link fence with a new six-foot privacy fence that extends 15 feet into Zone A. On September 25th, 2024, the Board of Zoning Appeals voted 3-0 to recommend approval.

September Bill Listing – Mayor Herbst will deliver the September 2024 Bill Listing.

The next Council meeting is on **Monday, October 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm**. The meeting will be an in-person meeting in

the Council Chambers at 333 James E. Bohanan Memorial Drive, Vandalia, OH 45377. The meeting is open to Council, staff, and the public to attend in-person. The meetings will be accessible for viewing through Zoom. You may contact the City at 937-415-2256 or aswartz@vandaliaohio.org for the phone number and link to this meeting. Please note, in compliance with Ohio Revised Code, no comments, electronic or oral, will be allowed by people that are participating electronically through Zoom. Anyone wishing to be heard on a topic will need to appear personally at the meeting. **The Study Session will begin at 6:30 pm followed by the City Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.**

Please contact me directly with comments and questions.

Very Respectfully,

Mark Schwieterman
City Manager

CC: Board and Commission Members
All City Employees

Attachments: