

The Council of the City of Vandalia Meeting Minutes

**March 15, 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: Katrina Wahl, Daniel Wendt, Missy Pruszynski, Amber Holloway, Darren Davey, Bridgette Leiter, Steve Clark, Chief Althouse, Christopher Hartman, 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 Study Session Minutes of March 1, 2021 and the Council Meeting Minutes of March 1, 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-13** A Resolution Awarding The Bid For Asphaltic Concrete, Requested By The Public Works Department, To Barrett Paving Materials In The Amount Of \$67.00/Ton For Type II Asphalt And \$68.00/Ton For Type I Asphalt As The Lowest And Best Bid.

**Ms. Wahl** read Resolution 21-R-13 by title. **Mr. Wendt** advised bids were opened for

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the purchase of asphalt to be used by our crews for patching, paving at the Vandalia Art Park, completion of the Cassel Hills Golf Course cart path, and other small paving projects. Barrett Paving was the low bidder at \$68/ton for Type 1 surface asphalt and \$67/ton Type 2 base asphalt. Valley Asphalt submitted a similar bid at \$71/ton for Type 1 and \$69/ton for Type 2. As has been the practice in years past, I respectfully request that Council authorize the City to purchase asphalt from both companies. If granted, this would allow the City to advance the progress of projects on days when Barrett Paving is unable to deliver asphalt to the City because of scheduling conflicts. It was moved by Councilwoman Farst, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to approve Resolution 21-R-13. All members present voted yes. Resolution 21-R-13 approved 7-0.

**21-R-14** A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Police Uniforms, Footwear, Work Gear And Duty Equipment Requested By The Division Of Police, From Phoenix Outfitters And Declaring The Existing Items As Surplus. **Ms. Wahl** read Resolution 21-R-14 by title. **Mr. Wendt** reminded Council in March 2019, the Division of Police utilized a bidding process to select a vendor for Police Officer uniforms, footwear, work gear, bullet-resistant vests, and duty equipment. Phoenix Safety Outfitters, AKA: Phoenix, submitted the lowest and best bid. On April 15, 2019, City Council passed Resolution 19-R-26, awarding the bid to Phoenix for two years with an option for a two-year extension. Phoenix provided the City with updated pricing that is acceptable to the Chief of Police and will allow adequate purchases to be made for Police Division personnel. The 2021 budget includes \$23,500 for Police Officer uniforms, footwear, work gear, bullet-resistant vests, and duty equipment. As is permitted in our current contract and in accordance with normal purchasing procedures, I respectfully request that City Council waive the competitive bidding process and extend the contract with Phoenix Safety Outfitters through April 15, 2023, not to exceed a two year budgeted amount of \$48,500. It was moved by Councilman Follick,

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seconded by Councilman Blakesly, to approve Resolution 21-R-14. All members present voted yes. Resolution 21-R-14 approved 7-0.

**21-R-15** A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase For Three Motorola Radio Consoles, Requested By The Division Of Police, To Motorola In The Amount Of \$27,945. **Ms. Wahl** read Resolution 21-R-15 by title. **Mr. Wendt** explained in 2015 as part of the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) the Division of Police purchased three radios and five consolettes from Motorola Solutions. Since then, we have continued to enter into a yearly agreement with Motorola Solutions for the servicing of the hardware and software upgrades. Staff is requesting to waive competitive bidding requirements due to the proprietary nature of Motorola hardware and software and authorize the payment of \$27,945 for the service dates of February 1, 2021, through January 31, 2022 based on the public safety need to maintain its uninterrupted connection with its personnel and other users on the radio system. It was moved by Councilman Blakesly, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to approve Resolution 21-R-15. All members present voted yes. Resolution 21-R-15 approved 7-0.

**21-R-16** A Resolution Approving An Agreement With The Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association. **Ms. Wahl** read Resolution 21-R-16 by title. **Mr. Wendt** explained this is simply legislation ratifying an agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and the City. It was moved by Councilman Lewis, seconded by Councilman Blakesly, to approve Resolution 21-R-16. All members present voted yes. Resolution 21-R-16 approved 7-0.

Ordinances – First Reading: None

Ordinances – Second Reading: None

Ordinances – Emergency:

**21-06** 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. **Ms. Wahl** read Ordinance 21-06 by title

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in an emergency reading. **Mr. Wendt** advised this emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to water, sewer, storm water fees, and trash collection. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. It was moved by Councilman Blakesly, seconded by Councilwoman Farst, to approve Ordinance 21-06 as an emergency. All members present voted yes. Ordinance 21-06 was approved 7-0 in an emergency reading.

### **Reports from Boards and Commissions:**

Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes: December 9, 2020

**Mayor Herbst** reviewed the February Bill Listing in the amount of \$2,318,036.01 and February Purchasing Card Detail in the amount of \$26,564.28. There were no comments or questions.

### **Council Comments:**

**Mr. Wendt** shared with the audience the Vandalia Recreation Center is celebrating its 20 years in business and part of that is selling \$20.00 t-shirts commemorating this great passage. He advised Council he has given all non-uniformed personnel who purchase shirts permission to wear jeans each Friday in April beginning with April 9. Alternatively, he encouraged employees to make a \$20.00 donation to the Vandalia Food Pantry. **Mr. Wendt** advised the commemorative shirts can be purchased by calling the Recreation Center Front Desk or by going to the Recreation Center website. Next, **Mr. Wendt** suggested that beginning with the April 5 Council Meetings we allow residents to attend in-person while observing social distancing requirements and via the Zoom App. Council indicated their approval. **Mr. Wendt** advised Council staff is actively monitoring social media. He specifically, referred to recent social media posts about whether or not Cassel Hills Pool will open this summer. Mr. Wendt advised staff will be pushing out information on social media regarding social

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distancing rules. He continued by noting staff is waiting on the Ohio Department of Health to disseminate relevant information. Once the information is published, staff will have an idea of how the rules will impact the pool and at that time staff will circulate information via various outlets. **Mr. Wendt** concluded by adding the City is planning to open Cassel Hills Pool this summer.

**Councilwoman Farst** advised she recently attended the Vandalia Butler Chamber of Commerce State of the City, School District and Township meeting last Tuesday, March 9 and noted it was very informative, and she encouraged the audience to go online and watch each entity's videos. She thanked Mr. Hopkins for his work on the video and said Vandalia had the best video. Councilwoman Farst advised she will purchase a 20<sup>th</sup> year Vandalia Recreation Center commemorative t-shirt and wear it each Friday too. She mentioned the Vandalia Butler Foundation has been a partner in the Harmony Free Notes Musical Instruments at the Art Park, and advised the audience they have an arts and culture charitable checking account that has been receiving donations and there is enough in the account to purchase another piece. **Councilwoman Farst** advised once this piece is purchased, that will make five pieces at the Art Park and there is room for one more. She requested if anyone is looking to make a charitable donation now or in future to please consider this as an option. **Councilwoman Farst** added that she has recently been on FaceBook and noticed the school district and the city have a lot of upcoming events. She encouraged residents to go on social media, even if they do not want to create posts, and read about all the great things going on in our community. **Councilwoman Farst** believes it will make people feel better.

**Councilman Blakesly** recognized Mr. Hopkins' work on the State of the City video. He continued by noting even though the past year was restricted due to the pandemic,

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there were still a lot of good things that happened and the City still managed to get a lot done.

**Councilman Follick** thanked staff, the Foxfire developer, and the North Poe Avenue land owner for coming to an agreement to create a construction access to Foxfire. The Foxfire community is very pleased that the developer kept his word when he promised to alleviate as much traffic through the neighborhood as possible.

**Mayor Herbst** recognized staff on the State of the City video and congratulated the Butler High School wrestlers – Matt Motter, Noah Moreland, and Parker Lee, for making it to State. He concluded by congratulating Matt Motter on being named MVL Wrestler of the Year.

**Executive Session** - The purpose is to discuss negotiations with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA) Vandalia Police Sergeants' group.

No executive session was held during the Council Meeting.

The regular Council Meeting was then adjourned at 7:17 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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