

**CITY OF WIXOM  
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 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(Exc.)  
P. Sharpe  
R. Smiley

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

Mr. Brown requested the addition of New Business #1 – Recommendation to Approve a 36-Month Contract for Voice-Over-Internet-Protocol Primary-Rate-Interface Services (VoIP PRI) Services with TelNet Worldwide of Madison Heights, MI for a Projected Annual Cost of \$5,616, Approve a 60-Month Contract for Ethernet Private Line (EPL) Service Connecting Remote Facilities with 123.Net of Southfield, MI for a Projected Annual Cost of \$8,640 and Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Agreement.

(The rest of the agenda items would be moved down accordingly.)

**MINUTES:**

**CM-05-57-22:** Moved and seconded by Councilmember Smiley and Deputy Mayor Rzeznik to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 26, 2022.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1.) Notice of Hearing for the Customers of DTE Electric Company, Case No. U-20827

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments at this time.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

**1.) Fire Monthly Report – March 2022**

There were no questions or comments.

**2.) Police Monthly Report – March 2022**

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik took note of the five vehicles stolen in the month of March. Director Moore understood the quantity was shocking, and included that the entire Lakes area had experienced higher amounts of vehicle thefts and catalytic

converters. He asked the residents of Wixom to secure their vehicles in a garage if possible and to always keep their vehicles locked.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CM-05-58-22:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Behrmann to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
  - a.) Downtown Development Authority Minutes – February 22, 2022
  - b.) Downtown Development Authority Minutes – March 22, 2022
  - c.) Library Board Minutes – March 28, 2022
  - d.) Planning Commission Minutes – March 28, 2022

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (None)

**DISCUSSION:**

**1.) Charter Review Committee Notes – Debra Walling, City Attorney**

Councilmember Gottschall said the Charter Review Committee assembled a list of housekeeping items and more pressing items after reviewing each section of the City Charter. The list was presented to Council to get their opinion on which amendments, if any, would go on the ballot in November 2022. He added the Charter Committee shared the list with the City Attorney, and the Attorney's response had been left at their place tonight.

Councilmember Smiley said it was the goal of the Committee to shake out anything that was outdated, not being followed or needed to be changed. At one point, they planned to prioritize the items but thought the Council as a whole should participate in the prioritization.

Mr. Brown said the Committee included Councilmembers Gottschall, Smiley and Gronlund-Fox. The Administration staff was Cathy Buck, Sheryl Lucas and Crystal Opalko as an alternate.

Mayor Beagle noted the first item on the list was to change the "he/she" pronouns throughout the Charter to become gender neutral.

Councilmember Behrmann thought it was probably time to make sure all the Charter language was in line with the current terms in society, and supported this if it could be addressed in one amendment, as he wouldn't want to see one hundred amendments on the ballot.

City Attorney Debra Walling contacted the Attorney General's Office regarding the concern of pronouns and learned they could make the changes with only one amendment, but it required going through the entire Charter to show the before and after. She stated the Charter already had the gender neutrality provision in the catch all at the end of the Charter, Section 16.1B.

Councilmember Gottschall was in favor of pursuing the amendment, because he did not believe the language under Section 16.1B was appropriate. Councilmember Sharpe felt the gender terms were covered adequately under Section 16.1B, and was concerned they might confuse people more than they solve any problems.

Deputy Mayor Rzeknik agreed with Councilmember Sharpe.

Councilmember Smiley did not want to have too many items on the ballot. Given that 16.1B covered their concern, he felt confident they could move on.

Councilmember Gottschall said Chapter 2 referred to Municipal Powers and the Committee didn't understand why they had to plan for streets and alleys for no more than three miles outside the City limits.

Mr. Sikma indicated they had a few memorandums of understanding with other communities/organizations for winter maintenance, projects, traffic safety and sanitary sewer roadway concerns.

Councilmember Behrmann guessed this item was a concern when the City was formed as other communities may or may not have taken care of their roads. He didn't believe this was a priority.

Deputy Mayor Rzeknik noted they were only on the second point of twenty-eight items. He suggested they table this, allowing for the Council's opportunity to digest the list with the Attorney's comments they received tonight.

**CM-05-59-22:** Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeknik and Councilmember Smiley to table the Discussion on Charter Commission Review Committee Notes to another meeting so they could further review the notes and Attorney's comments.

Mayor Beagle commented that he did not want to give the voters a laundry list of items on November's ballot because it would already be extensive. He would like to see only four or five amendments.

Councilmember Behrmann suggested each member of Council submit their top five amendments to the City Manager's Office. They could then come back to discuss.

Ms. Walling disclosed a resolution with ballot language needed to be completed by mid-June in order to be part of the ballot in November.

Councilmember Gottschall understood some of the items on the list were not the most pressing, but they were still items that were worthy of discussion. He was not in favor of moving this to another meeting. He suggested they move the discussion to be last on tonight's agenda to honor those members of the public that were here for other reasons.

Councilmember Smiley didn't think the Committee found any items that needed to be addressed immediately. He did not believe there was a rush to get items on the ballot in November. He liked the idea of taking their time with this.

Councilmember Gottschall noted that everybody had the chance to review the Committee's notes because they received their packets a few days ago. He agreed the Attorney's answers were helpful, but there was nothing earth-shattering in the response that would require more time to digest.

Mayor Beagle agreed with Councilmember Smiley in that there were not any items that needed to be rushed through for November's ballot.

**Roll Call Vote: (5) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley  
(1) NAY – Gottschall  
(1) ABSENT – Gronlund-Fox**

**Motion Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1.) Recommendation to Approve a 36-Month Contract for Voice-Over-Internet-Protocol Primary-Rate-Interface Services (VoIP PRI) Services with TelNet Worldwide of Madison Heights, MI for a Projected Annual Cost of \$5,616, Approve a 60-Month Contract for Ethernet Private Line (EPL) Service Connecting Remote Facilities with 123.Net of Southfield, MI for a Projected Annual Cost of \$8,640 and Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Agreement.**

**CM-05-60-22:** Motion and seconded by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Behrmann to Approve a 36-Month Contract for Voice-Over Internet-Protocol Primary-Rate-Interface Services (VoIP PRI) Services with TelNet Worldwide of Madison Heights, MI for a Projected Annual Cost of \$5,616, Approve a 60-Month Contract for Ethernet Private Line (EPL) Service Connecting Remote Facilities with 123.Net of Southfield, MI for a Projected Annual Cost of \$8,640 and Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Agreement.

Mr. Brown said AT&T no longer wanted to utilize the copper lines (T-1 lines) to carry phone traffic. They've assessed a \$5,000 monthly fee hoping we'd stop utilizing the copper lines which would no longer be workable by the end of June 2022. He mentioned the report was a little convoluted due to the number of entities involved with telecommunications. He explained that All-Tronics, Inc. was the provider for the phone equipment and system currently being used by the City. All-Tronics, Inc. worked alongside GTS Telcom as an outside consultant in situations such as this. He said GTS Telcom solicited proposals for services the City needed. One proposal used voice-over-internet-protocol (VoIP PRI) to carry the phone traffic over the public internet and the other proposal replaced the T-1 lines with fiber optic cable. Although, they learned that fiber optic cable could be more reliable, the proposal from 123.Net was 47% higher. TelNet's proposal of using the voice-over internet to carry the phone traffic was the option Administration favored. The City would pay TelNet \$468.00 per month throughout the three-year contract resulting in \$5,616 over the next three years. He explained that 123.Net was the only business to submit a quote for replacing the T-1 lines, and they suggested using an ethernet private line to connect City Hall to the off-site facilities. The cost for a three-year contract for that service was \$1,052 monthly or \$720 monthly for a five-

year contact. He specified that the five-year contract was preferred by Administration due to the cost savings, or \$8,640 annually.

Mayor Beagle asked how tall the towers were that would be placed on the City buildings.

Matt Ososki of All-Tronics, Inc. said the towers were very small and not visible. He explained that AT&T wanted to get out of maintaining the copper wiring on the telephone poles, so they've priced the circuits very expensively in order to force people to use alternate technology. He indicated this system would operate the same as the current system had in terms of voicemail, extensions, etc.

Councilmember Sharpe was concerned the length of the contracts may be too long considering technology changes so rapidly. He mentioned feeling unsettled as he only had five minutes to review the report and this would be committing to a contract for five-years.

Mr. Brown shared the concern but indicated that they didn't have a lot of options nor did they have any negotiating strength.

Mr. Ososki believed the City was only 1/3 of the way into the life expectancy of the City's phone system, so the contract would still be needed throughout its duration.

Mr. Benson believed three to five years offered an opportunity to have a feel for other options once other companies looked to expand their networks.

Mayor Beagle asked if the contract had an opt out option. Mr. Brown said it did not.

Councilmember Gottschall recalled a few years back when this came before Council with the argument that the City was required to use AT&T copper lines with no other options. He understood AT&T was a hassle to staff, so it would have been nice to know they had other options. Mr. Brown thought he was referring to the Police Department. Public Safety was not permitted to use voice-over-internet communication.

Deputy Mayor Rzeknik commented that he made this change a while back within his business and found zero interruption. He asked if there would be any additional cost for hardware. Mr. Ososki said they would be able to utilize the equipment and routers the City already had. He commented that this situation was not unique to Wixom as it was happening all over the country.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

- 2.) Recommendation to Award a Bid for the Steel Roof Replacement on the Department of Public Works Cold Storage Building to Royal Roofing Company, Inc. of Orion, MI at a Cost of \$49,460 from DPW Storage Building Upgrades Account #411-441-979.390 in Fiscal Year 2022/2023**

**CM-05-61-22:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Sharpe to award a bid for the Steel Roof Replacement on the Department of Public Works Cold Storage Building to Royal Roofing Company, Inc. of Orion, MI at a cost of \$49,460 from DPW Storage Building Upgrades Account #411-441-979.390 in Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

Mr. Sikma said they put this RFP out early given the current state of the supply chain shortages. He mentioned even though this was budgeted in the next fiscal year, they needed the contracts now so the materials can be ordered. The only bid they received was for the replacement of the roof in the cold storage building. They've spoken to the contractor many times and believed they offered a reasonable price for the work.

Mayor Beagle inquired about additional cost of a truss replacement. Mr. Sikma said they wouldn't know if they needed that until the roof was torn off. Any additional costs would not exceed the \$49,460.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**3.) Recommendation to Award a Bid for Digital Outdoor Signage at Sibley Park to Presidio of Wixom, MI in the Amount of \$19,730 from Capital Improvements – Civic Center Account #411-751-986.542**

**CM-05-62-22:** Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Sharpe to award a bid for Digital Outdoor Signage at Sibley Park to Presidio of Wixom, MI in the amount of \$19,730 from Capital Improvements – Civic Center Account #411-751-986.542.

Ms. Magee said the staff recommended installing two outdoor digital signs on the pillars at Sibley Park. The digital signs would be 55" high by 39" wide and would provide a clear picture regardless of the lighting conditions. They believed it would provide sponsors more exposure and a cleaner look to the park. This would replace all the vinyl signs they usually placed along the fences.

Councilmember Behrmann did not believe this was allowed under the current Sign Ordinance. Ms. Magee checked with Mr. Avantini and learned that it would be okay because it would only be displayed during the concert, not full-time.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked how they would address a non-sponsor from buying a spot to advertise themselves during the concert. Ms. Magee said they would refer them back to their sponsorship policy, as it would not be fair to those that sponsored the event.

Councilmember Sharpe kind of liked the idea but wasn't sure he liked the thought of a \$19,000 asset sitting there unused for the majority of the year. He asked if this could be used in other ways. Ms. Magee said they could use the signs for other events, information the City wanted to advertise to the public, DDA events, etc.

Councilmember Gottschall was not in favor of this for a variety of reasons. He wasn't sure this complied with the City's Sign Ordinance nor did it provide a benefit

to the residents. He added that he preferred the natural look of the park. Today, he noticed a long vinyl sign showing sponsorship while sitting in the park in Downtown Farmington. He thought it looked clean and gave the sponsors more advertisement as it would be up all season.

Councilmember Smiley asked how many sponsors they had. Ms. Magee said thirty-two for a total of \$70,000 for the program. She said the sponsorship dollars would pay for the improvement. Councilmember Smiley did not think it would look appealing to have all the sponsorship logos rotating. He asked if they told the sponsors about this already. Ms. Magee said they had not.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik supported this as he thought the vinyl sign looked kind of messy especially toward the end of the season.

**Roll Call Vote: (3) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Rzeznik  
(3) NAY – Gottschall, Smiley, Sharpe  
(1) ABSENT – Gronlund-Fox**

**Motion Failed**

**4.) Recommendation to Adopt a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperative Services Agreement Between the City of Wixom and the Wixom Downtown Development Authority for Service Cost Sharing for the Period of July 1, 2022 Through June 30, 2023**

**CM-05-63-22:** Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Smiley to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperative Services Agreement between the City of Wixom and the Wixom Downtown Development Authority for service cost sharing for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Mr. Benson said historically the DDA had not contributed funds to the City for the services the City provided. He noted that was mostly based on the fact that the DDA did not have appropriate revenue to pay for those costs. Given that the DDA was in a better financial standing, they viewed this as an opportunity to evaluate the services the City provided and come up with an equitable arrangement for a contribution from the DDA to the City for those services. They evaluated a variety of options while trying to be cognizant of the DDA's goals to promote development in the District. With all that in mind, they came up with a flat 5% as a reasonable amount for the DDA to pay the City. He noted that the DDA District is comprised of 4.8% of the City's total land area and the DDA captures approximately 6.2% of the total possible City tax revenue. Also, the DDA accounts for 5.8% of the City's total taxable value for this coming fiscal year. We thought this was a good blanket arrangement, at least for the first year. This proposed Memorandum of Understanding was a one-year agreement that would be evaluated by both the DDA Board and the City Council on an annual basis. This agreement proposes that the DDA pay 5% of the General Fund Operating budget for Public Works, Finance Department, City Manager's Office, as well as 5% of the Economic Development functions. It also includes 50% to the City for budgeted costs related to Downtown events, such as Lite the Night, Holiday Decorations, Holiday Tree Lighting, Hot Blues and Barbeque, Fireworks, etc. In total, this proposed cost sharing

contribution from the DDA for this coming fiscal year would be \$157,366. It was approved by the DDA Board at their April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Councilmember Gottschall questioned the 6.2% possible tax revenue. He said the City was still collecting property taxes off of property within the DDA. If we didn't have a DDA, that additional tax that was taxed to the property owners wouldn't exist. Mr. Benson said it depended on what the taxable value of the given property was when the District was established. The City receives our millage rate times the base value for each individual parcel. Our DDA is unique as a lot of the parcels didn't exist when the DDA Plan was established in 2003. He said the City does not collect much, if any property tax revenue for any new development since 2003. Councilmember Gottschall said it was 5.8% for the taxable value. He asked if the 5% for the events covered the amount of time that the DPW actually spent and if we actually compared the time. Mr. Benson replied yes, we did. One of the issues with that methodology was that it depended on each month; even year to year is different. It also depended on the service levels. For example, the services that the DPW provided two years ago may not be a good comparison for the level of service that they provide now for a given event. There was also some concern with the DDA also contributing to City sponsored events. Was there cross-pollination. The DPW did not breakout the hours that they spend for the DDA; it was hours that they spend in the Downtown area in general. In that sense, it became difficult to use the metrics that we capture currently to differentiate what was for the DDA and what may be contributed to normal City functions that we do within the District.

Councilmember Gottschall feared that we may be taking a bit too much in certain areas. He said we were taking 5% of DPW, which was a larger budget. We could say they were using Police services, but we are not throwing that in here. Five percent of the Police budget would be astronomical to them. His concern was that we were kind of picking and choosing. He asked what their budget was after this proposal. He wondered how much they were getting per year. Mr. Benson said that they would still have revenues of just under \$1 million, half of that would go toward their required bond payments. They currently operate on approximately \$130,000 a year and the rest of their funds go towards Capital Improvements or putting away for larger expenditures. Councilmember Gottschall said that after they pay the DDA Director and their bond payment, they have around \$400,000 for them. Mr. Benson said that was correct. Councilmember Gottschall said that when we talk about Community Services' events, we list a few events and then we say "and others." There wasn't really a way to negotiate those. He thought it was structured or worded in a way that we, as a City, could decide that we were going to do events downtown. We don't have to get their cooperation as a DDA, but they are on the hook for 50% of the events. He knew we wouldn't set out to do that, but from a clarification standpoint, he felt that was something that needed to be tightened up. There was nothing that gives them mutual approval of a new event. He thought we should list what we currently have and throw in something that states any future events shall be by mutual consent. Mr. Benson said that those are very specific. We intended to tie this to the budgeting process for that exact reason. If the City decided after the adoption of the budget to add a new event, that wasn't covered as a part of the one-year Memorandum of Understanding. Councilmember Gottschall understood it was in there but it wasn't an addendum or exhibit and there was no reference to it in the letter. He wanted to make sure we were leaving



them with enough money. Right now, they have been in marketing mode for current businesses, which was nice. We want to retain businesses. They have been pitching in to do Capital Improvements, like the money for the walkway around the City Complex, which was nice of them. He thought we also needed to discuss business attraction. Mr. Benson said that we were very intentional to not include everything that we could possibly think of. Councilmember Gottschall said that the events are all funded by donations. Mr. Benson said that was not entirely true. There are donation contributions that help support those events, but we do joint sponsorship. The City and the DDA send out the sponsorship letters together. We view this as an opportunity to tighten up that relationship as well.

Councilmember Gottschall asked what the plan was for the City funds we would be saving by the DDA paying 50% of the events. Mr. Benson said that the irony of the situation was that while this Agreement essentially guarantees a contribution to the City, it was actually still a net loss. For the last five or six years, the DDA had been making bond payments to the City in the amount of \$300,000+. Those funds went to the General Fund. In net, there was no cost savings to the City. Councilmember Gottschall said that we are now claiming no volunteer dollars go to some of the events. If we have \$40,000 that was given to Lite the Night for example, theoretically we are saving a portion of that. Would we be making the event even better or would we be adding more events. There should be some amount of donations that we are saving.

Mr. Brown said it was subject to what decisions were made with the Community Services' budget in future budget years. The budget that we have for action at the next Council meeting has the priorities that are reflected. He wanted to make sure the focus was also on the fact that \$600,000 worth of City tax revenue was being captured by the DDA because we agreed to forego that revenue to foster the goals and ambitions of making a better downtown area. There was already a lot of collaboration and funding that comes from this. This is just an attempt to recognize reasonable expenses that the City has for events and services provided to them. He didn't want us to lose track of the fact that he appreciated making sure we were being fair, but ultimately, he thought the City was very fair. The majority of their budget was coming from City tax capture. The amount of tax capture they are realizing in the City of Wixom was disproportionately large because of the way the District was set up. The District was set up with a lot of residential components when it was empty. Now a lot of that residential components have been built up. There was no baseline tax capture on most of the buildings that are in the DDA. They are capturing 100% of the City revenue on those buildings. This was just an effort to make sure that the City receives some reimbursements for the real costs that we have. The events that are in Downtown are events that the DDA and the businesses Downtown benefit from in a real way. That cost capture allows us to get some of those monies back. We are doing things that the DDA would otherwise have to spend money on themselves. They are not, so they are contributing towards our costs for those events that are Downtown.

Councilmember Gottschall said he wanted to balance that. He knew we've had discussions about grants for businesses and he wanted to make sure we weren't going to leave ourselves no tools, or too little funding to accomplish those.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik commented that after reading past minutes, this was unanimously approved by the DDA. It was a one-year contract. If modifications are needed for next year, they can be made next year.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Gwen Springer, 50114 Helfer Blvd, said that they recently reviewed their Occupancy Agreements (rules for the complex), which all residents have. They just had a horrendous expense due to flushable wipes, which are really not flushable. Their research has shown that the FDA does not prohibit or test that product. If it was cosmetic in nature, they would. Her concern was that they did proposed changes to the Occupancy Agreements, which state that only body waste and toilet paper is to be flushed. It also says that violators will be fined \$500 and be subject to being asked to move out of the community. She said their bylaws support the ability to fine them if their behavior against the rules creates an expense they incur. She said it would help them if the City would consider a City ordinance restricting the flushable wipes.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik indicated that we have included public service education for flushable wipes in the water bills in the past. Ms. Springer indicated that the independent occupants at Leisure Co-Op do not see the water bills. They are divided among all the residents. She hoped the Council would take this under consideration.

Ms. Springer said that her second issue was the expansion of Grand River Avenue that was creeping closer and closer to their complex. Originally, the flags were on the Meijer side of Grand River, but now they are on their side of Grand River. She checked with the Road Commission of Oakland County and MDOT and found nothing listed there. She asked if Wixom was taking care of that from Napier to Grand River. She also asked if the City was considering expanding a green sound barrier for the senior community in this area because of all of the traffic.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Mr. Brown announced that Brad Geistler was recently sworn in as the Interim Fire Chief. He has 20 years of service with the Wixom Fire Department including service as Firefighter/EMT, Senior Firefighter, Fire Inspector, Lieutenant, Fire Captain and Fire Marshal. He is a graduate of the Eastern Michigan University School of Fire Staff and Command and he holds certifications and skills in hazardous materials, confined spaces, rope rescue, water and ice rescue, fire plan examiner and field training officer. He and his wife, Jamie, have three daughters and they live in Wixom.

Mr. Benson gave a shout out to the Lakes Area Chambers of Commerce. We had the first of hopefully many business retention visits to help promote the Love the Lakes campaign that they are doing. He stated that we joined to celebrate the Wixom businesses. We had a couple of very good visits, including our friends at AFC Holcroft, FiberClass Insulation, Motor City Car Wash and others. Also, Automation Alley had their Integrate Conference in Novi. There were a couple of

Wixom businesses in attendance. It was cool to see the future of automation and the industry to see how well our County and region are doing in trying to adopt and promote the next generation of industry.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilmember Behrmann** thanked Interim Fire Chief Geistler for his commitment for continuing to serve our community. His next comment was regarding the discussion that was tabled. He would be a proponent of either having a special meeting to discuss this further or on an evening where there was a light agenda. In regards to the digital signs downtown, he was shocked that didn't pass. He noted that it had been advertised on our website for sponsorships that they would be getting this. He was concerned the cart was put before the horse on advertising the sponsorships and he wondered what we were going to do to compensate individuals or businesses that have already agreed to sponsor.

**Councilmember Gottschall** said that with the comments made during the Call to the Public, we certainly wish that everyone would stop using the wipes. They are not flushable and they cause us expense and headache at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Unfortunately, it is tough to enforce. You don't know where exactly they are coming from. As it comes to the City creating the ordinance, it would be nice if people just followed the ordinance, but he would expect there would be a lot of people who don't stop using them. It would be difficult for us to enforce. He said that the Council fully supports Ms. Springer trying to get people to stop using them. It was not beneficial for the City either. In regards to the tabled discussion, he thought it was unfortunate that was tabled. It sounded like the budget was on the next agenda so he doubted we would discuss it then. We are really looking at quite a delay. Having a special meeting to discuss this would be unfortunate. He knew no one enjoyed staying late, but it was better to get City business done rather than push it off because it will take a while. Hopefully we can get to it at some point in the future, but it really jeopardizes the entire situation of getting anything on the ballot this year. Next year being an odd year, we are probably looking at next November, which he felt was a complete waste of time. He was disappointed.

**Councilmember Sharpe** thanked Interim Fire Chief Geistler for stepping up and filling the position. He knew a lot went through his decision process, but he wanted him to know that the Council supports the Fire Department and all of the things he needs. Council has open ears to see that the Fire Department gets what they need. Secondly, he said he wanted to acknowledge and thank the Planning Commission. The March 28<sup>th</sup> minutes show some really good discussion topics that were very thoroughly vetted with lots of debates right down to the vote. They weren't all unanimous on the votes and that was a good. He thanked the Planning Commission for their hard work. There was a lot going on in the City of Wixom now.

**Councilmember Smiley** thanked Anna Kulas Rosenthal for her contributions to the City. We will miss her but we are excited as she moves on to an exciting opportunity. Her last day is tomorrow. It was a long night, but the Budget Session went well. He thanked the staff and Council for staying so late to get it done. It has been a busy time in Wixom with the Walled Lake Western Groundbreaking, Longhorn Steakhouse opened, Derby Day was held with fantastic weather, the

Mayor celebrated a birthday, Chief Roberts retired and congratulations to Interim Fire Chief Brad Geistler.

**Deputy Mayor Rzeznik** thanked Interim Fire Chief Geistler for stepping up. He knew his 20 years of service to Wixom and his experience definitely fit the position. Regarding the Charter Committee notes, he would like to see the Committee condense these 28 points down to the ones that we really should be discussing. Michigan Public Act supersedes some of the discussions. If it is consolidated, we could have that discussion in a rather expedited fashion. At the rate we were going, it would be another four hours. Regarding flushable wipes, he has asked F&V Operations in the past to include a flyer in the water bills, but if everybody is not receiving a water bill, perhaps we could do something on our website banner.

**Mayor Beagle** suggested that we come up with a letter regarding the flushable wipes to send to all of the residents at the Leisure Co-Op to tell them what can and cannot be flushed. He thanked Interim Fire Chief Geistler for stepping up and accepting this position. He was happy for him and knew the Fire Department was in good hands with him. If he needs anything, he hoped he knew he had Council's full support.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Catherine Buck  
City Clerk

Approved 5-24-2022
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