

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 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-05-56-24: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Gronlund-Fox and Smiley to approve the City Council Budget Study Session meeting minutes of April 16, 2024.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CM-05-57-24: Moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Gronlund-Fox to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 23, 2024.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

1.) Ongoing Evaluation of Remaining Well Systems Memorandum

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments made at this time.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

1.) Fire Monthly Report – March 2024

There were no comments or questions about this report.

2.) Police Monthly Report – March 2024

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik noticed the non-criminal complaints doubled from 2023. He wondered if they were re-categorized. Chief Langmeyer said nothing had been re-categorized; however, the public service call numbers were going back to where they were before COVID.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-05-58-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Sharpe to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to Receive and File:
 - a. Library Board Minutes of March 25, 2024
 - b. Downtown Development Authority Budget Minutes of March 20, 2024
 - c. Downtown Development Authority Minutes of March 26, 2024
 - d. Planning Commission Minutes of April 1, 2024
- 2.) Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution to Support Participation in the Oakland County Tactical Consortium and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Agreement.
- 3.) Recommendation to Support a Resolution to Adopt the Updated Oakland county Hazard Mitigation Plan and its Recommendations as the Foundation for the Mitigation of Natural, Technological and Human Hazards that Occur in the City of Wixom.
- 4.) Recommendation to Accept a Permanent Sidewalk Easement Along North Wixom Road by the Property Owner Located at 1742 North Wixom Road at a Cost of \$1.00.

Vote:

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Recommendation to Adopt the Resolution to Apply for a SEMCOG Safe Streets for All Grant and Designate Steven Brown and Tim Sikma as Agents for the City of Wixom for the Grant**

CM-05-59-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Behrmann and Gronlund-Fox to adopt the resolution to apply for a SEMCOG Safe Streets for All Grant and designate Steven Brown and Tim Sikma as agents for the City of Wixom for the grant.

Mr. Sikma said they had the opportunity to apply for a \$160,000 grant that would consider the safety aspects in transportation throughout the City. With this grant, SEMCOG would review different ways people moved around the City. They would review traffic, traffic lights and pedestrian traffic. Once they had this resolution in place, they would be able to use it for the City's Master Plan and as a recommendation for potential future grants. He added that the City's relationship with SEMCOG was in good standing.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked what the desired outcome would be if they were awarded the grant. Mr. Sikma said they hoped to identify any mobility safety hazards. That included pedestrian and mobile vehicle traffic, such as traffic calming and crosswalks.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik assumed the City would have to coordinate with Oakland County given that the majority of the roadways were owned by the County. Mr. Sikma agreed and thought that SEMCOG would benefit them greatly in that regard.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if they were already aware of issues that would be identified during this process. Mr. Sikma didn't know of any issues. He added that some of these grants were evaluated every three years. If they still had problems areas by year four, they may be eligible for additional funding.

Mr. Benson said the Safe Streets for All primarily spoke to street safety but also pedestrian mobility. He believed that being a participant in the Safe Streets for All would allow SEMCOG to conjure up data and provide information they didn't currently have. He noted that all the data collected would assist them in applying for future grants. The intent was to take a comprehensive look on how all these items come together.

Councilmember Gottschall was aware that the City already had programs in place for safety paths and road improvements. He wasn't sure where this grant would actually lead.

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: (None)

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown said the City continued to receive positive attention for the pilot curbside food scrap collection program which started in April. They had seen numerous media pieces and received regular compliments from residents. They would continue to monitor the program and apply lessons learned as they continued to proceed. He mentioned that the Earth Day Event on Tuesday, April 23rd was successful as they had over 250 visitors take tours and have lunch.

Mr. Benson had no comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Smiley had no comments.

Councilmember Sharpe thanked the owners of 1742 North Wixom Road for graciously donating their property easement to the City for \$1.00 for the safety path program. He would like it if all the other owners made that same decision. It would be really nice if they could continue that strip of sidewalk and make the community safer and more livable.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox had no comments.

Councilmember Gottschall had no comments.

Councilmember Behrmann said that his wife and sons enjoyed the recent Mom and Son Dance held by the Wixom Parks and Recreation. He and his family attended Derby Day which was great and well attended. He appreciated the greater police presence on Maple Road as they were trying to prevent damage to the roadway by eliminating construction and heavy truck traffic.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik attended the Earth Day event and found it informative. He thanked the resident of 1742 North Wixom Road for signing over their easement to the City.

Mayor Beagle had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Crystal Opalko
City Clerk

Approved 5-28-2024

Patrick Beagle, Mayor

Crystal Opalko, City Clerk