

CITY OF VANDALIA
January 6, 2025
City Council
Study Session – 6:00 PM

CITY OF VANDALIA
Council Study Session Minutes
Municipal Building
333 Bohanan Drive
Monday, January 6, 2025
6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Herbst, Vice Mayor Mike Blakesly, Councilmember Amber Aivalotis-Weaver, Councilmember Cindy Doogan, Councilmember Candice Farst, Councilmember Corey M. Follick and Councilmember Dave Lewis.

Others Present: Jerry McDonald, Kurt Althouse, Rob Cron, Angela Swartz, Darren Davey, Steve Clark, Alicia McCracken, Bridgette Leiter, Mike Hammes, Ben Borton, Jake Hayslett, Chad Follick, Scott Jacobs, Mark Schwieterman, Brandon Sucher, Larry Doogan, Robert Hussong, Amos Knipp and Barbara Spurgeon.

Mayor Herbst called the Study Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 6, 2025

Items on this evening's Council Meeting Agenda

Mayor Herbst called for questions or comments regarding items on this evening's Council agenda. There were none. **Mayor Herbst** advised there would not be an Executive Session tonight.

Action Item: 2025 Annual Council Appointments to Various Committees

Mr. Althouse advised Council in their packets, Mrs. Swartz's attached memo outlines the list of annual councilmember and staff appointments to various regional organizations, and local boards and committees, including the current representatives. We will discuss specific appointments at the Monday, January 6 Study Session. Council will have the opportunity to vote on the official appointments during the Monday, January 6, 2025 Council meeting.

1. Appointment of Representatives – 2025 MVRPC/TC

Vandalia is required annually to appoint a representative and an alternate representative to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and the Transportation Coordinating Committee. An individual must also be designated to serve as the Technical Committee member. Currently, Mayor Herbst is the representative, and Rob Cron is the alternate representative to the MVRPC. Ben Borton will be the delegate to the Technical Committee, and Chad Baughman is the alternate.

2. Appointment of Representatives – 2025 First Suburbs Consortium

The City of Vandalia is required annually to appoint two representatives and an alternate representative to the First Suburbs Consortium. The current representatives are Mayor Herbst and Councilmember Doogan. The current alternate is Vice Mayor Blakesly.

3. Appointment to the Montgomery County Community Improvement Corporation

This committee requires the Mayor of the City of Vandalia to be appointed annually.

4. Appointment to the Vandalia Development Corporation

This board requires two councilmembers' appointments – one Council appointment to be made in even years, currently Vice Mayor Blakesly, and one Council appointment to be made in odd years, currently Councilmember Aivalotis-Weaver. Hence, Council will be asked to appoint a VDC representative for the odd year appointment member.

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Resolution: Golf Course Rough Mower

Mr. Clark advised Council the Parks and Recreation Department is requesting to purchase a Toro Groundsmaster 4000-D Rough Mower from Century Equipment/ A Jerry Pate Company through the Sourcewell Contract #031121-TTC a total cost of \$96,932.18. The 2025 capital budget has \$105,000 allocated for the purchase based on a price quote received during our budget preparation process. This specialty piece of equipment provides versatility when mowing fairway rough areas, following the contour of the terrain so there isn't scalping of turf. The golf maintenance division's current Rough Mower proposed for replacement is a 2016 Toro model with 2,227 hours of service. **Mr. Clark** advised Council he further recommends that City Council declare the 2016 Toro Groundmaster 4000-D as surplus and be placed on Govdeals or otherwise disposed of by the City Manager as provided by law. There were no comments or questions from Council.

Resolution: Golf Course Tee Mower

Mr. Clark advised Council the Parks and Recreation Department is requesting to purchase a Toro Greensmaster 3150-Q Triplex Tee Mower from Century Equipment/A Jerry Pate Company through the Sourcewell Contract #031121-TTC a total cost of \$50,762.25. The 2025 capital budget has \$60,000 allocated for the purchase based on a price quote received during our budget preparation process. This specialty piece of equipment provides versatility in the ability to mow tees, green banks, and collars. The golf maintenance division's current Triplex Tee Mower is a 2007 Toro model with 3,685 hours of service. **Mr. Clark** advised Council he further recommends that City Council declare the 2007 Toro Triplex Mower as surplus and be placed on Govdeals or otherwise disposed of by the City Manager as provided by law. There were no comments or questions from Council.

Discussion

Fire Command Vehicle – Under \$50k

Chief Follick advised Council the Division of Fire is requesting 2025 CIP funds to replace the Division of Fire's 2015 Ford Police Interceptor. This vehicle is being used as a first response command vehicle, by the Fire Chief. The truck is a "front line" emergency response vehicle that when replaced will have over 70,000 miles on it. The 2015 truck will be rotated down to the Fire Prevention Bureau. **Chief Follick** advised Staff has sought out quotes from other local dealers, all have declined as they do not have a "fleet vehicle program". Currently there is no information available on 2025 "state bid vehicles". **Chief Follick** advised, as in the past Staff is working to get the vehicle ordered while the order window is open to avoid missing the opportunity to get the vehicle under the current quoted price and to avoid having to wait for the 2026 model year. The quote that Staff received from Beau Townsend Ford is for a 2025 Ford F150 four-wheel drive (6' bed) pick-up truck at the purchase price of \$47,210.00. **Chief Follick** advised the Division of Fire budgeted \$75,000.00 for this project. The remaining money will be used to upfit the vehicle with decals, truck cap, emergency equipment, radios, and MDT computers. There were no comments or questions from Council.

Shared Resources Center Agreement – Under \$50k

Mr. Althouse advised Council, he is recommending that the City continue the relationship with the Shared Resource Center (Mark Schwieterman) during 2025. The current plan is to have Mark assist the Interim City Manager on a regular basis (20 hours per week) during January and February. The fee would be \$8,400 per month for this advisory service. The agreement would also allow for "as-needed"

hourly rate (\$200 per hour) consulting service for the last 10 months of 2025. The City Manager's Office 2025 budget includes \$16,800 in funding for SRC services. There was a brief discussion on clarification if this agreement would be through the interim period only or through the entire calendar year. It was noted this agreement would be on an as needed basis, with anything beyond January and February requiring a supplemental.

Legislative Calendar

Mayor Herbst solicited comments or questions on the Legislative Calendar. **Mayor Herbst** inquired about a previously discussed item regarding a study of water and sewer rates that Mr. Schwieterman would be presenting to Council in March, asking if there were any updates. **Mr. Althouse** addressed Council sharing that Mr. Schwieterman had completed a summary and this could be discussed at a future Study Session. Council was in agreement they would like this presented at a future Study Session.

At 6:10 pm, **Law Director McDonald** requested clarification on the 2025 Annual Council Appointments to Various Committees that there is a consensus that instead of Council making separate motion for each appointment at the Council meeting, Council make a motion to accept them all at one time and that Mayor Herbst is the representative, Rob Cron is the alternate representative to the MVRPC, Ben Borton will be the delegate to the Technical Committee, and Chad Baughman is the alternate, Mayor Herbst and Councilmember Doogan as representatives to the First Suburbs Consortium with Vice Mayor Blakesly as the alternate, Mayor Herbst appointed to the Montgomery County Community Improvement Corporation and Councilmember Aivalotis-Weaver as the odd year Councilmember appointment to Vandalia Development Corporation. Council was in agreement.

Study Session adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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