

**CITY OF WIXOM  
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024**

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)

**MINUTES:**

**CM-03-30-24:** Moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Gronlund-Fox to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of February 13, 2024.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**CM-03-31-24:** Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Smiley and Behrmann to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of February 20, 2024.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1.) Notice of Hearing for the Electric Customers of DTE Electric Company Case No. U-18091

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments made at this time.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

**1.) Fire Monthly Report – January 2024**

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox asked about the response times for January 2024 compared to January 2023. She noticed they were up a little bit. Chief Geistler explained that there was a significant snow event on January 12<sup>th</sup> with 21 calls in 24 hours. There were several calls at the same time and they couldn't respond as rapidly as they would have liked based on their manpower. There were a couple of accidents on the freeway and with the nature of their location, the response times were upward of 12 to 15 minutes. Given all the construction and no shoulder, she wondered if there was anything the public could do to help the emergency vehicles. Chief Geistler said that they could avoid the area. With construction coming, he did see response times staying around the seven-and-a-half-minute mark. Council-

member Gronlund-Fox asked how they handle a call that comes into the Station. Chief Geistler replied that every call goes to the entire Department and the paid on-call members respond to the Station.

## **2.) Police Monthly Report – January 2024**

There were no comments or questions regarding this report.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CM-03-32-24:** 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.) Library Board Minutes – January 22, 2024
  - b.) Downtown Development Authority Minutes – January 23, 2024
- 2.) Annual Review of City-Owned Property and Determination of Use Classifications per the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.16

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

### **DISCUSSION ITEM:**

#### **1.) City Council Rules of Procedure**

Mr. Brown explained that this has been an ongoing discussion. A newly edited document was provided by Councilmember Gottschall, along with the original document and the red-lined document.

Councilmember Smiley commented that he had some concerns regarding the 50% residency requirement for Boards and Commissions. He would prefer to keep that where it is currently. He knew the three bodies that were affected the most were the DDA, the Construction Board of Appeals and the Tax Abatement Committee. Due to the nature of those particular Boards, if they have more business owners, that was fine with him. He would hate to have a vacancy because we were requiring residency. Also, he was fine with wearing a tie at Council meetings but he didn't mind if others didn't.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox liked the way the whole document read and she was fine with the 50% resident requirement. However, she did understand the concern and wondered if we could say 50%, but if there was a problem filling a vacancy, we could make an exception. Mayor Beagle said he could agree to that.

Councilmember Sharpe stated that he also liked the way it read. Some of the cumbersome language regarding replacing a Councilmember should be refined. He asked if a revision number could be placed on the draft. Also, the Library Board minutes talk about electing their own officers and their sub-committees. City Council has a sub-committee, Wage and Salary, and he didn't know how that committee was named. He asked if there was a process in the Charter for naming committees. Mayor Beagle indicated that the Wage and Salary Committee has been

around for as long as he could remember and they are all appointments by the Mayor. Councilmember Sharpe thought this should be written somewhere.

Councilmember Behrmann said he was fine with the conceptual idea of 50% for the existing committees being residents. He did think that the paragraph that states, "in the event that a current Board or Commission presently is comprised of a majority of non-residents..." should be removed. He did not feel that we should be removing someone who has been faithfully serving on a committee because now we are changing our rules to the percentages. He would be fine with the idea of eventually getting it below or Council exception, but he didn't want the Council's hands to be tied with someone who has faithfully served on these committees for years. Mayor Beagle said they could be grandfathered in.

Deputy Mayor Rzeknik supported having an exception there because there are specific skillsets for Boards or Commissions like the Construction Board of Appeals. We have a number of construction companies in the City and those people who may want to serve on the Board may not meet the residency requirements. He thought we should allow more than just 50% if the need for that particular skillset justified it and there was a willingness to serve. Also, he clarified that Section 4.2 of the Charter does authorize the Council to create the Boards and Commissions. They can establish these by the appointment of the Mayor with confirmation by the majority of Council.

Councilmember Sharpe didn't know that was in the Charter. We have established the Wage and Salary Committee and it has been standing for a while. Perhaps we should time down it somehow, maybe with a new Council. Deputy Mayor Rzeknik stated that the Board members and the Commissioners all have terms. Councilmember Sharpe said that this document indicates there are two standing committees, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He didn't think those were sub-committees of Council. Mayor Beagle stated that those two fell under the independent Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Councilmember Gottschall said that independent Boards, Commissions and Committees serve solely in an advisory capacity. His interpretation was that whenever Council wanted to create a Commission or Committee, we have voted on it. We have added the Hotel Tax Committee and the Branding Committee lately. There are project-based ones as well. He didn't know that we would need terms for those. If someone leaves Council, someone else can be appointed. He indicated that this was revision number two. He felt the rest of the discussions were regarding the residency requirements for Boards and Commissions. His thought process was that we should have every Board have a majority of residents on it. He understood we have a need for skill-based things, like Construction Board of Appeals and DDA, but he didn't see a reason we should be having a Board that is majority non-voting residents advising Council. We are a growing City. We have a lot of people with different experiences. If we have a vacancy, we need to reach outside of our inner circles to find someone. He didn't feel that should be a need that causes us to have a Board that is majority non-resident advising Council. We could take that all the way to say we have a Board with not a single resident and they would be giving advice to Council on tax abatements. That didn't sit well with him. He thought this was the moderation between him not wanting any non-

residents and Council's practice of allowing some non-residents for different circumstances. It was not the removal of people. When terms expire, it is always the prerogative of the Mayor to appoint whoever he wants. If people wanted to suspend or waive these rules to keep allowing the same person to serve, that would be the majority of Council's prerogative. He didn't see this as us kicking someone off after they have been faithfully serving. To him, we should prioritize that comparative to having residents having a say in the City. He understood the business aspect of it in having a foothold in the City and contributing to the City, but for the most part, some of these Boards are majority non-resident right now. There are plenty of business people that live in the City of Wixom.

Mr. Benson wanted to clarify the residency portion. He asked if there was some distinction between business owners who might own their property and pay property tax on that or be leaseholders who were responsible for their tax payments. Councilmember Gottschall replied that it was where you go to sleep at night. That was largely due to the Charter which speaks to anyone being appointed to a Board as being a qualified elector of the City.

Mayor Beagle thought we should remove neckties as optional. We are only asked to wear a necktie twice a month. We are professional and we are operating a City. We should look professional for the residents. He indicated that some of the people on the Tax Abatement Board pay more taxes in the City than a resident does. Why should we take the privilege away from them? They probably have a bigger stake tax-wise than a homeowner.

Councilmember Gottschall stated that our tax bases are 50-50 between commercial/industrial and residential. If you wanted to split that hair, you would have 50% from each community and we don't. He understood that businesses pay taxes and that is great. By these rules, they can participate in things but at the end of this, the community is up to the residents who live here. That was why he would prefer to have no majority non-resident Boards. Mayor Beagle thought we should consider Councilmember Gronlund-Fox's idea of 50%, but if there are not enough residents interested, then we go with business people. We've been to homeowners' meetings and we can't get anybody to volunteer. He didn't know why we would think it would change now.

Councilmember Smiley felt if it is not broke, don't fix it. He didn't think there was a particular problem with the balance of residents versus non-residents on our Boards and Commissions. If this Council or future Councils have a preference to residents versus business owners, the Mayor can make the appointment and the Council can discuss it. He felt it could be left to the Council to try to keep that balance there. To put a number that we have to adhere to seems unnecessary and could create issues that would be unfortunate.

Councilmember Gottschall explained that these rules are only binding for the Council who votes on them. After every City election, the next Council would be voting to approve their own set of rules. We are not really hamstringing anyone for the future. Anybody can vote to suspend these rules at any time. If the majority wants to add someone or reappoint someone to a Board, there was nothing to prevent that from happening.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik added that the Charter simply states that exception to the residency requirement may be granted if the individual for the appointment conflicts with the residency requirement. The Charter covers it. It was his opinion that we would more likely get people that are knowledgeable about the tax abatement process if they do own a business in the community.

Mr. Brown asked for clarification on the Council's topics in disagreement. Mayor Beagle felt the two topics were the neckties and the residency requirement. Mr. Brown said that the Council will have to determine if they want to leave it as is or make a change.

**CM-03-33-24:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Behrmann and Smiley to move forward without a residency requirement on Boards and Commissions.

Councilmember Gottschall said he was not sure what the vote was on since the Council was not voting on the document. Councilmember Behrmann said that this was on the revisions to come back so we weren't debating it next time.

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

**Motion Carried**

**CM-03-34-24:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Behrmann and Smiley to remove the necktie as optional language.

Councilmember Gottschall said there was no dress code at all in the current rules. He liked how we do it. He said he understood why it was being done in retribution to him not agreeing with everybody all the time.

Mayor Beagle said that was not how he looked at it. He thought Council could look professional for three hours a month.

Councilmember Behrmann said he liked that Councilmember Gottschall added the dress code. He just didn't understand the neckties optional. He thought the rest of the language regarding dress code was appropriate.

Councilmember Smiley commented that in the past, when it was a brutally hot day, the Mayor has put out a message saying that ties were optional. He hoped we could still do that. He would like the men to wear ties.

**Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gronlund-Fox, Rzeznik,  
Sharpe, Smiley  
(1) NAY - Gottschall**

**Motion Carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (None)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) **Recommendation to Waive the Competitive Bid Process and Authorize the Sole-Source Purchase of Nine Sets of Replacement National Fire Protection Association Compliant Structural Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment from MacQueen Equipment, LLC for an Amount Not to Exceed \$38,448.00 from the Replacement Fire Turnout Gear/Equipment Account #401-336-978.359**

**CM-03-35-24:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Gronlund-Fox to waive the competitive bid process and authorize the sole-source purchase of nine sets of replacement National Fire Protection Association Compliant Structural Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment from MacQueen Equipment, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$38,448.00 from the Replacement Fire Turnout Gear/Equipment Account #401-336-978.359.

Chief Geistler said that about 15 years ago, his predecessor started replacing gear on a ten-year rotation. We are now at the five-year mark where we would be doing that again. This was to replace approximately half of the active firefighters' turnout gear. They chose to go with Globe and MacQueen Equipment was the sole provider.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik confirmed there would be no use for the ones coming out of service. Chief Geistler said that they would still use them for training.

Councilmember Smiley asked if the ten-year compliancy was the manufacturer's recommendation. Chief Geistler said that was put into place by the National Fire Protection Association.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

- 2.) **Request for Authorization to Participate in the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Bid/Contract with WeBuildFun of Allen, TX for the Completion of the Civic Center Playground Project at a Cost of \$324,700.78 from Civic Center Park Improvements Account #401-751-986.542**

**CM-03-36-24:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Behrmann and Gronlund-Fox to participate in the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Bid/Contract with WeBuildFun of Allen, TX for the completion of the Civic Center Playground Project at a cost of \$324,700.78 from Civic Center Park Improvements Account #401-751-986.542.

Ms. Magee stated that this new play structure was replacing the current one that was built 25 years ago. The \$324,700 includes demo, installation, equipment, amenities, drainage and service.

Councilmember Behrmann said he has five children and they go to the current play structure quite often. It didn't seem 25 years old. He wondered if there was somewhere we could donate it. Ms. Magee said that the current structure is old, but we could dismantle it and see if someone could use it. Councilmember Behrmann said his children looked at the design and they wondered if the smaller one was

designed for smaller children and the larger one was designed for larger children. Ms. Magee said that was correct. The smaller one was for 2-5 year old's and the larger one was for 5-10 year old. There will be benches and tables around the site. The ground cover would be a turf surface.

Councilmember Sharpe supported this. He was shocked at how much it was. He said that the budget item said \$387,000 and this estimated expense was \$325,000. He asked if there would be anything that would exceed the budget for this project. Ms. Magee explained that the \$387,000 also included landscaping around the walking trail and other items. She didn't anticipate going over budget. Councilmember Sharpe hoped we wouldn't be asking the DPW crew to do the installation. He knew they had a lot of work on their plates. Ms. Magee agreed. That was why she presented it the way she did. She added that it should be completed by the end of June.

Councilmember Smiley liked the idea of being able to donate the old equipment but he also knew it had a shelf life that we couldn't fool around with. He did support this as he sees a lot of activity there. It encourages kids to come to the Library. He mentioned that when the new playset went into Gilbert Willis, we had volunteers help to assemble it. He asked if any of that would happen with this structure. Ms. Magee replied no, this was a turnkey project. With the DDA funding in this fiscal year and the CDBG funding that must be spent this year, the project needs to move. Councilmember Smiley thought it was worth mentioning that the DDA and the Block Grant was covering the cost of this.

**Vote:****Motion Carried**

**3.) Recommendation to Approve Separate Memorandum of Understanding Documents with GFL Environmental USA, Inc. of Southfield, Michigan and Spurt Industries of Wixom, Michigan to Implement a Pilot Food Scrap Education Program and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Documents**

**CM-03-37-24:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Gronlund Fox and Smiley to approve separate Memorandum of Understanding documents with GFL Environmental USA, Inc. of Southfield, Michigan and Spurt Industries of Wixom, Michigan to Implement a Pilot Food Scrap Education Program and authorize the Mayor to sign the documents.

Mr. Sikma said the Spurt contract was renewed last December and at that time, we talked about the potential of utilizing food scraps at our compost facility. Since then, we worked with Mike Csapo from RRRASOC on the memorandums of understanding. This was a pilot study that we would like to do to allow food scraps going into our compost facility. We would have this program from April through two weeks into December. He indicated that Mike Csapo (RRRASOC) and Bill Whitley (Spurt) were in attendance if the Council had any questions.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik said one of his concerns on the brochures was regarding the coffee and coffee filters. He knew that a lot of people used Keurig's now and he felt we needed to be explicit about no Keurig kcups in the containers. Mr. Sikma said

that their slogan was "if it grows, it goes". Deputy Mayor Rzeznik suggested they do a revision to include what was not allowed front and center.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox supported this and thought it was great. She thanked them for making it happen. She asked what the education piece would look like. Mr. Csapo said they were looking at a multi-media approach. They intended to do a postcard mailer and print flyers. They would incorporate a Wixom-specific kitchen scrap page on their website and they would do social media posts regularly. There would also be a press release. He stated that they would do that in conjunction with the City so they would be amplifying each other's messaging.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox said that it would be a good idea to tell all the HOA contacts about this program, and put information on the City's website.

Mayor Beagle asked if they could do a Doodly and Mr. Brown replied yes. Mayor Beagle asked how the composting would be affected when people put the wrong things in with the food scraps. Mr. Whitley said the last stage of their composting process was the screening process, which was a mechanical separation that would pull out any contaminants from the finished products.

Councilmember Smiley said he was excited for this program. He wondered if any other communities had a similar program. Mr. Csapo said Ann Arbor and Mackinac Island were the only communities that currently had a similar program. Those communities had a separate cart for their food scraps; whereas we would allow residents to use a yard waste bag without incurring an added expense. They hoped this project would catch on so that other communities within the RRRASOC area could also participate. He noted that in the Governor's most recent budget, there was a proposal to increase the landfill surcharge from \$.36 a ton to \$5.00 a ton so every ton they could divert from the trash could result in a cost savings. Councilmember Smiley asked how they would be able to determine if this program was successful for Wixom. Mr. Csapo said they would be in contact with Bill Whitley (Spurt) to determine the volume coming in from Wixom residents.

Councilmember Sharpe asked why this process wouldn't produce methane like the landfills. Mr. Whitley said it had to do with the way the materials broke down. In a landfill the materials break down without the presence of oxygen; whereas compost breathes and turns. Councilmember Sharpe mentioned that it might be difficult to keep this program running seasonally as planned. Mr. Sikma said there would be an opportunity for residents to bring their food waste into Spurt during the off season (December through March). Councilmember Sharpe questioned if these food scraps would invite the raccoons to their yard waste. Mr. Csapo talked with other people about that and learned that if you didn't have a raccoon problem already, you were unlikely to have a raccoon getting into your yard waste.

Councilmember Gottschall noticed the picture of milk on the brochure of what was allowed to be thrown away. He questioned how people would compost milk. Mr. Whitley said people don't usually compost milk but that represented dairy products. Councilmember Gottschall suggested refining the graphic to reflect what was actually compostable so there wasn't anybody pouring milk in their paper bag. In



addition, grease and oils could soak through the paper bag causing the bag to rip. He would hate for this to become a bigger burden on GFL.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked if there had been any research done on a rapid decomposing liner that could be used in containers. Mr. Whitley said that product already existed and it's accepted at Spurt.

Mayor Beagle asked if GFL had any objections to the program. A representative from GFL spoke and said they did not have any objections and were excited to partner with Spurt in this program.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

- 4.) Recommendation to Award the Contract for the Annual Crack Sealing and Seal Coating Program to Wolverine Sealcoating of Jackson, Michigan for the Unit Price of \$1.16 Per Pound for Crack Sealing and \$0.095 Per Square Foot for Seal Coating, with Funding Allocated from Local Road Capital Program – Pavement Preservation Account #203-554-976.393**

**CM-03-38-24:** Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Gronlund-Fox to award the Contract for the Annual Crack Sealing and Seal Coating Program to Wolverine Sealcoating of Jackson, Michigan for the unit price of \$1.15 per pound for crack sealing and \$0.095 per square foot for seal coating, with funding allocated from Local Road Capital Program – Pavement Preservation Account #203-554-976.393.

Mr. Sikma said this was a routine item that came before Council every year. They used crack and seal coating on the major and local roads to preserve them as much as possible. They partnered with other communities and bid this out together in order to obtain good unit pricing. They had used Wolverine Sealcoating in the past.

Mayor Beagle was happy to see they were partnering with five other communities to get a better rate but felt that last year's product wasn't as good as it had been in the past. He recalled the sealing didn't cure very well and stayed soft and sticky for a long time. He figured 20%-30% of the sealing they laid last year was pulled up from the plow trucks. He hoped this year's product was of better quality.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked what the price increase was for the sealing compared to last year. Mr. Sikma said it increased 3-4%.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

- 5.) Recommendation to Award the Bid for the 2024 Pavement Marking Program to PK Contracting of Goodrich, Michigan for a cost not to exceed \$87,000 with \$37,000 from the Local Road Fund – Routine Maintenance Account #203-441-976.050 and \$50,000 from the Major Road Fund – Routine Maintenance Account #202-441-976.050**

**CM-03-39-24:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Gronlund-Fox and Sharpe to award the bid for the 2024 Pavement Marking Program to PK Contracting of Goodrich, Michigan for a cost not to exceed \$87,000 with \$37,000 from the Local Road Fund – Routine Maintenance Account #203-441-976.050 and \$50,000 from the Major Road Fund – Routine Maintenance Account #202-441-976.050.

Mr. Sikma indicated this was the line striping of major roads. They went together with some other communities so they could retain this pricing. He mentioned that there was only one group in our area that performed this work. He said PK Contracting had been the contractors to do their striping for years.

Councilmember Sharpe asked that PK pay attention to the crosswalk at the Air Line Trail since the sinkhole as it desperately needed to be redone. Mr. Sikma said they typically start in April.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**6.) Recommendation to Appoint Crystal Opalko as City Clerk Subject to the Terms Recommended by the Wage and Salary Committee, effective May 13, 2024**

**CM-03-40-24:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Behrmann and Smiley to appoint Crystal Opalko as City Clerk subject to the terms recommended by the Wage and Salary Committee, effective May 13, 2024.

Mr. Brown said there was a motion at a prior meeting to work with the Wage and Salary Committee to put together an offer for Crystal Opalko to become City Clerk pending Cathy Buck's retirement just after the May 7<sup>th</sup> election. The Wage and Salary Committee did a great job preparing an agreement that satisfied both parties. The motion before Council tonight was to approve that agreement and appoint Crystal Opalko as the next City Clerk for the City of Wixom. They were pleased to have the opportunity for Council to consider the appointment of Crystal Opalko upon Cathy's retirement.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox supported this appointment. She asked if the Deputy Clerk position had been posted yet. Mr. Brown said the posting went out yesterday so it would run for a full three weeks, which they could extend it if they didn't get a good response. It was also offered to internal employees.

Councilmember Smiley said each time he hears somebody say that Cathy Buck was leaving it made him feel sad, but knowing that Ms. Opalko would be the new Clerk took the sting out of it a bit. He was happy they would be transitioning from one great person to another. He congratulated Ms. Buck on her retirement and said that she would be missed.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik had the pleasure of attending a homeowners' association meeting with Ms. Opalko and thought she did an excellent job explaining the differences between the May, August and November elections. It was very well received by the homeowners at the meeting. He strongly supported this appointment.

Mayor Beagle said he was really excited to have Ms. Opalko take over the Clerk's Office and thought she would do an awesome job.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments made at this time.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Mr. Brown explained that Wixom participated in the University of Michigan – Dearborn eCities program of 2023, and once again they received a five-star certificate, the highest level of recognition awarded. This program evaluated entrepreneurship, economic development and job growth through data collection and analysis for 277 communities.

Mr. Benson noted that the federal budget signed by the President included congressionally directed funding allocation, which included the West-End Commons area for the City. They did not know all the details or how it would play out but it was exciting nonetheless.

Mr. Brown said they had an opportunity to pursue funding from Oakland County and would be proposing the sidewalk improvement along Pontiac Trail between Chambers and Wixom Road as well putting the power lines underground in order to improve the esthetics of that location.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilmember Behrmann** asked Mr. Sikma to consider placing the painting of the water tower on his radar as it looked like it was starting to get pretty rusty.

**Councilmember Gottschall** also would like to see the water tower painted and would prefer they went with a different sponsor.

**Councilmember Gronlund Fox** congratulated Ms. Opalko on her appointment. She also congratulated Ms. Magee and staff for putting on a nice Gala. She thought the entertainment was especially great. She was excited for the food scrap composting program.

**Councilmember Sharpe** had been a long-time blood donor and recently attended a blood drive at a company called Niterra North America in Wixom. They have plants all over North America but their main headquarters was right here in Wixom. They've expressed interest in supporting the City events. He announced that Deputy Mayor Rzeznik retired on February 2, 2024 and he congratulated him.

**Councilmember Smiley** congratulated Deputy Mayor Rzeznik on his retirement. He attended the Wixom Gala event and thought the entertainment was great. He would like to see that event grow but thought the first year was very nice. He said he would not be at the next meeting and wished everyone a safe St. Patrick's Day.

**Deputy Mayor Rzeznik** thanked everybody for congratulating him on his retirement. It had been a long career as he'd been working for 51 years or so. He said since he's retired he has been so busy helping his children out with their projects, like rebuilding the youth ministry at church, making repairs at the brewery, etc. He noted that he would not be at the next meeting. He congratulated Ms. Opalko and knew she would do well in the position. He congratulated Ms. Buck on her retirement.

**Mayor Beagle** congratulated Ms. Buck on her retirement and Ms. Opalko on her appointment. He reminded everybody that document shredding was Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. On Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Gilbert Willis. Also, the Household Hazardous Waste Day will be from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Wixom DPW.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Catherine Buck  
City Clerk

Approved 3-26-2024
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