

The Council of the City of Vandalia Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2023

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Mayor David Lewis, Councilman Michael Blakesly, Councilman Corey M. Follick, Councilwoman Candice Farst, Councilwoman Constance Woods.

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Richard Herbst and Councilman Robert Ahlers.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry McDonald, Daniel Wendt, Darren Davey, Amber Holloway, Bridgette Leiter, Angela Swartz, Rob Cron, Steve Clark, Chris Batz, Scott Jacobs, Kurt Althouse, Ben Walker, Andy Wehner, Amber Weaver, Barbara Spurgeon, Tom Grice, Don Hutchison, Jeanine Kincheloe, Pam Sommer, Sarah Muench, Cathy Petersen, Don Neff, Julie Trick, Bill McCormick, Angie McCormick.

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

Approval of Previous Minutes:

The Council Retreat Minutes September 26, 2022, Council Study Session Minutes October 3, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes October 3, 2022, Council Budget Workshop Minutes October 11, 2022, Council Study Session Minutes October 17, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes October 17, 2022, Council Budget Workshop Minutes October 18, 2022, Council Study Session Minutes November 7, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes November 7, 2022, Council Study Session Minutes November 21, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes: November 21, 2022, Special Council Meeting Minutes: November 28, 2022 were approved as presented.

Communications, Petitions and Awards:

Vandalia Butler Foundation Presentation of Donation for Passport to Safety

The Vandalia Butler Foundation presented a donation of \$5,600 for Passport to Safety in honor of Sally and Clyde Knox and Sarah and Kayla Anderson.

Public Hearing: None

Comments from Interested Citizens:

Vice Mayor Lewis called for comments from interested citizens asking if anyone who would like to speak, to please state their name and address for the record and provide any comments they may have. There were no comments from interested citizens.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information Items:

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Mr. Wendt shared he received notice yesterday that Parks and Recreation Director, Steve Clark obtained a \$22,000 grant for a Solid Waste Management District Grant for solar powered Big Belly trash and recycling receptacles for the Art Park and Sports Complex.

Action Item: None

Old Business: None

Resolutions:

23-R-04 A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Heart Monitors, Automatic, Defibrillator And Mechanical CPR Devices And Declaring The Current Equipment Being Replaced As Surplus Property. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 23-R-04 by title. **Mr. Wendt** asked Council to waive formal bidding and allow the Division of Fire to enter into a ten (10) year lease with ZOLL Medical Corporation for (4) heart monitors, (6) AED's, (3) mechanical CPR devices, batteries, chargers, and all associated equipment at a cost of \$58,974.64/annually. The Division of Fire budgeted \$68,000.00/year. The ZOLL One Agreement, is based on State Term (bid) pricing and includes a maintenance agreement for the life of the lease. The maintenance agreement includes technology updates/upgrades, where devices can be "flushed" with software updates at every annual maintenance check while they are sitting in our medic units, at no additional cost to us. The lease also includes a complete replacement (upgrade) of all leased equipment at year five of the ten-year lease. Which ensures that within five years of our initial purchase our customers are getting the most up to date technology available. It was moved by Councilman Blakesly, second by Councilwoman Farst to approve Resolution 23-R-04. Motion passed 5-0.

23-R-05 A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager Or His Designee To Enter Into A Grant Funding Agreement With The Ohio Department Of Natural Resources With Respect To The Natureworks Grant For The Robinette Park Restroom Building Project. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 23-R-05 by title. **Mr. Wendt** advised at the May 16, 2022, regular session, Council approved resolution 22-R-41 authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for NatureWorks grant funds for the construction of a restroom structure at Robinette Park. Now that the City has been awarded a grant, the process requires a resolution by City Council authorizing the City Manager to enter into a local grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the approved award of \$61,052. It was moved by Councilman Follick, second by Councilwoman Farst to approve Resolution 23-R-05. Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinances – First Reading: None

Ordinances – Second Reading: None

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Ordinances – Emergency Reading:

23-01 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 23-01 by title in an emergency reading. **Mr. Wendt** advised this emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, delinquent sewer & water, and weed cutting. There were no comments or questions during the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilman Follick, second by Councilman Blakesly to approve Ordinance 23-01. Motion passed 5-0.

23-02 An Ordinance Authorizing An Amendment To The City Manager Contract And Declaring An Emergency. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 23-02 by title in an emergency reading. **Mr. McDonald** noted Council went into Executive Session as the attachment to this Ordinance needed clarification regarding the severance, which only applies if there is a removal by Council and includes the required payment under the City's Charter. There were no comments or questions during the Public Hearing. It was moved by Councilman Blakesly, second by Councilman Follick to approve Ordinance 23-02. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports from Boards and Commissions: None

Vice Mayor Lewis reviewed the December Bill Listing in the amount of \$3,081,159.68 the list of December Expenses over \$50,000, and the December Purchasing Card Detail in the amount of \$27,662.34. He solicited comments or questions. There were none.

Council Comments

Mr. Wendt shared it is a privilege to serve the residents of Vandalia and the City Council and he really appreciates everyone.

Councilwoman Farst made a motion to excuse Mayor Herbst and Councilman Ahlers from the meetings tonight. Councilman Blakesly seconded the motion. All members present voted yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilman Follick congratulated and thanked Helen Perkins on her retirement from the Parks and Recreation Center, serving nearly 20 years as a part time child care attendant. He thanked the Van Tran volunteers, who offer Residents transportation to appointment and other locations. **Councilman Follick** recognized Communications Manager, Rich Hopkins and staff who were involved with the publication of the My Vandalia magazine and the updates to the City's website. **Councilman Follick**

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recognized the Public Safety staff who responded to the three fatality car crashes, one involving a child, in the ten days leading up to Christmas, commending them for their professionalism and hard work.

Councilman Blakesly echoed Councilman Follick's comments on our Public Safety staff. Councilman Blakesly shared his involvement with Passport to Safety, for over 30 years and what a great program it is and it has saved lives. He added that Van Tran is another great program with a lot of great volunteers.

Vice Mayor Lewis shared he has a newspaper clipping from 30 years ago of his three daughters who assisted an injured man by running home to have their mother call 911, which was a result of what they learned from Passport to Safety.

The Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

APPROVED:

David Lewis, Vice Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Swartz, Deputy Clerk of Council