

The Council of the City of Vandalia Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2025

COUNCIL MEMBERS 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, Angela Swartz, Darren Davey, Mike Hammes, Ben Borton, Alicia McCracken, Mike Hammes, Leann Hanf, Brandon Sucher, Bridgette Leiter, Kristen Carnes, Barbara Spurgeon, Brandon Dosch, Michael Mayhill, Cristal and Larry Fillers, Laura Gross, Haleigh Gross, Jordan Gross, Jacob Walters, Candice Jacobs, Scott Jacobs, Steve Krimm and members of the Division of Fire.

Mayor Herbst called the council 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: None

Communications, Petitions and Awards:

Proclamation Recognizing Jordan Gross for Winning the National Champion in the 60 Meter Dash. **Mayor Herbst** presented a proclamation to Jordan Gross for Winning the National Champion in the 60 Meter Dash at the prestigious Adidas Indoor Nationals.

Proclamation National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 13 – 19. **Mayor Herbst** presented a proclamation to the Division of Police PSS for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

Introduction and Oath of Office: Firefighter/Paramedic/Inspector Jacob Walters. **Mr. Althouse** introduced and administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter/Paramedic/Inspector Jacob Walters who began employment April 13, 2025.

Mayor Herbst addressed the audience advising anyone who did not wish to stay for the remainder of the meeting, this would be the time to step out.

Public Hearing: None

Comments from Interested Citizens:

Mayor Herbst called for comments from interested citizens advising as they come to the podium, please clearly state their name and address for the record. **Mayor Herbst** asked those who speak to please follow the etiquette of communicating with respect to others, to please stay on topic with their statements, while addressing Council. **Mayor Herbst**

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reminded the audience, this is not the forum for arguments and asked in an effort to give all citizens an opportunity to express their thoughts and concerns, to keep their comments as brief as possible. There were none.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information Items:

Mr. Althouse shared on Friday, April 25 at 10:00 am, the City of Vandalia will hold an Arbor Day Event at Morton Middle School. Vice Mayor Blakesly will present a proclamation, and a Crimson Sunset Maple will be planted. This event is open to the public. **Mr. Althouse** shared on Thursday, May 1st, National Day of Prayer will be held at First Light Church from 8:00 am - 10:15 am. Breakfast will begin at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall – Main Building and the Prayer Service will begin at 8:45 am in the Sanctuary. The event is free to the community. To RSVP, call 937-898-3801 and a Live Stream will be provided.

Action Item: None

Old Business: None

Resolutions:

25-R-22 A Resolution Declaring The Official Intent And Reasonable Expectation Of The City Of Vandalia On Behalf Of The State Of Ohio (The Borrower) To Reimburse Its Water Fund For The CD15AB / CD16AB, Tionda, Ranchview & Mossview Drive Watermain Replacement With The Proceeds Of Tax Exempt Debt Of The State Of Ohio.

Mr. McDonald read Resolution 25-R-22 by title. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council the Tionda, Mossview, Ranchview Drive Watermain Replacement project is set to begin construction, with \$900,000 in funding awarded by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) – \$450,000 as a grant and \$450,000 as a zero percent (0%) five-year loan. Before requesting reimbursements for completed work, OPWC requires a Resolution of Intent to confirm that the loan disbursement will be placed in the appropriate fund for repayment. There were no comments from Council. It was moved by Councilmember Follick, second by Councilmember Farst to approve Resolution 25-R-22, motion passed 7-0.

25-R-23 A Resolution Authorizing The Interim City Manager To Execute A Letter Of Understanding With The United States Air And Trade Show. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 25-R-23 by title. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council annually, the City enters into a Letter of Understanding with the US Air and Trade Show. Per the terms of the Letter, the City agrees to provide Police and City services in direct support of the 2025 CenterPoint Energy Dayton Air Show being held this year on June 21 & June 22. The City will be reimbursed should such services exceed \$21,900. There were no comments from

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Council. It was moved by Councilmember Doogan, second by Councilmember Farst to approve Resolution 25-R-23, motion passed 7-0.

25-R-24 A Resolution Approving A Financial Contribution To The Historical Society Of Vandalia Butler. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 25-R-24 by title. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council there is \$15,000 appropriated in Council's 2025 budget for an annual donation to The Historical Society of Vandalia-Butler for maintenance projects and to include the cost of an annual Business/Organization membership. It is necessary for Council to take formal action to authorize said donation. There were no comments or questions from Council. It was moved by Councilmember Farst, second by Vice Mayor Blakesly to approve Resolution 25-R-24, motion passed 7-0.

25-R-25 A Resolution Amending The Part-Time Pay Plan For Employees Of The City Of Vandalia, Ohio For The Year 2025. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 25-R-25 by title. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council The City of Vandalia Parks & Recreation Department is proposing to add two part-time positions to the 2025 Part-Time Pay Plan: a Marketing Coordinator to enhance community engagement and program participation through strategic marketing and outreach, funded by reallocating hours from existing roles, and an Assistant Golf Professional to support golf instruction and operations at Cassel Hills Golf Course. The Marketing Coordinator will ensure consistent branding and increased awareness of recreational programs, while the Assistant Golf Professional will revive a previously budgeted role that has been vacant since 2020. There were no comments or questions from Council. It was moved by Vice Mayor Blakesly, second by Councilmember Follick to approve Resolution 25-R-25, motion passed 7-0.

Ordinances – First Reading:

25-07 An Ordinance Amending The Text Of The Vandalia Zoning Code Regarding The Standards Of The Interstate And Limited-Access Highway Sign Overlay District. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 25-07 by title. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council on March 3rd, 2025, Council discussed options for permitting digital billboards along Airport Access Road on a limited basis. Based on that discussion, Staff has prepared a set of amendments to the Interstate and Limited-Access Highway Sign Overlay District. If approved, the overlay would be amended to permit billboards along Airport Access Road. On March 25th, 2025, the Planning Commission voted 4-0 to recommend approval of the proposed amendments. There were no comments or questions from Council. It was moved by Councilmember Lewis, second by Councilmember Doogan to approve Ordinance 25-07, motion passed 7-0.

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Ordinances – Second Reading:

25-04 An Ordinance Amending Sections 878.03, 878.04 And 878.06 Of Chapter 878 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Vandalia Regarding Hotel Registration.

Mr. McDonald read Ordinance 25-04 by title. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council Staff reviewed Chapter 878 Hotel/Motel Operations Registration and are requesting revisions. After implementation of the hotel/motel registration for the last three years, staff found a few items that need addressed and clarified. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. There were no comments or questions from Council. It was moved by Councilmember Follick, second by Councilmember Lewis to approve Ordinance 25-04, motion passed 7-0.

Ordinances – Emergency Reading:

25-05 An Ordinance Approving The Solid Waste Management Plan Of The Montgomery County Solid Waste Management District And Declaring An Emergency. **Mr.**

McDonald read Ordinance 25-05 by title. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council the Montgomery County Solid Waste Management District (“District”) has completed the required statutory steps (ORC 3734.53 – 99 & 343) of preparing an update to the District’s Solid Waste Management District Plan (“District Plan”), conducting a thirty-day public comment period, holding a public hearing, and having the Solid Waste Management Policy Committee (“SWMPC”) adopting the plan and directing the District staff to send it out to all of the jurisdictions (Cities, Villages, Townships and Board of County Commissioners) within the District for ratification. For the District Plan to be ratified, the County must have seventy percent (70%) of the jurisdiction, based on population; to ratify the updated District Plan, which the District Plan is updated every 5 years. John Minear, Assistant Director, Solid Waste Management District & Operations, presented to City Council at the April 7th Study Session, and an Emergency Ordinance will be on the April 21st Council meeting for adoption. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. There were no comments or questions from Council. It was moved by Councilmember Farst, second by Councilmember Follick to approve Ordinance 25-05, motion passed 7-0.

25-06 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. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 25-

06 by title. **Mr. Althouse** advised Council this emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, trash collection, delinquent sewer & water, weed cutting and property maintenance. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. There were no comments or questions from Council. It was moved by Councilmember Farst, second by Councilmember Follick to approve Ordinance 25-06, motion passed 7-0.

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Reports from Boards and Commissions:

Mayor Herbst called for comments or questions on the Civil Service Minutes of March 11, 2025 and Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes of March 12, 2025. There were none.

Mayor Herbst reviewed the March 2025 Bill Listing \$ 2,699,639.03, Monthly Expenses over \$25,000 and Monthly Purchasing Card Detail in the amount of \$33,222.01. There were none.

Council Comments

Mr. Althouse congratulated Jordan Gross winning the National Champion in the 60 Meter Dash and welcomed Jacob Walters. **Mr. Althouse** shared Staff had a great time with Youth in Government Day and there were a number of great students that participated.

Councilmember Aivalotis-Weaver gave a big shout out to the Parks and Rec Staff and the Fire Department Staff for their organization at the Eggstravaganza event during the thunderstorm, noting Staff did an amazing job getting everyone to safety and then getting the event back up and running flawlessly.

The Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

APPROVED:

Richard Herbst, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Swartz, Deputy Clerk of Council

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