

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, September 24, 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
	(excused) K. Gottschall
	(excused) T. Gronlund-Fox
	P. Sharpe
	(excused) R. Smiley

AGENDA CHANGES:

Mayor Beagle added discussion regarding Priority Waste after City Manager's Reports.

MINUTES:

CM-09-130-24: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Behrmann and Sharpe to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of September 10, 2024.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) Thank You Letter from Walled Lake Fire Department
- 2.) Memorandum Regarding Parks & Recreation Board Member Resignations

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

- 1.) Departmental Reports - August 2024

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked if the bids for the Gunnar Mettala comfort station went out. Mr. Sikma said they would soon as they wanted to be prepared for construction next spring.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked how they were coming along with the one outstanding item for the Redevelopment Ready project. Mr. Benson said they were only waiting on one item and that was the ability to take credit card payments over the counter for community development fees. He indicated that the Finance Department recently hired a full-time person so filling that position should allow them to feel more comfortable with the additional reconciliations required. He was optimistic that it would be rolled out by the end of the year.

Councilmember Behrmann noticed a conversation was had regarding a food truck ordinance. He hoped the City would take into consideration before any decisions were made that many neighborhoods had food trucks and he wouldn't want to see that affected.

Mayor Beagle thanked Mr. John from F&V for the detailed explanation on the Fats, Oil and Grease process.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Sam Caramagno of Priority Waste said they've been busy patching things together trying to bring the service levels up to what most communities found acceptable. When things were not going well it was mostly related to equipment problems with their trucks. He

said they have been committed to restoring their fleet. Trucks were being repaired all over metro Detroit. He explained that their trucks ran out of Wayne, Michigan and when the construction on I96 was finished that would reduce the late pickup times tremendously. He thought they lost 45 minutes coming and going in and out of town because of the traffic at I275/I96. He indicated that Wixom had five garbage trucks, three recycle trucks and two yard waste trucks. He knew that Wixom had a leaf collection program but offered to have an additional yard waste truck available if needed for November.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik said to his knowledge his subdivision hadn't had any issues other than lateness.

Councilmember Behrmann asked about the communication between Priority and City staff. Mr. Caramagno said they've improved their lines of communication as they have made it a point to contact the DPW staff regularly. Councilmember Behrmann asked what would they do if they couldn't perform adequately within the 90 days as promised. Mr. Caramagno said they would be able to accommodate that 90 day timeline because the trucks were being fixed and they've rented 40 trucks to bolster their fleet.

Councilmember Sharpe echoed Deputy Mayor Rzeznik's comments. He mentioned that the gentleman that picked up his recycling was very conscious for he would get out and pick up recycling that had fallen on the street. He wondered how much trash did one garbage truck hold. Mr. Caramagno said one truck could hold trash for 500 homes before it had to be dumped. A single garbage truck usually dumped twice while it was within the City limits.

Mayor Beagle mentioned that he attended a lot of homeowner's meetings and outside of the garbage being picked up later than usual, the only other comment was the fact that the new trucks were not leaving oil spots on the street.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-09-131-24: Motion and seconded by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Behrmann to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to Receive and File:
 - a. Cemetery Board Minutes of May 31, 2023
 - b. Senior Commission Minutes of June 17, 2024
 - c. Planning Commission Minutes of August 19, 2024
- 2.) Recommendation to Accept the Industrial/Commercial Property Detention/Retention System Maintenance Agreement from Beck West Storage, LLC Located at 29686 Beck Road and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Agreement

Vote:

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS: (None)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Benson congratulated those employees celebrating work anniversaries in the month of October. The years of service ranged from 1 to 18 years. He thanked them for their commitment.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Sharpe thanked the Mayor and Council for excusing his absences at the previous two meetings. He valued his role as an elected official and didn't like to miss meetings. He asked about the Code Enforcement Officer position. Mr. Benson said they would start October 1, 2024. He would make it a point to introduce them to the Council in the near future.

Councilmember Behrmann thought the sidewalk placement for Renton was decent. He gave accolades to the DPW for removing the trees in that area so quickly.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik had no comments.

Mayor Beagle thanked the employees that were celebrating work anniversaries. He thought the DDA Block Party was successful and thanked them for allowing him to be their MC for the event.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Crystal Opalko
City Clerk

APPROVED: 10/8/24