

The Council of the City of Vandalia Meeting Minutes

March 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, Daniel Wendt, Missy Pruszynski, Amber Holloway, Darren Davey, Bridgette Leiter, Holly Wiggins, and Laura Wendt

Mayor Herbst called the regularly scheduled 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:

The Council Special Joint Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021, the Council Study Session Minutes of February 1, 2021, the Council Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2021, the Council Study Session Minutes of February 15, 2021, and the Council Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2021 were approved as presented.

Communications, Petitions and Awards: None

Public Hearing: None

Comments from Interested Citizens:

Mayor Herbst called for comments from interested citizens. **Ms. Holly Wiggins**, 660 Cassel Creek, advised she is representing Dayton Power & Light. She announced DP&L is changing their name to AES Ohio; however, the legal name will remain Dayton Power & Light. **Ms. Wiggins** continued by explaining the company has refocused the business on transmission and distribution over the last several years, with the goal of making sure they are reliably serving customers with the lowest residential rate in Ohio. She advised the company is also focused on delivering more reliable greener and smarter energy solutions at an affordable price.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information Items: None

Action Items:

Boards and Commissions Appointment –

Mr. Wendt advised the audience Council held a meet-and-greet with Mr. Matthew Bauer at the February 15, 2021 Study Session. Mr. Bauer is requesting appointment to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council and to the Housing Code Board of Appeals. It was moved by Councilman Blakesly, seconded by Vice Mayor Ahlers to approve Mr. Bauer's appointment to the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council and to the Housing Code Board of Appeals. Motion approved. 7-0.

Old Business: None

Resolutions:

21-R-11 A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Body Worn Cameras, Software And Related Mounting Equipment, Requested By The IT Department, For The 2021 Police Body Worn Camera Upgrade Project At A Total Price Of \$60,025.30 And Declaring The Equipment Being Replaced As Surplus Property. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 21-R-11 by title. **Mr. Wendt** explained the Division of Police budgeted for body camera replacements in 2021. The IT Department worked with Panasonic to put together quotes for 28 body cameras, spare batteries, chargers, and equipment. During the process, several licensing issues were discovered as well as some software updates that would become available and would improve video redaction and distribution. He reminded Council the IT Department submitted two proposals. The first proposal was for the body camera upgrade only, while the second proposal encompassed the body cameras, new software, and resolved the device licensing issues. **Mr. Wendt** noted \$50,000 was budgeted for the project; however, the IT Department is recommending approval of the second proposal for a cost of \$60,025.30. As part of the 2021 budget, the Division of Police budgeted \$19,500 for new dash cameras. Instead of purchasing three new dash cameras this year, the IT

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Department is recommending that \$10,025.30 of those funds be used to cover the software and license upgrades. The equipment would be purchased through Arc Acquisitions. It was moved by Councilman Blakesly, seconded by Councilman Follick, to approve Resolution 21-R-11. All members present voted yes. Resolution 21-R-11 approved 7-0.

21-R-12 A Resolution Amending The Contract With Pickrel Schaeffer & Ebeling Regarding Law Director Services. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 21-R-12 by title. **Mr. Wendt** reminded Council at the February 15, 2021 study session he shared the legal fee survey that Mrs. Pruszynski conducted. Based on the results of the survey and feedback from City Council, he recommended Council resolve to increase the hourly rate for legal direction by Pickrel, Schaeffer & Ebeling from \$155 / hr. to \$162.50 / hr. Mr. Wendt advised, unless otherwise directed, he intends to propose budgeting for legal direction at a rate of \$170 / hr. for 2022. It was moved by Councilman Lewis, seconded by Councilman Blakesly, to approve Resolution 21-R-12. All members present voted yes. Resolution 21-R-12 approved 7-0.

Ordinances – First Reading: None

Ordinances – Second Reading: None

Ordinances – Emergency: None

Reports from Boards and Commissions:

Vandalia Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes: November 18, 2020

Council Comments:

Councilman Follick recognized Matt Brunsky, a senior at Butler High School, who won the Division II State Championship 50 yard Free Style last week. He also recognized Officer David Craine in the Division of Police for his Distinguished Service Award for the life-saving actions he took while off-duty at a business in Tipp City in December 2020.

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Councilman Blakesly congratulated Officer Craine for his life-saving abilities especially off-duty, and this brings the subject up that you are never off-duty. He concluded by recognizing Ms. Doris Harakay for her seventy years of service at GE Aviation.

Executive Session - The purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss and consider the possible purchase or sale of real property.

No executive session was held during the Council Meeting.

The regular Council Meeting was then adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

Richard Herbst, Mayor

ATTEST:

Missy Pruszynski, Deputy Clerk of Council

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