

The Council of the City of Vandalia Meeting Minutes

September 20, 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, Amber Holloway, Darren Davey, Bridgette Leiter, Zak Karto, Chief Kurt Althouse, Rob Cron, Sam Conley, Grace Conley, Molly Brunk, Paul Borders, Esther Borders, Ella Borders, Ben Conley, Hannah Conley, Ben Redick, Anissa Kanzari

REMOTE AUDIENCE: Kristen Carnes

Mayor Herbst called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Vandalia to order at 7:14 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:

Introduction of City Employee

Mr. Wendt introduced and welcomed the City's newest Public Safety Specialist Grace Conley. He called upon Chief Althouse to share Ms. Conley's previous professional background. Ms. Conley introduced her guests and commented that she is looking forward to a new career in Vandalia.

Public Hearing: None

Comments from Interested Citizens:

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Mayor Herbst addressed the audience, specifically the remote attendees, and noted per the advice of the City Attorney, anyone wishing to comment needs to personally be at the meeting; so, Council will not be able to take comments from those participating electronically through Zoom. **Mayor Herbst** prompted anyone in the room who wished to speak on a topic to step forward. No one came forward.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information Items:

October is Fire Prevention Month – Division of Fire – Open House – October 3, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Wendt advised the audience in honor of Fire Prevention Month, The Division of Fire will host an open house on Sunday, October 3 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station One, 8705 Peters Pike.

Schedule of Leaf Pickup

The City Manager shared the map showing route numbers and collection dates for the 2021 leaf pickup program. He noted the schedule is also available by street name on the City's website at vandaliaohio.org/leaves.

Mr. Wendt shared that there was a great collaboration last week between the City, the Vandalia Butler School District and Butler Township. Councilwoman Farst organized the meeting to discuss with a resident on Stonequarry about connecting the sidewalk to Morton Middle School. He explained that this meant a lot to the residents that their local governments came out to hear their concerns. This was a very positive meeting as the completion of the sidewalk means more children can walk to school safely and is therefore a very worthy investment. He reminded the audience the small business relief grant is on-going and has been successful and noted businesses can find application information on the city website. **Mr. Wendt** concluded by inviting Councilmembers to the upcoming employee appreciation event Thursday, September 23 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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Action Items:

Boards and Commissions - Appointments

Mr. Wendt reminded Council a meet and greet was held with Vandalia Arts Council applicant Mrs. Doogan and her application is included in Council's packets. It was moved by Councilwoman Farst, seconded by Councilman Blakesly, to approve Mrs. Doogan's appointment to the Vandalia Arts Council. Motion passed 7-0.

Old Business: None

Resolutions:

21-R-60 A Resolution To Enter Into A Cost Sharing Agreement With Montgomery County For Engineering And Design Of Improvements For A Northern Ring Road Around The Dayton International Airport. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 21-R-60 by title. **Mr. Wendt** explained the Montgomery County Engineer's office has been awarded TRAC (Transportation Review Advisory Council) Funding for the Engineering and Design of Improvements to a portion of the roadway system to the north of the Dayton International Airport. The total estimated engineering cost is \$2,156,000. TRAC has approved 80% of this cost up to \$1,600,000 with the remaining amount to be paid with local funds. Montgomery County has requested that the City of Vandalia share in the local cost of engineering by a percentage based on the length of the project within the City. By this method our share of the local match would be 30% or \$166,800 based on the estimate with Montgomery County Engineers office. It was moved by Councilman Follick, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to approve Resolution 21-R-60. Motion passed 7-0.

21-R-61 A Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of The Upfit Equipment For A 2022 International HV507 Tandem Cab & Chassis Including Snow & Ice Accessories By The Public Works Department, From KE Rose Company At The Sourcewell Cooperative Bidding Contract Price In The Amount Of \$124,339.00. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 21-R-61 by title. **Mr. Wendt** advised the Public Works Department is

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proposing to replace their 2007 Tandem Dump Truck. Money was appropriated in the 2021 Capital Improvement Budget for this item. These vehicles are critical to our daily operations, and especially in our snow & ice operations where the City maintains over 207 lane miles of roadway. City Council authorized the purchase of the Cab & Chassis from Rush Truck Center on Poe Avenue at our last Council Meeting. Public Works is now proposing to purchase the upfit of the snow & ice equipment and the dump body from KE Rose through Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing at the price of \$124,339.00. It was moved by Vice Mayor Ahlers, seconded by Councilman Blakesly, to approve Resolution 21-R-61. Motion passed 7-0.

21-R-62 A Resolution Approving The Scene 75 Re-Plat. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 21-R-62 by title. **Mr. Wendt** advised the Owner/Applicant, POE AVE 6196, LLC, and JDS Commercial Holdings, has applied requesting the re-plat of 22.1110-acres of land at 3375 Stop Eight Road and 6196 Poe Ave. The requested re-plat would result in creating two lots, one 15.2529-acre lot for Scene 75, and one 6.8581-acre lot formerly occupied by ITT Tech. The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of this request. It was moved by Councilman Blakesly, seconded by Councilwoman Farst, to approve Resolution 21-R-62. Motion passed 7-0.

Ordinances – First Reading: None

Ordinances – Second Reading:

21-26 An Ordinance Rezoning 6.8581 Acres Of Land Located At 3325 Stop Eight Road From Highway Business (HB) To Industrial (I) And Amending The Zoning Map Of The City. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 21-26 by title in the second reading. **Mr. Wendt** explained the Owner/Applicant, POE AVE 6196, LLC, and JDS Commercial Holdings, is requesting the rezoning of approximately 6.8581 acres of land at 3325 Stop Eight Road from Highway Business (HB) to Industrial (I). The purpose of the rezoning request is to establish the use of “retail sales of materials and equipment to the construction industry”. The request for rezoning to Industrial, however does not

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conform to the City's Future Land Use Map designation of "Industrial/Innovation". The Planning Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval of this request with one condition being that Scene 75 be required to submit a parking plan to the City to ensure adequate parking facilities are provided. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. It was moved by Councilman Lewis, seconded by Vice Mayor Ahlers, to approve Ordinance 21-26 with one condition as noted by the Planning Commission being that Scene 75 be required to submit a parking plan to the City to ensure adequate parking facilities are provided. Motion passed 7-0 in the second reading.

Ordinances – Emergency:

21-27 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 21-27 by title in an emergency reading. **Mr. Wendt** advised this emergency ordinance assesses properties for delinquent accounts related to storm water fees, weed cutting, trash collection, & sewer and water. There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. It was moved by Councilwoman Farst, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to approve Ordinance 21-27 in an emergency reading. All members present voted yes. Ordinance 21-27 was approved 7-0 in an emergency reading.

21-28 An Ordinance To Revise Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The City Of Vandalia, Montgomery County, Ohio During The Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2021, And Amending Ordinance 20-36 And Declaring An Emergency. **Mr. McDonald** read Ordinance 21-22 by title in an emergency reading. **Mr. Wendt** advised Finance Director Leiter is requesting the approval of the following supplemental appropriation Ordinance for an increase in the General Fund in the amount of \$1,558,911.95; increase in the Street Fund in the amount of \$11,658.59; increase in the Stormwater Fund in the amount of \$4,663.45;

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increase in the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$11,658.59; increase in the Facilities Improvement/Maintenance Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,563,375; increase in the Water Fund in the amount of \$9,326.87; increase in the Sewer Fund in the amount of \$9,326.87 in order to accomplish the following:

General Fund:

Non-departmental

- \$563,375 – decrease funds, in the General Fund and transfer to the Facilities Improvement/Maintenance Reserve Fund, that the City received in exchange for the old fire station for the purpose of building a new fire training facility.
- \$1,000,000 – decrease funds in the General Fund and transfer to the Facilities Improvement/Maintenance Reserve Fund for the purpose of building a new public works facility.

Police – Operations

- \$4,463.05 – increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional costs for vehicle repairs and maintenance costs for police department vehicles that resulted from traffic crashes caused by other drivers. The city will either be reimbursed by the driver's insurance companies or pay restitution to cover the additional costs.

Street Fund:

- \$11,658.59 – increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional equipment expenditures related to the purchase of the new Tandem Dump truck. (The expenditures are split between the Street, Stormwater, Capital Improvement, Water and Sewer Funds.)

Stormwater Fund:

- \$4,663.45 – increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional equipment expenditures related to the purchase of the new Tandem Dump truck. (The expenditures are split between the Street, Stormwater, Capital Improvement, Water and Sewer Funds.)

Capital Improvement Fund:

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- \$11,658.59 – increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional equipment expenditures related to the purchase of the new Tandem Dump truck. (The expenditures are split between the Street, Stormwater, Capital Improvement, Water and Sewer Funds.)

Facilities Improvement/Maintenance Reserve Fund:

- \$563,375 - increase funds, in the Facilities Improvement/Maintenance Reserve Fund and transfer from the General Fund, that the City received in exchange for the old fire station for the purpose of building a new fire training facility.
- \$1,000,000 – increase funds, in the Facilities Improvement/Maintenance Reserve Fund and transfer from the General Fund, for the purpose of building a new publicworks facility.

Water Fund:

- \$9,326.87 - increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional equipment expenditures related to the purchase of the new Tandem Dump truck. (The expenditures are split between the Street, Stormwater, Capital Improvement, Water and Sewer Funds.)

Sewer Fund:

- \$9,326.87 - increase appropriations to account for the unexpected additional equipment expenditures related to the purchase of the new Tandem Dump truck. (The expenditures are split between the Street, Stormwater, Capital Improvement, Water and Sewer Funds.)

There were no comments or questions during the public hearing. It was moved by Councilman Follick, seconded by Councilman Blakesly, to approve Ordinance 21-28 as an emergency. All members present voted yes. Ordinance 21-28 was approved 7-0 in an emergency reading.

Reports from Boards and Commissions: None

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Mayor Herbst reviewed the August Bill Listing in the amount of \$2,867,276.12 and the August Purchasing Card Detail in the amount of \$20,523.62. There were no comments or questions.

Council Comments:

Mr. McDonald advised Council the nuisance abatement on Little York Road started last week, is in progress and recognized the police department and zoning department for their efforts.

Mr. Wendt recommended to Council the need to hold two Budget Workshops. The first being October 25th or October 26th and the second workshop be held during the November 1 Study Session. **Mayor Herbst** reminded Mr. Wendt he previously advised he will be out of town on those dates. Mr. Wendt asked for the exact dates and Mayor Herbst advised he will be out the last ten days of October. Mr. Wendt advised he will discuss with the Finance Director and advise Council in the coming days. Mayor Herbst called for availability from other Councilmembers. Brief discussion was held.

Councilman Blakesly thanked City staff for their efforts in the Sister Cities Oktoberfest. He continued by sharing the mission statement of the Vandalia Sister Cities and how it ties our entire community together. **Councilman Blakesly** added most of the proceeds are returned to the Vandalia-Butler community in many forms including donations and scholarships.

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Councilman Lewis congratulated the Vandalia Sister Cities on the success of last weekend's Oktoberfest. He concluded by congratulating and welcoming PSS Grace Conley.

Councilman Follick acknowledged and thanked Mark Myers and David Potts of Culver's in allowing the Division of Fire to train at the old Ruby Tuesday building prior to demolition. This is a great way to create unique training opportunities. **Councilman Follick** recognized Sgt. Nagel, Officer Thomas, and Officer Schafer who were recognized by the Knights of Columbus back on September 11 for their life saving actions back in January. Then he advised the audience the Vandalia Recreation Center is running a promotion wherein if a 2022 annual membership is purchased the member can start using the membership now.

Councilwoman Farst thanked staff for all the introductions of new staff members. She recognized and thanked Vandalia Sister Cities for their worthwhile community efforts.

Mayor Herbst welcomed PSS Grace Conley

No Executive Session was held.

The regular Council Meeting was then adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

Richard Herbst, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Missy Pruszynski, Deputy Clerk of Council

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