

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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(excused)
Councilmembers: P. Behrmann
K. Gottschall
T. Gronlund-Fox
P. Sharpe
R. Smiley

AGENDA CHANGES: (None)

MINUTES:

CM-10-132-24: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Behrmann and Gronlund-Fox to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of September 24, 2024.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

1.) Memorandum Regarding Introduction of New Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Benson said the Code Enforcement Officer started working 18 hours per week. To contact them, please email codeenforcement@wixomgov.org.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

1.) Fire Report – August 2024

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox appreciated the emergency response times decreasing within the Fire Department.

2.) Police Report – August 2024

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-10-133-24: Motion and seconded by Councilmembers Behrmann and Gronlund-Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to Receive and File:
 - a. Library Board Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2024
- 2.) Recommendation to Approve a Michigan Liquor Control Commission Social District Permit Application for Wixom Bar, Inc. Located at 49365 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, Michigan
- 3.) Recommendation to Ratify the Tentative Agreements Between the City of Wixom and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees for the Non-Supervisory and Supervisory Units of the Department of Public Works and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Collective Bargaining Agreements on Behalf

Vote:

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Recommendation to Fund the Tribute Drain Maintenance Assessment from the Water Resources Commission for Oakland County to Cover the Current Deficit and Estimated Maintenance Expenses for Fiscal Years 2024 Through 2026 from VCA Tribute Maintenance Account 701-441-956.255 in the Amount of \$38,695 and the Cost for the Emergency Sinkhole Repair and Wixom Branch Rehab Projects from Major Road Maintenance Program Account 202-441-976.058 in the Amount of \$240,508 and Approve the Necessary Budget Amendment

CM-10-134-24: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Gronlund-Fox and Behrmann to approve the Tribute Drain Maintenance Assessment from the Water Resources Commission for Oakland County to cover the current deficit and estimated maintenance expenses for Fiscal Years 2024 through 2026 from VCA Tribute Maintenance Account 701-441-956.255 in the amount of \$38,695 and the cost for the emergency sinkhole repair and Wixom branch rehab projects from Major Road Maintenance Program Account 202-441-976.058 in the Amount of \$240,508 and Approve the Necessary Budget Amendment.

Mr. Sikma explained this expense was a direct result of the sink hole that happened last year and the cost for the extended maintenance. Considering the drain was a Chapter 20 drain, the expense fell to the City and not to the Water Resource Commission of Oakland County (WRC).

Councilmember Behrmann asked if they would seek liability considering the City paid WRC for maintenance of the drain. Mr. Brown said the maintenance being referenced wasn't related to extending the life of the pipe or to make sure it did not fail. He explained how they learned that back in the early 2000's the City accepted the responsibility of the drain.

Councilmember Gottschall wanted to clarify that this would not extend or increase the special assessment that the current property owners in the Tribute Drain already had. Mr. Sikma said the City would be responsible and not the property owners.

Councilmember Sharpe understood that it was an emergency repair so all hands were on deck for a quick repair and once they all sat down to figure out who would pay, it became the City's responsibility based on an agreement made back in early 2000.

VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

- 2.) Recommendation to Renew the Winter Maintenance Agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County for Pontiac Trail (from the Western City Limits to Beck Road) and Loon Lake Road (from the Eastern City Limits to Benstein Road) for \$13,317.07 by Adopting the Resolution and Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Sign the Agreement

CM-10-135-24: Moved and seconded by Councilmember Sharpe and Gronlund-Fox to renew the Winter Maintenance Agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County for Pontiac Trail (from the Western City Limits to Beck Road) and Loon Lake Road (from the Eastern City Limits to Benstein Road) for \$13,317.07 by adopting the resolution and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement.

Mr. Sikma said that this was routine. It covered the salt and employee time for plowing Pontiac Trail and Loon Lake Road.

CITY OF WIXOM
RESOLUTION 2024-48
2024-2025 WINTER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, since 2005, the City of Wixom has assumed snow and ice control on Pontiac Trail from the western City limits to Beck Road and Loon Lake Road from Benstein Road to the eastern City limits and has realized an increase in the level of service and community satisfaction; and,

WHEREAS, Pontiac Trail and Loon Lake Road from Benstein Road to the eastern City limits are under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County; and,

WHEREAS, the Road Commission for Oakland County has assigned snow and ice control responsibilities to the City in the past for these roads.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Wixom hereby approve the 2024-2025 Winter Maintenance Agreement renewal with the Road Commission for Oakland County and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City of Wixom.

VOTE

MOTION CARRIED

3.) Recommendation to Accept the Bid from KD Cement of Commerce Township, MI for Concrete Work on Sam's Way in an Amount Not to Exceed \$41,875

CM-10-136-24: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Behrmann and Sharpe to accept the bid from KD Cement of Commerce Township, MI for concrete work on Sam's Way in an amount not to exceed \$41,875.

Mr. Sikma said it was their desire to fund this project along with the Napier Road construction; however, that project involved a lot more than anticipated. They'd still like to repair this road and KD Cement offered the same cost as if they would have repaired it along with Napier.

Councilmember Sharpe was able to see how bad of shape this road was in just by looking on Google Earth. He agreed this road needed repair.

Councilmember Gottschall was aware directly to the north of this street was a staging area for the express way road construction equipment. He would hate to replace this for them still to be running equipment over it. They should ensure they shut down that staging area so they won't have to deal with that issue. Mr. Sikma said he would confirm that wouldn't happen.

Councilmembers Gronlund-Fox and Behrmann echoed Councilmember Gottschall's comments.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Several students from Lakeland High School were in the audience for their government class. The Mayor and City Council asked them various questions.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown said due to the updated marketing and branding efforts of the City, they would produce new staff IDs and had a photographer taking those pictures. That same photographer planned on taking a picture of the Mayor and Council prior to the November 12th City Council meeting.

Mr. Benson had no comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Smiley welcomed the new Code Enforcement Officer and thanked Wixom Bar for joining the Social District.

Councilmember Behrmann reminded everyone the Panther Hunt and Fire Department Open House was on Saturday.

Councilmember Gottschall had no comments.

Councilmember Sharpe thanked Wixom Bar for joining the Social District, thanked F&V for hosting an employee appreciation picnic and welcomed the new Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox appreciated everyone being flexible and moving the original Council picture date.

Mayor Beagle welcomed the Code Enforcement Officer to the Wixom family and looked forward to seeing everyone on Saturday at the Fire Department Open House and Panther Hunt.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Crystal Opalko
City Clerk

APPROVED 10/22/24
