

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022**

Mayor Beagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:

Mayor: P. Beagle
Deputy Mayor: T. Rzeznik
Councilmembers: P. Behrmann
K. Gottschall
T. Gronlund-Fox
P. Sharpe (Excused)
R. Smiley

AGENDA CHANGES: (None)

MINUTES:

CM-04-53-22: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Behrmann and Gronlund-Fox to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 12, 2022.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

1.) Kailee Fine's Letter of Resignation from the DDA Board

Mayor Beagle thanked Ms. Fine for her hard work on the DDA Board.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

1.) Departmental Reports – March 2022

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked for more information regarding the Administrative Compliance Order given to Tribar Technologies. Mr. John with F&V Operations explained that a Compliance Order held the recipient accountable for the issue, and offered a timeline to resolve the problem without being fined or shutdown. Deputy Mayor Rzeznik recalled carbon filtration systems being added. Mr. John said the carbon filtration systems fell under the first Administrative Compliance Order Tribar received in 2017. The Administrative Compliance Order they recently received was in regards to phosphorus which was unrelated to the 2017 issue. He indicated that high amounts of phosphorus were being compounded resulting in a pass-through interference at the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. John noted that Tribar had been working toward correcting the problem.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if the high phosphorus levels would decrease once the work on the clarifiers was finished. Mr. Sikma said they hoped the clarifier repairs/updates would resolve that issue; however, they've discovered they were dealing with soluble non-reactive phosphorus that could not be treated biologically.

He was hopeful that within the next few months they'd get the discharge low enough to be compliant. Councilmember Gottschall hoped the work on the oxidation ditches and clarifiers would help bring the limits down. Mr. Sikma agreed and disclosed those projects haven't been finished. Councilmember Gottschall asked if the majority of the issues were from Tribar or as a result of the incomplete work on the clarifiers. Mr. Sikma assumed the issue came from both items (clarifiers and Tribar), but the soluble non-reactive phosphorus was the most significant concern. He stated the biological treatment was an important factor, and believed upgrades to the clarifiers would help. Councilmember Gottschall was aware the City received a notice from the State of Michigan. He wondered if fines could be imposed as a result of the issue. Mr. Sikma said the Administrative Compliance Order they received from the State included a fine. He specified that the upgrades to the wastewater plant fell under the Administrative Compliance Order from the State. Councilmember Gottschall wondered if they require a program or additional fees from Tribar to help speed up the process in bringing the levels down. Mr. Sikma said they've already increased Tribar's surcharge to \$6.00 per pound for phosphorus.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-04-54-22: Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Gronlund-Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
 - a.) Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes – January 10, 2022
 - b.) Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – January 10, 2022
 - c.) Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes – March 14, 2022
- 2.) Recommendation to Set May 24, 2022 as the Date of a Public Hearing Regarding the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Providing Funding Assistance Through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Vote:

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) **Recommendation to Approve a New Michigan Liquor Control Commission SDD Off-Premise Retail License and a Sunday AM Sales Permit for Amy Attisha, LLC of Wixom, Michigan**

CM-04-55-22: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Behrmann to approve a new Michigan Liquor Control Commission SDD Off-Premise Retail License and a Sunday AM Sales Permit for Amy Attisha, LLC of Wixom, Michigan.

Director Moore said this application was filed with the City in March. Over these last few months the Police Department, Planning Department and Assistant City Manager had the opportunity to review it. Based on their review, there wasn't any reason why this applicant should be denied. He indicated that this specific license

was more commonly known as a "quota" license meaning there were only so many in a community. Based on population, Wixom currently had six quota licenses and this would be the sixth license issued by the City.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox confirmed this license would be the last quota license Wixom could issue. Mr. Benson said that it was as Wixom previously had five quota licenses and recently gained a sixth after the population growth from the 2020 Census. This applicant would be taking the City's sixth quota license. He stated this license wouldn't preclude a license transferred into Wixom from another community. They had the ability to go over quota, but could not issue more than six quota licenses.

Mr. Brown gave an example of a business with a liquor license in another City closed but sold their license to a Wixom business; because Wixom didn't issue the license they complied.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked for clarification. Director Moore explained that this license would be for the Exxon gas station at 28055 S. Wixom Road. This license allowed for the consumer to purchase liquor but consume it off site. Additionally, Sunday sales of liquor would be permitted with this license.

Councilmember Behrmann described the car wash being in disarray on the property of the Exxon gas station. He asked if the applicant had intentions on repairing the car wash or improving their site.

Mr. Attisha (applicant and licensee) said they've been speaking with Motor City Wash Works in hopes to create a car wash at that same location. He indicated that it was their intent to improve the curb appeal of the gas station. Within the next six months or so, they would install stainless steel islands under each gas pump and start to remodel the interior of the store. He said if the concept with Motor City Wash Works did not pan out, they planned to convert or restore the car wash regardless. He figured this license would bring more traffic into the store and compliment their plans to create a more inviting space.

Deputy Mayor Rzeknik clarified that this applicant would use the last SDD license, but the City still had two Class C licenses available. Mr. Benson confirmed.

Vote:

Motion Carried

2.) Recommendation to Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Authorize the Purchase of 17 Cardiac Science Powerheart G5 Automated External Defibrillators from Bound Tree Medical, LLC of Dublin, Ohio for a Cost Not to Exceed \$24,599.81 from the Replacement AEDs Account #411-336-973.351

CM-04-56-22: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Gronlund-Fox and Smiley to waive the competitive bid process and authorize the purchase of 17 Cardiac Science Powerheart G5 Automated External Defibrillators from Bound Tree

Medical, LLC of Dublin, Ohio for a cost not to exceed \$24,599.81 from the Replacement AEDs Account #411-336-973.351.

Director Moore explained that the Automated External Defibrillators (AED) purchased ten years ago have reached the end of their life. They place the AEDs throughout the City buildings, police patrol vehicles and fire apparatus. Given that they knew the lifespan of this equipment, it's been budgeted in the Fire Department's Capital Improvement Plan. The total amount of \$24,599.81 covered replacing all seventeen.

Councilmember Smiley asked if the old AEDs were good for anything or had any value. Director Moore said they had no value and could no longer be used.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown stated that the Lions Club of Wixom/Walled Lake will solicit donations for their organization on May 6th and 7th. They will be at the corner of Beck Road and Pontiac Trail between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. if you wanted to show your support. All proceeds collected will help the visually impaired individuals within our community. Also, Robin Sneeringer celebrated her ten-year work anniversary. He commented that the Budget Study Sessions were going to be on May 2nd and May 3rd. They planned to meet at the Fire Station on May 2nd and Council Chambers on May 3rd.

Mr. Benson gave a shout out to Oakland County Michigan Works (Novi Office) and Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce for all their hard work in partnering with the City during the West-Regional Oakland County Job Fair. He thought they had a very good showing from employers and job seekers. He noted that they were in the early stages of discussion, but there may be a new tenet at the former Al Maidah Restaurant as a Mexican style restaurant expressed interest. He was excited to see how quickly that spot turned over so they could continue to maintain the low vacancy rate downtown.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Smiley knew there were plans to put additional disc golf holes in the wooded areas at Gilbert Willis Park. He had some concerns until recently when Mr. Sikma showed him exactly where the disc golf holes would be placed. He thought it was fair to proceed on a trial basis but asked they only install four holes. He hoped to learn how they planned to maintain the course. He realized disc golf was popular, but didn't want to ruin the enjoyment of the park for the other folks.

Councilmember Behrmann was looking forward to the opening of LongHorn Steakhouse on Tuesday, May 3rd.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox thanked Ms. Fine and Ms. Sneeringer for their service to the DDA and City.

Councilmember Gottschall thanked Mr. Sikma for taking the time to explain and show him the disc golf course. He would prefer a greenbelt around the holes so hikers couldn't see people playing disc golf and vice versa. He suggested they hold a holistic discussion about the City's millage rates (base, special and road) during the Budget Study Session. He felt it would be useful to review the base rate as it related to the Capital Improvement Plan and City Departments.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik went to the job fair and was amazed by the diverse businesses in Wixom that all shared similar needs. He was excited to see the construction started on Phase 2 of the Air Line Trail. He looked forward to the Budget Sessions, and knowing there wouldn't be a regular Council meeting before Mother's Day, he wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Mayor Beagle congratulated Robin Sneeringer on celebrating her work anniversary and was excited that LongHorn Steakhouse was opening soon.

Mr. Brown mentioned the City of Wixom was currently hiring monitors for the Community Center and seasonal employees for the Department of Public Works. If you were interested or wanted more information, please visit the City's website or call the City Manager's Office.

Mr. Benson said two ribbon cuttings for Wixom business were coming; LongHorn Steakhouse and Great Lakes Krav Maga. Additionally, Walled Lake Western High School will host their groundbreaking event on May 4th at 11 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Crystal Opalko
Deputy Clerk

Approved 5-10-2022
