

**CITY OF WIXOM  
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Present:**

**Mayor:** R. Ziegler  
**Deputy Mayor:** P. Beagle  
**Councilmembers:** K. Gottschall  
N. Kennedy  
B. Leder  
T. Rzeznik  
R. Smiley

**AGENDA CHANGES:** (None)

At this time, Mayor Ziegler asked Mr. Jim Runestad to introduce himself. Mr. Runestad said he appreciated the opportunity to speak to the Council. He said he was currently a State Representative running for the open Senate seat for the 15<sup>th</sup> Senate District. He indicated that he would be completely at the Council's disposal. If anybody had any questions, they can find his contact information on his website at runwithrunestad.com.

**PRESENTATION:**

**1. Proclamation for the Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan (TACAM) – Turkish Republic Day**

Mr. Gokhan Ozalp thanked the Council for inviting them to this meeting and for the Proclamation. Ms. Nilufer Bilgin said she is the current president of the Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan. Mr. Ozalp is the vice president. She thanked the Council for this proclamation.

At this time, Mayor Ziegler read the Proclamation and presented it to them.

**MINUTES:**

**CM-10-158-18:** Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Kennedy and Rzeznik to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of September 25, 2018.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

There was no Correspondence for this meeting; however, Mayor Ziegler indicated that the Council had received a communication from Hamburg Township. The City Manager will write a response from the Council.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments at this time.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:****1.) Fire Report - August 2018**

There were no comments or questions.

**2.) Police Report – August 2018**

There were no comments or questions.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CM-10-159-17:** Motion and seconded by made by Councilmember Rzeznik and Deputy Mayor Beagle to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
  - a. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2018
  - b. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2018
  - c. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – June 25, 2018
  - d. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2018
  - e. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2018
  - f. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2018
  - g. Wixom Library Board Minutes – July 23, 2018
- 2.) Consideration of a Recommendation to Approve and Authorize the Application for Consent to 123.NET, Inc. of Southfield, Michigan for Alterations or Improvements to 48534 Alpha Drive and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Consent Agreement.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (None)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) Recommendation to Accept the Low Qualified Bid from Holiday Designs, Inc. of Gainesville, Georgia for Holiday Decorations in the Amount of \$26,002.50 and Approve a Budget Amendment to the Parks and Recreation Capital Plan for \$26,003**

**CM-10-160-18:** Moved and seconded by Deputy Mayor Beagle and Councilmember Smiley to accept the low bid from Holiday Designs, of Gainesville, Georgia for holiday decorations in the amount of \$26,002.50 and approve a budget amendment to the Parks and Recreation Capital Plan for \$26,003.

Councilmember Rzeznik asked if the DPW had done the decorating in the past and if this was the first year we would be contracting it. Ms. Magee replied that we will not be contracting for the decorating. We would be purchasing the decorations. We bid the project for the tree, the ornaments, and the bows.

Councilmember Smiley asked how much the tree was. He knew that the tree would be long term and we would be able to use it going forward. He wondered how long the tree might last. Ms. Magee replied that the tree was approximately \$18,000. We can expand the tree by four feet increments if we want to make it larger in the

future. The commercial bows are designed to be weather and fade resistant. She stated that the LED tree has a ten year warranty and the bows last approximately ten years as well.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**2.) Recommendation to Accept a Proposal for Construction Services for the Roof Replacement of City Hall and the Community Center by Wm. Molnar Roofing, Inc. of Riverview, Michigan, for a Total not to Exceed \$368,585**

**CM-10-161-18:** Moved and seconded by Councilmember Rzeznik and Deputy Mayor Beagle to accept the proposal for construction services for the roof replacement of City Hall and the Community Center by Wm. Molnar Roofing, Inc. of Riverview, Michigan, for a total not to exceed \$368,585.

Deputy Mayor Beagle stated that he was at City Hall when the contractors were looking at the roofs. There were a number of contractors that day, so he wondered why there was only one bid received. Mr. Sikma said that there were ten contractors that signed up for the mandatory pre-bid meeting. After calling those contractors back, some indicated that they were too busy or they felt this would be a difficult project at this time of the season. There was also a little bit of trepidation for the lightning suppression system that we have. Mr. Sikma said that after researching Wm. Molnar, they found that they were capable and had good reviews. This is within the budget and he felt this would work for us.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if he had contacted Spencer Roofing in Wixom. Mr. Sikma said that he did not.

Councilmember Smiley said that the report indicated it was late in the year for this project and there was a little worry about getting it done before the bad weather. He wondered what the worst case scenario was and if we could bump this into the spring. Mr. Sikma stated that we could bump portions of it into the spring if we had to. Each area will be done to completion. You won't see it because it is the flat portion of the roof. The metal portion you see from the road will remain. There was no worry of damage with having only half of it done.

Councilmember Rzeznik commented that five years ago he had the roof of one of his commercial buildings redone in November. The contractor had taken the old membrane off and he replaced the insulation panels. It got dark and he only had some of the membrane down. He wasn't able to seal any of the overlaps yet and we had a five-inch wet heavy snowfall that night. The exposed u-channel decking filled up with the snow. The next morning they put the rest of the membrane on and it got to above 55 degrees on a sunny day. Needless to say, all of the ceiling tiles got soaked and there was a lot of equipment damaged on desks. He thought we needed to be very careful about that time of year. Mr. Sikma indicated that it would be inspected throughout the period.

Councilmember Gottschall said that since we are hearing about the seasonality and that some of the companies couldn't squeeze it in, he wondered if we had a lot of

roof leaks where this needed to get done right now or if we thought we would be able to get better pricing and more bids by waiting until the spring. Mr. Sikma said that he did not anticipate better pricing in the spring. We do have significant amount of leaks each year. We can continue to repair them as we go, but we have it in the budget and we would like to get it completed as soon as possible.

Councilmember Kennedy asked if there were any leaks right now. Mr. Sikma replied that we have repaired the greatest ones this past summer.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**3.) Request for Authorization to Participate in the State of Michigan Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Purchase of One (1) Boss Salt Spreader from Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. of Howell, Michigan in an Amount not to Exceed \$5,269**

**CM-10-162-18:** Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Rzeznik and Kennedy to authorize participation in the State of Michigan Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of one (1) Boss Salt Spreader from Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. of Howell, Michigan in an amount not to exceed \$5,269.

Mr. Sikma stated that this salt spreader will go on the newly purchased pickup truck. We have an older Monroe spreader that will go on the other new truck. This spreader is stainless steel in construction. He felt it was a good price. He looked at other models and he wanted to try this one.

Councilmember Smiley asked if we had one already that was new. Mr. Sikma replied no. The Monroe spreader is old and is being transferred to the new truck.

Deputy Mayor Beagle asked if the one we were keeping was twelve years old and how many more years he thought we would have it. Mr. Sikma replied yes, it is twelve years old. He thought it would depend on the mechanical each year as to how much longer it would last. We want to make sure we have at least one that is operational. He didn't feel we needed to purchase two spreaders at this time.

Councilmember Rzeznik wondered if any of the area communities have used this brand. Mr. Sikma replied that the Truck and Trailer representative indicated there are a few communities that are using this brand. He said that they also looked at the Knaphide model through Monroe, but they felt the Boss spreader was a better piece of machinery.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments at this time.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Mr. Brown stated that the Clerk's Office mailed over 1,200 absentee ballots to Wixom voters this past week. The Clerk spoke to him today about the fact that they expect this to be a very busy election cycle rivaling a presidential election and in line with what they are experiencing so far. We will probably have some added

costs that will be hitting our budget in relation to some additional time required as they are being inundated with people coming in for registrations to vote, requests for absentee ballots and other things associated with that, along with the daily workload of passports, FOIAs and everything else that the Clerk's Office does. We will keep our eye on that. We expect to have a busy season for the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk.

The second thing he mentioned was that it was his privilege and honor to participate in the military academy nomination screening process for U.S. Representative David Trott. Councilmember Nick Kennedy asked him to participate and it took place last Saturday at the Community Center. He said it was a great experience for him personally to see so many outstanding examples of the youth of today. He participated on a panel of three for the Air Force Academy and he was there for about five or six hours. They had twelve applicants that they screened and he enjoyed the process. Mr. Brown commented that he pursued an Air Force Academy nomination when he was a high school student and he did get one. However, he decided not to pursue it. He thanked U.S. Representative Trott for the opportunity to participate and assist with that process. He hoped to be asked again.

Mayor Ziegler asked Mr. Brown to speak briefly about the meeting in Milford last week regarding the PFAS issue. Mr. Brown said the Village of Milford hosted this PFAS meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>. There were approximately 115 to 125 people present. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Huron River Watershed Council, the Village of Milford, the Township of Milford and the City of Wixom all participated. The meeting lasted two hours. He complimented the people on the panel for providing a lot of good information. There was a lot of honest and clear information provided for the benefit of people who were concerned about the PFAS contamination that is being experienced in the watershed of our area. There were a lot of questions that were addressed at the end and the crowd was excellent. He thought it was a good exchange of information between people who had some knowledge and understanding of the situation with residents who were concerned about it. There were PowerPoint slides that were part of the presentation, as well as discussion as the meeting progressed. It was a textbook example of a well-run public information opportunity. He complimented the MDEQ folks on their role in bringing this together. He noted that Tribar was the source of these PFOS and PFOA chemical substances that were being discharged through our Wastewater Treatment Plant. There was initially an indication that it would take approximately two months for them to get a filtration system in place. Every day there are more of those substances going into the watershed. Instead they presented information a day or two before the event that they had managed to come up with a temporary mobile solution that would bring most or all of the benefits of that permanent solution into play within a matter of days. It was installed on October 5<sup>th</sup> and is in operation at the plant for Tribar currently. We expect that samples were taken last night or this morning of their wastewater discharge to our Wastewater Treatment Plant. We will do another sample test on our own and we expect to see dramatic improvements on the level of those PFOS and PFOA substances that are present in the wastewater from Tribar and from our effluent discharge into the watershed.

The results should be available within the next couple of weeks. We are excited to see that come into play sooner than we originally thought.

Mayor Ziegler commented that this presentation was recorded and is on the City's website and YouTube channel. The PowerPoint presentation will also be available within the next 24 hours.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilmember Smiley** congratulated Wixom's Ninja Warrior. Emilie Thibodeau, a 14-year old Wixom freshman at Walled Lake Western High School, was selected to compete on the first season of the new show "American Ninja Warrior Junior." He thought that was very cool. He thanked Mr. Brown for keeping Wixom well-informed on the PFAS issue. It is a sensitive subject and he was able to direct them to the City website or Facebook page. He wished Councilmember Kennedy a happy birthday.

**Councilmember Gottschall** looked forward to this weekend with the Fire Station Open House and the Panther Hunt. He always likes that Saturday.

**Councilmember Rzeznik** mentioned that he was able to attend the Bark in the Park event. It was a refreshingly new event that was well-attended considering the weather. Everyone was really engaged with what was going on there between the different veterinarians, training schools, tricks and the talent contest. He also attended the Huron River Watershed Council meeting. He thought we should be proud of how our City proactively acted on this by addressing it right of way and informing the public all the way.

Mr. Brown added that the Bark in the Park was videotaped by the Walled Lake Schools video team. This video will be on our website and our YouTube channel.

**Councilmember Kennedy** said that he is the District Representative for U.S. Congressman Dave Trott. We have the Academy Nomination Awards where they pick the next leaders for our military academies. The Congressman has already thanked Mr. Brown for spending most of his Saturday away from his family to help go through the process. He said that Mr. Brown's input was invaluable. The Congressman also wanted to thank the City of Wixom for hosting this event in the newly renovated Community Center. It went very smoothly. He also thanked Joan Rourke who stood at the door to direct the applicants and families. He said we have a great group of people and the panelists have ranked them for the Congressman. The nomination commitments will be made to the Academies within the next week or so. He stated that it was the Air Force Academy's loss and the City of Wixom's gain that Mr. Brown did not take his nomination. In regard to the bids (like the roofing bid), when we have a large company like Spencer Roofing in our City, he thought it would behoove us to give them a quick call to see if they were interested in bidding. He thought we might get some kind of economy to scale with the fact that they are here in our City. He appreciated the fact that Mr. Sikma requested bids and he knew the other people weren't able to bid. He congratulated everyone involved with the Bark in the Park. Lastly, he congratulated Mr. Brown on being aggressive to keep everyone informed on the PFAS situation.

**Councilmember Leder** said he looked forward to the Panther Hunt every year. His kids enjoy it and it is nice to see everyone come out in costumes. He hoped for good weather. He wished Councilmember Kennedy a happy birthday.

**Deputy Mayor Beagle** had no comments.

**Mayor Ziegler** wished Councilmember Kennedy a happy birthday and many more. He said it was a good weekend with Bark in the Park. He has never had a pet, but it reminded him of when he walked through the neighborhoods about 20 years ago when he first ran for Council and he noticed a lot of people had a dog. A couple of years ago, he noticed that people now have more than one dog. He thought it was interesting that these people with pets are really into their animals. The stores have aisles and aisles of dog and cat products. He thought they did a good job starting this new annual event because it was well attended and everybody there was excited to be there. He said he was looking forward to this coming weekend. There are a lot of things going on - the Fire Open House, the Panther Hunt and this year the Historical Society is putting on an event at the Cemetery. Director Moore put a picture of his costume on Facebook and it looks pretty interesting. He will be the Anti-Horse Thief Association of Southwest Oakland County. Different people will be stationed at different plots at the Cemetery. They will be dressed in garb of the time and they are pretending they are the person buried below. It will be a neat event and he is excited to go. At the last minute, he got an invitation to go to the Nepalese Celebration at the Community Center. He was disappointed to miss that because when they celebrated their New Year's, he and Director Moore were able to attend and it was a nice event.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Catherine Buck  
City Clerk

Approved 10-23-2018
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