

The Council of the City of Vandalia Meeting Minutes

October 4, 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, Zak Karto, Rob Cron, and Steve Clark

REMOTE AUDIENCE: Kristen Carnes and Holly Wiggins

Mayor Herbst called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Vandalia to order at 7:15 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 August 23, 2021 and the Council Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2021, the Study Session Minutes of September 7, 2021, and the Council Meeting Minutes of September 7 were approved as presented.

Communications, Petitions and Awards: None

Public Hearing: None

Comments from Interested Citizens:

Mayor Herbst addressed the audience, specifically the remote attendees, and explained per the advice of the City Attorney, anyone wishing to comment needs to personally be at the meeting; he noted 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.

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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Information Items:

Beggar's Night – Sunday, October 31, 2021

Mr. Wendt advised the audience Beggar's Night, in the City of Vandalia, will be observed Sunday, October 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Action Items: None

Old Business: None

Resolutions:

21-R-63 A Resolution Awarding The Bid For One 2022 Cargo Van With Tool Compartment Package, Requested By The Department Of Parks And Recreation, To Beau Townsend Ford In The Amount Of \$43,303 As The Lowest And Best Bid And Declaring The Existing 1995 Chevrolet Astro Van Being Replaced As Surplus Property. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 21-R-63 by title. **Mr. Wendt** explained the Parks and Recreation Department posted bids in the Daily Court Reporter and on the City website for a 2022 Cargo Van with tool compartment package to replace the current 1995 Chevrolet Astro Van with 85,000 miles. Beau Townsend Ford submitted the lone bid of \$43,303, which is \$513 less than the State of Ohio Procurement contract for a 2021 Cargo Van. Beau Townsend's bid included the base model vehicle with white exterior and a tool compartment package. He noted the exterior green color, the current Parks and Recreation green, is no longer a factory option at Ford Motor Company and the cost to paint the vehicle is over \$8,000. Mr. Clark is therefore recommending purchasing this vehicle, and all future Parks and Recreation replacement vehicles, with the white exterior color; additionally, he further recommends City Council declare the 1995 Chevrolet Astro Van as surplus and be placed on GOVDEALS or otherwise disposed of by the City Manager as provided by law. It was moved by Councilman Follick, seconded by Councilwoman Farst, to approve Resolution 21-R-63. Motion passed 7-0.

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21-R-64 A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Energy Systems Group, LLC (ESG) For The Design And Implementation Of Energy Conservation Measures For The Facilities Infrastructure Project. **Mr. McDonald** read Resolution 21-R-64 by title. **Mr. Wendt** advised as previously reported to Council, a selection committee interviewed Energy Systems Group and Perfection Group as part of the process to identify and select a qualified firm experienced in the engineering, design, procurement, project management, and implementation of a facilities infrastructure project. The scope of this project is substantial and cannot be optimally managed in-house. He explained the selection committee comprised of myself, Parks and Recreation Director Clark, Facilities Superintendent Rudy Wells, and Building Inspector Chris Mastrino, is recommending the City enter into a Project Development Agreement with Energy Systems Group, LLC (ESG) based on their overall best proposal and presentation. The Project Development Agreement will allow ESG to perform a detailed engineering evaluation of City facilities to determine whether it can develop a viable project for contract consideration. If ESG's evaluation and cost estimate results in a viable project we intend to negotiate a Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract under which ESG would design, install and implement cost-reducing strategies at an agreed upon financial cost. It was moved by Councilwoman Farst, seconded by Vice Mayor Ahlers, to approve Resolution 21-R-64. Motion passed 7-0.

Ordinances – First Reading: None

Ordinances – Second Reading: None

Ordinances – Emergency: None

Reports from Boards and Commissions:

Mayor Herbst called for comments or questions on the Planning Commission Minutes of May 12, 2021. There were none.

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Council Comments:

Councilwoman Woods congratulated Councilwoman Farst on recently receiving the Marvin Link Distinguished Service Award and recognized Miss Holloway on her recent nomination for Young Professional of the Year. She concluded by commenting that the Vandalia Butler Chamber did a great job hosting the event at Scene75

Councilman Lewis echoed Councilwoman Woods' comments recognizing Councilwoman Farst and Miss Holloway; he continued by congratulating Councilwoman Woods who was also nominated for the Marvin Link Distinguished Service Award.

Councilman Follick shared that the Division of Fire Open House Sunday, October 3 was well attended and recognized the Fire staff for their efforts in making the event a success. **Councilman Follick** concluded by adding the renovation at New Life Worship Center on Benchwood Road is looking great. He is glad that they reinvested in the City of Vandalia.

Councilwoman Farst shared that Mr. Aaron Messenger, Parks and Recreation Vandalia Arts Council liason, has planned a Fall Festival at the Art Park this Saturday, October 9. She invited the public to attend and added there will be something at the event for the entire family. **Councilwoman Farst** thanked Mr. Bill Brusman for donating a City of Vandalia 1987 Comprehensive Plan. She concluded by concurring with Councilman Follick on the impressive renovation at New Life Worship Center.

Councilman Blakesly shared his pride in working alongside several of the Vandalia Butler Chamber Annual award nominees and recipient. He explained the number of

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City of Vandalia nominees is a testament to the caliber of our community. He also congratulated Councilwoman Farst on receiving the Marvin Link Distinguished Service Award and he thanked her work with the development of the Art Park and the increased quality of life the park has brought to this community.

Mayor Herbst also congratulated Miss Holloway and Councilwoman Woods for their Chamber Honor Award nominations; as well, he congratulated Councilwoman Farst for receiving Marvin Link Distinguished Service Award.

No Executive Session was held.

The regular Council Meeting was then adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

APPROVED:

Richard Herbst, Mayor

ATTEST:

Missy Pruszynski, Deputy Clerk of Council

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