

**CITY OF WIXOM  
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023**

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  
R. Smiley

**AGENDA CHANGES:** (None)

**PRESENTATION:**

**1.) Reaffirmation of Oath for Firefighter/EMT Devon Overbeck**

Fire Chief Geistler said he was happy to announce the promotion of Firefighter/EMT Devon Overbeck to the rank of full-time Firefighter/EMT. He began his career with the Wixom Fire Department in December 2022 as an Auxiliary Firefighter after spending three years with the Walled Lake Fire Department. Firefighter Overbeck was joined by his parents, Ron and Michele.

Firefighter Overbeck reaffirmed his Oath of Office with Mayor Beagle.

The Council recessed at 7:03 p.m. and reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

**MINUTES:**

**CM-07-105-23:** Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Gottschall and Gronlund-Fox to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of June 27, 2023.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1.) Notice of Hearing for the Electric & Gas Customers of Consumers Energy Case No. U-21312
- 2.) Memo from Tim Sikma Regarding Tribar Compliance and Treatment Plant Upgrades

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no public comments at this time.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS:****1.) Fire Monthly Report – May 2023**

There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

**2.) Police Monthly Report – May 2023**

There were no questions or comments regarding this report.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CM-07-106-23:** Moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Gronlund-Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
  - a.) Library Board Minutes – May 22, 2023

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (None)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) Recommendation to Award a Change Order for Water Taps, Water and Sewer System Repairs, Water Valve Repairs and Water and Sewer Main Installations as Approved in the Oakland County Procurement Process Contract #008856 to D'Angelo Brothers, Inc. of Farmington Hills, Michigan for the Term of the Contract Through June 30, 2025**

**CM-07-107-23:** Moved and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Smiley to award a Change Order for Water Taps, Water and Sewer System Repairs, Water Valve Repairs and Water and Sewer Main Installations as approved in the Oakland County Procurement Process Contract #008856 to D'Angelo Brothers, Inc. of Farmington Hills, Michigan for the term of the Contract through June 30, 2025.

Mr. Sikma explained that this recommendation was a portion of last October's recommendation for D'Angelo Brothers. At that time, they were negotiating with Oakland County on pricing. They have established that and they plan to have the same pricing for the next two years. We want to extend the contract throughout the term of the Oakland County contract. D'Angelo Brothers have been working with the City of Wixom for over 30 years. They do most of our underground emergency work and they do all of our permitted taps. They have always done a great job.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik wondered if D'Angelo Brothers actually sent the geolocation data to the GIS system. Mr. Sikma replied that the geolocation was with F&V and they inspect a number of them. We have most of them in the GIS system. Deputy

Mayor Rzeznik confirmed that the new taps were charged back to the businesses so we recuperate those charges and Mr. Sikma said that was correct.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments at this time.

**CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Brown said his City Manager's Update contained a lengthy report regarding the transportation millage impacts on the City of Wixom and the ongoing communications that we have had with our fellow communities that are customers of the same service provider (People's Express). The annual contribution that we ended up making for the first year of the transit millage was \$844,000 and change. That was a vast increase over what we were investing into public transportation previously. We wanted to make sure there was a corresponding increase to the services that would be provided to residents. The discussions with Oakland County and People's Express have brought us closer to finalizing an agreement with them. He said he would be providing more information soon. Also, we received a letter from the Governor this afternoon regarding her approval of all four of our proposed Charter Amendments for the November 2023 ballot. Lastly, he reminded everyone of the Hot Blues and BBQ event on July 20<sup>th</sup> at Sibley Square Park.

Mr. Benson gave a shout out to the Lakes Area Chambers of Commerce and Blue Water Technologies for partnering with us for a Community Connections Coffee this morning. It was a nice opportunity to share information about what we are doing in Wixom. It was well-attended and it was livestreamed.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilmember Smiley** thanked Mr. Sikma for the Tribar Compliance Report that was part of the Correspondence. It looks like everything is in good shape. He thanked Mr. Brown for the update on the transportation millage impact and hoped he would continue to keep the Council up to date. Lastly, he congratulated Devon Overbeck on his promotion.

**Councilmember Sharpe** also thanked Mr. Sikma for the Tribar Report. It was good to see the numbers. He had asked Mr. Sikma previously about the limits and we are well below the acceptable limits. He felt it was good news that they know they are being watched to prevent any further issues. He thanked the DDA and Mr. Benson for the flowers that were looking really good.

**Councilmember Gronlund-Fox** thanked Mr. Sikma for the Tribar Compliance Report. She had a question about the railroad and knew that we had zero control over it. She was concerned because during the last two weeks, the lights have been flashing and there was no train. People started going through the intersection. It made her nervous because there are no arms that come down and she was concerned that one of these times somebody might not see it or even look and start across the intersection. Mr. Brown commented that this issue was brought up to

him on Sunday evening by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik who saw that happening. We have had interactions with Lakes Safeway Railway Company and it appeared to be handled on Monday morning. However, there was a repeat occurrence later that day. He said that he visited the site and talked to representatives from Lakes Safeway Railway Company and from the National Signal Corporation, which handles the signal lights for all railroads. He indicated that he made a call to the president of Lakes Safeway Railroad Company and was waiting for a follow up to see what was going on. This was becoming a problem and a safety issue. He said he would let the Council know what he finds out.

**Councilmember Gottschall** congratulated Devon Overbeck on his promotion.

**Councilmember Behrmann** echoed everyone's comments this evening. He noted that the railroad crossing at Maple Road has been blocked again. Recently, on a Saturday, they blocked Maple Road for four hours straight. He also noticed a couple times that the signal there hasn't been working. They have to stop the train at the crossing to put flares down. He indicated that there haven't been issues on Maple Road for a long time, but they seem to be picking back up. Mr. Brown said that he would follow up with that, as well.

**Deputy Mayor Rzeznik** welcomed Devon Overbeck to the Wixom family. He echoed the concerns about the railroads. He saw some people who were reluctant to go and others who were extremely impatient behind them. It was very dangerous.

**Mayor Beagle** echoed everyone's comments and welcomed Devon Overbeck to the family.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Buck  
City Clerk

Approved 7-25-2023
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