

The Council of the City of Vandalia Meeting Minutes

**February 1, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Richard Herbst, Vice Mayor Robert Ahlers, Councilman Michael Blakesly, Councilman Corey M. Follick, Councilwoman Candice Farst, Councilwoman Constance Woods, and Councilman David Lewis

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry McDonald, Mr. Wendt, Missy Pruszynski, Rob Cron, Amber Holloway, David Marlow, Steve Clark, Darren Davey, Bridgette Leiter, Greg Barney, and Chief Althouse

**Councilman Lewis** called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Vandalia to order at 7:00 p.m. **Councilman Lewis** called for a moment of reflection followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2021, the Council Study Session Minutes of January 4, 2021, and the Council Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2021 were approved as presented.

Communications, Petitions and Awards: None

Public Hearing: None

Comments from Interested Citizens: None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information Items: None

Action Items: None

Old Business: None

Resolutions:

**21-R-05** A Resolution Approving A Financial Contribution To The Historical Society Of Vandalia-Butler. **Mr. McDonald**, read Resolution 21-R-05 by title. **Mr. Wendt** explained \$15,000 is appropriated in Council's budget for an annual donation to the Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler for all maintenance related projects and to include the cost of an annual Business/Organization membership. Included with this year's

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request is a letter from the Historical Society describing some of the challenges in 2020 for the Society and requesting the City's continued support. It was moved by Councilman Blakesly, seconded by Councilwoman Farst, to approve Resolution 21-R-05. All members present voted yes. Resolution 21-R-05 approved 7-0.

**21-R-06** A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of A 2021 John Deere 333G Compact Track Loader By The Public Works Department, From Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company At The State Bid Contract Price In The Amount Of \$72,500.00 And Declaring The Current 1992 Leeboy Asphalt Maintainer To Be Replaced As Surplus Property. **Mr. McDonald**, read Resolution 21-R-06 by title. **Mr. Wendt** advised Public Works appropriated \$75,000 in the 2021 Capital Improvement budget for the purchase of a Track Skid Loader. Public Works recommends purchasing a 2021 John Deere 333G Compact Track Loader from Murphy Tractor and Equipment of Vandalia at the State Bid contract price of \$72,500, which includes an extended five-year warranty. He added this purchase is in conjunction with the purchase of a Road Widening Paving Box and an Asphalt Mill. All related equipment will replace a 1992 LeeBoy Asphalt Maintainer, which is no longer in production. The Asphalt Maintainer will be designated as surplus and disposed of on GovDeals or otherwise disposed of by the City Manager as provided by law. It was moved by Councilwoman Farst, seconded by Councilman Follick, to approve Resolution 21-R-06. All members present voted yes. Resolution 21-R-06 approved 7-0.

**21-R-07** A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of A 2021 FH-R Model Road Widener Paving Box By The Public Works Department, From Southeastern Equipment Company In The Amount Of \$48,836.52. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 21-R-07 by title. **Mr. Wendt** advised Public Works appropriated \$50,000 in the 2021 Capital Improvement budget for the purchase of a Road Widening Paving Box. Public Works recommends Council waive competitive bidding due to the lack of comparable options to meet the City's needs and purchase a 2021 Road Widener from Southeastern Equipment Company at their quoted price of \$48,836.52, which also

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includes a five-year extended warranty. He reminded the audience this purchase is in conjunction with the purchase of a Compact Track Loader and an Asphalt Mill. All related equipment will replace a 1992 LeeBoy Asphalt Maintainer, which is no longer in production. The Asphalt Maintainer will be designated as surplus and disposed of on GovDeals or otherwise disposed of by the City Manager as provided by law. It was moved by Councilman Follick, seconded by Councilman Blakesly, to approve Resolution 21-R-07. All members present voted yes. Resolution 21-R-07 approved 7-0.

**21-R-08** A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Thirty-Six Month Agreement With Metro Fibernet, LLC For Fiber Optic Communication Services.

**Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 21-R-08 by title. **Mr. Wendt** advised the city of Vandalia's computer network connects each of the department offices and buildings together to provide telephone, internet, and application services. As more services become network dependent, it is important for the city to begin connecting locations utilizing fiber optic cabling, which provides a faster and more reliable connection than existing point-to-point (PTP) connection. IT Manager Darren Davey recommends we lease a fiber connection between Fire Station 1 and the Justice Center, which would connect the Rec Center, Building Maintenance, and Fire Station 1 with the Justice Center and Municipal Building. He added the IT Department received quotes from several service providers for a leased fiber connection. The lowest cost was from MetroNet (aka Metro Fibernet, LLC) for \$9,000/year on a 36-month term. It was moved by Councilman Blakesly, seconded by Councilwoman Farst, to approve Resolution 21-R-08. All members present voted yes. Resolution 21-R-08 approved 7-0.

Ordinances – First Reading:

**21-03** An Ordinance Rezoning 5.15 Acres Of Vacant Land At The Dead-End Of Waldsmith Way From Residential 2-Family (RTF) And Residential 4-Family (RFF) To Residential Single-Family 3 (RSF-3) And Amending The Zoning Map Of The City. **Mr.**

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**McDonald** read Ordinance 21-03 by title in the first reading. **Mr. Wendt** advised Jamar Investments, Inc. has requested the rezoning of 5.15 acres of land at 675 Waldsmith Way from Residential Two-Family and Residential Four-Family to Residential Single Family 3 (RSF-3). He explained the purpose of this rezoning request is to allow the construction of one single family home. The property in question meets all applicable standards of the RSF-3 Zoning District. The Planning Commission reviewed this request at its January 12, 2021 meeting and voted 5-0 to recommend approval. It was moved by Councilwoman Farst, seconded by Councilman Follick, to approve Ordinance 21-03 in the first reading. All members present voted yes. Ordinance 21-03 was approved 7-0 in the first reading.

**21-04** An Ordinance Amending Section 678.09 Of The Vandalia Codified Ordinances. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 21-04 by title in the first reading. **Mr. Wendt** advised this ordinance cleans up the language in Section 678.09 and adds additional discharge language that was inadvertently left out when this ordinance was amended in 2019. It was moved by Councilman Follick, seconded by Councilman Blakesly, to approve Ordinance 21-04 in the first reading. All members present voted yes. Ordinance 21-03 was approved 7-0 in the first reading.

Ordinances – Second Reading: None

Ordinances – Emergency: None

**Reports from Boards and Commissions:**

Vandalia Arts Council Meeting Minutes: November 17, 2020

Vandalia Arts Council Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2020

Council Comments:

**Mr. McDonald** welcomed Mr. Wendt.

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**Mr. Wendt** shared his first day was off to a really good start. He noted he has met with several staff members and Councilman Blakesly. He noted Council had a successful Joint Meeting with Butler Township and the Vandalia Butler City School District. **Mr. Wendt** added he is looking forward to one-on-one's with each Councilmember.

**Councilman Follick** welcomed Mr. Wendt. Then he congratulated Assistant Fire Chief Mark Whetstone on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his 30 years of service with the City of Vandalia. **Councilman Follick** concluded his comments by recognizing the Public Works crews for and thanked them for their hard work during the most recent snow event.

**Councilwoman Farst** welcomed Mr. Wendt and noted Council is looking forward to a bright future with him. Next, she commented that she missed the Historical Society members this evening and she is looking forward to seeing them soon. **Councilwoman Farst** shared that the Parks and Recreation Department has been doing a lot on FaceBook lately in the way of recognizing their employees, and she noted it is positive and looks really good. She asked the other Councilmembers to review the Arts Council minutes specifically noting a number of events and projects planned for 2021; she closed by noting it should be an exciting year for the Arts Council

**Councilman Blakesly** congratulated Mr. Wendt on a great first meeting and it looks as though you are adapting very well. **Mr. Wendt** thanked Chief Althouse, Assistant City Manager Holloway, and Mrs. Pruszynski for their kind assistance. **Councilman Blakesly** recognized the Public Works department for their efforts with snow removal.

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**Councilwoman Woods** welcomed Mr. Wendt and advised she is looking forward to their meeting Friday, February 5, 2021.

**Mayor Herbst** began by thanking Councilman Lewis for facilitating tonight's meeting in his physical absence. Then he echoed Mr. Wendt's comments related to the valuable Joint Meeting with Butler Township and the School District. He commented that there are not too many communities who have similar relationships with their neighbors and this says a lot about our community.

**Councilman Lewis** thanked Mrs. Pruszynski for giving him great notes to follow this evening. He noted that he is looking forward to meeting with Mr. Wendt tomorrow.

No executive session was held during the Council Meeting.

The regular Council Meeting was then adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Richard Herbst, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Missy Pruszynski, Deputy Clerk of Council

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