

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024**

Mayor Beagle called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 (excused)
P. Sharpe
R. Smiley

AGENDA CHANGES:

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik moved Correspondence #1, Memorandum- Senior Commission Request Regarding Commission Appointments, to New Business #5

PRESENTATION:

1.) Proclamation for Irene Carson

Mayor Beagle read and presented a proclamation to Irene Carson, a resident who recently turned 100 years old.

Ms. Carson said she'd never expected to receive a proclamation to crown her 100 years of life. She felt welcomed by the spirited staff within the City, and thanked the Mayor and Council for the tribute.

MINUTES:

CM-07-95-24: Moved and seconded by Councilmember Sharpe and Deputy Mayor Rzeznik to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of July 9, 2024.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) Memorandum- Senior Commission Request Regarding Commission Appointments (moved to new business #5)
- 2.) Resignation Letter from Ray Cousineau from the Planning Commission and ZBA
- 3.) Resignation Letter from Joan Roberts from the Senior Citizen Commission
- 4.) Notice of Public Meeting - Oakland County Materials Management Planning Committee

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

1.) Department Reports - June 2024

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik noticed the June testing for fats, oils and grease at Culvers was in exceedance. Considering Culvers was a newer restaurant within the City, it surprised him that a grease trap wasn't installed. Mr. John of F&V said they had grease traps installed; however, their maintenance fell behind so they had grease within the bypass. He stated that their grease traps were recently cleaned.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-07-96-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Sharpe and Behrmann to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
 - a.) Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of May 13, 2024
 - b.) Library Board Minutes of May 20, 2024
 - c.) Planning Commission Minutes of June 17, 2024

Vote:

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) **Recommendation to Confirm the Mayor's Appointments of Doris Dubilzig to the Senior Citizen Commission with a Term to Expire June 30, 2025; Patrick Tutak to the Cemetery Board with a Term to Expire June 30, 2026; Todd Buck to the Planning Commission with a Term to Expire June 30, 2027 and Austin Beyer to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a Term to Expire June 30, 2027**

CM-07-97-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Sharpe to confirm the Mayor's Appointments of Doris Dubilzig to the Senior Citizen Commission with a Term to Expire June 30, 2025; Patrick Tutak to the Cemetery Board with a Term to Expire June 30, 2026; Todd Buck to the Planning Commission with a Term to Expire June 30, 2027 and Austin Beyer to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a Term to Expire June 30, 2027.

Mayor Beagle said they recently had Joan Roberts resign from the Senior Commission and Ray Cousineau resign from the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. In addition, they had an opening on the Cemetery Board. The following individuals agreed to volunteer their services to fill these vacancies.

Austin Beyer introduced himself to the Mayor and Council. He indicated that he was interested in volunteering within the community and was excited to be part of the ZBA.

Todd Buck said he'd been a resident for five years and his wife volunteered with the Wixom Downtown Development Association. He hoped his thirty years of construction management experience would benefit the Planning Commission.

Vote:

Motion Carried

- 2.) **Recommendation to Certify Tim Sikma and Marilyn Stamper as Officer Delegate and Alternate and Vilma Mazi as Employee Delegate for the City of Wixom for the 2024 Annual Business Meeting of the Michigan Employees Retirement System**

CM-07-98-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Sharpe and Smiley to approve the certification of Tim Sikma and Marilyn Stamper as Officer Delegate and Alternate and Vilma Mazi as Employee Delegate for the City of Wixom for the 2024 Annual Business Meeting of the Michigan Employees Retirement System.

Mr. Brown indicated it was routine to have members of Michigan Employees Retirement System attend their annual business meeting. He appreciated that Mr. Sikma and Ms. Mazi volunteered to attend this year's meeting.

Vote:

Motion Carried

3.) Recommendation to Approve an Amendment Extending the Police Records Management Agreement with the Village of Wolverine Lake for Three Years and Authorize Mayor Patrick Beagle to Sign the Agreement

CM-07-99-24: Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Smiley to approve an amendment extending the Police Records Management Agreement with the Village of Wolverine Lake for three years and authorize Mayor Patrick Beagle to sign the agreement.

Chief Langmeyer said they've had an agreement with the Village of Wolverine Lake since 2019 to provide police records services for their community. This amendment would extend the agreement for three more years. The rates increased 5% for this year and 4% for the two following years to offset their personnel cost. The Village of Wolverine Lake agreed to the rate increases and already signed the agreement.

Councilmember Sharpe wondered if the Wixom personnel had a lot of extra work due to the Village of Wolverine Lake police records. In addition, he questioned if just adjusting the rates to accommodate the salary rate increase was adequate.

Chief Langmeyer said it was subjective based on the amount of information requests they received; however, by all accounts the work wasn't too extensive. They could always explore increasing the rates after the three-year agreement expired.

Vote:

Motion Carried

4.) Recommendation to Approve an Amendment Extending the Intergovernmental Lockup Services Agreement with the Village of Wolverine Lake and the City of Walled Lake for One Year and Authorize Mayor Patrick Beagle to Sign the Amendments

CM-07-100-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Behrmann and Deputy Mayor Rzeznik to approve the amendment extending the Intergovernmental Lockup Services Agreement with the Village of Wolverine Lake and the City of Walled Lake for One Year and authorize Mayor Patrick Beagle to sign the amendments.

Chief Langmeyer said they've provided lockup services for the City of Walled Lake and the Village of Wolverine Lake since 2019. They were asking to provide a three-year amendment for these services along with a rate increase of 5% for the first year and 4% for the remaining two years to offset the contract negotiated pay rate increase. He stated that the Village of Wolverine Lake already approved the amendment and signed the agreement; however, the City of Walled Lake wouldn't have the opportunity to approve the agreement until their August meeting as their July Council meeting was cancelled.

Mr. Brown noted the motion reflected a one-year agreement; however, the amendment was for three years; therefore, the motion was incorrect.

CM-07-101-24: Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Behrmann and Deputy Mayor Rzeznik to amend the previous motion to approve the amendment extending the Intergovernmental Lockup Services Agreement with the Village of Wolverine Lake and the City of Walled Lake for Three Year and authorize Mayor Patrick Beagle to sign the amendments.

Councilmember Behrmann asked if there were food expenses associated with the lockup agreement.

Chief Langmeyer noted the food expense was very minimal.

Councilmember Sharpe asked if they considered increasing the rates to include the food expenditures and overhead costs.

Councilmember Gottschall said the facility overhead cost would not apply because the facility was already open and operating. He said that he was okay with the current rate increase as they covered the City's cost. He wouldn't want to upcharge our neighboring communities as they were in the same situation as Wixom with the inflation increase.

Mayor Beagle said the food cost were very minimal as the inmates were not eating high-end cuisine.

Vote:

Motion Carried

5.) Discussion Regarding the Memorandum-Senior Commission Request Regarding Commission Appointments

Deputy Mayor Rzeknik said when he read this memorandum it reminded him of a time when his good friend's mother moved from Ohio to Michigan and became very active with the Senior Commission. He always thought she would have been a great candidate for the Commission as she owned her own business and was interested; however, the resident requirement made her ineligible. He was happy that the Senior Commission requested to have up-to two non-residents members. He thought this was a valid request considering the Senior Center Programming members were comprised of residents and non-residents.

Councilmember Gottschall agreed with Deputy Mayor Rzeknik. He noted the memorandum just wanted Council to be aware of this change so the Mayor could appoint a non-resident Commission member in the future.

Mr. Brown confirmed there wasn't any action required of Council as this was simply for informational purposes.

Councilmember Smiley supported the idea and was happy the Commission was going to make that change.

Councilmember Sharpe agreed with Deputy Mayor Rzeknik as they had a really strong program so it appealed to residents and non-residents alike.

Mayor Beagle said he also supported the addition of non-residents to the Senior Commission.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Russ Meredith of 378 Fletcher said the new playground near the library was completed and opened. He'd noticed that the playground was being used regularly and that people really enjoyed it. He applauded Ms. Magee and her staff for working hard on this. He suggested Council to take a look at it if they haven't already.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown congratulated those employees that were celebrating work anniversaries. He mentioned that Ms. Dickson was celebrating twenty-two years of service. He thanked all the employees as they played a critical part in City operations. He mentioned that Priority Waste had taken over the waste hauling contract from GFL in July. As predicted there had

been a few hiccups so he asked residents to continue to have patience and call when they had an issue. He was confident that things would begin to get smoother as more time passed with this transition. He indicated that Priority Waste had promised some newer technology that should benefit the residents such as GPS technology and cameras within the vehicles. He noted the technology should track the vehicles and record footage of any waste that was missed.

Councilmember Behrmann noticed one of the newer subdivisions had yellow garbage cans and not the same green cans the rest of the residents. He thought they would have green garbage cans so everything looked consistent.

Mr. Sikma said they kept the green GFL cans because of the large expense to replace them; however, new residents would get yellow cans because that's the Priority Waste color.

Councilmember Behrmann figured Priority Waste could have ordered some of the same color cans that GFL used in order to refrain from having different color cans throughout the City.

Mr. Brown said there was an option to become part of the cart-plus program in the future which would be similar to what the residents currently had for recycling. Cart-plus made it easier for the carrier to pick-up the garbage which would expedite the services. If the City were to opt into the cart-plus program, all the households would get the same size and color garbage can so that would improve the aesthetics.

Mr. Benson said the Renton buildings were being prepared for demolition. As it stood, they anticipated the demolition to take place in early August as they were only waiting on one utility disconnection.

Ms. Opalko introduced the new Deputy Clerk, Halley Hilton, to the Mayor and Council. She noted that Ms. Hilton was the Deputy Clerk in Farmington before coming to the City of Wixom.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Behrmann thanked the volunteers that stepped up to be part of a Board or Commission. He thanked Chief Langmeyer for providing the Council with information pertaining to the resident's concern at the previous meeting. He suggested that information be shared with the resident. He noticed that the new Amazon building construction continues to be underway. The other day he saw a bunch of electrical equipment in the parking lot. He didn't see any screening around the equipment. In addition, he noticed some shelters installed near the road and additional light poles were erected.

Mr. Benson said they worked administratively on various approvals but would look into some of those items mentioned. He noted they didn't have a Certificate of Occupancy yet; therefore, they cannot operate. Councilmember Behrmann imagined that the Planning Commission would require that the electrical equipment to be screened. It appeared to him that follow through on site-plan approvals hadn't been done by administration. He was aware that Chipotle and Longhorn Steakhouse were given a temporary Certificate of Occupancy two years ago, but they still haven't added fencing on top of their brick work.

Councilmember Gottschall thanked the newest Board and Commission members for volunteering.

Councilmember Sharpe congratulated Ms. Hilton and thanked those individuals that were volunteering; specifically, Mr. Buck and Mr. Beyer. He thought that all of the Boards were important but Planning Commission and ZBA were especially important. He read the recent

minutes of the ZBA and noticed that all three requests for variances were denied. He applauded the Board for sticking to their guns in the face of attorneys telling them why they should be approved.

Councilmember Smiley thanked the new volunteers and Mr. Cousineau and Ms. Roberts for their service. He said it was lovely to meet Ms. Hilton and welcomed her aboard. He thanked Ms. Carson for coming to Council.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik congratulated Ms. Carson on her 100 years of life. He agreed that she'd lived through an exciting century. He thanked Chief Langmeyer for the increased patrols on Charms Road as he noticed a lot more people getting pulled over and fewer gravel haulers. He welcomed Ms. Hilton to the City of Wixom. He asked administration to keep an eye on the Renton demolition project as he wouldn't want it to slip too far into August because school starts and they already had traffic concerns in that area. He asked administration to inform the schools should the demolition interfere with school traffic.

Mayor Beagle thanked Ms. Roberts and Mr. Cousineau for their service to the City. He welcomed the new volunteers. He thanked the employees celebrating work anniversaries including the City Clerk who celebrates eleven years this August. He offered his condolences to Councilmember Gronlund-Fox on the loss of her step-father. He expressed his delight with this year's concert series. He asked Ms. Magee to bring back the band they had the previous week as many concert goers expressed their enjoyment with him about the music. He wished the City Manager a happy birthday and presented him with a personal birthday cake.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Crystal Opalko
City Clerk

APPROVED: August 13, 2024

Patrick Beagle, Mayor

Crystal Opalko, City Clerk