

**CITY OF WIXOM  
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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 (Excused)  
**Councilmembers:** K. Gottschall  
N. Kennedy (Excused)  
B. Leder  
T. Rzeznik  
R. Smiley

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

Mr. Brown noted that there were corrections made to the dates under the Consent Agenda and he had slightly revised the subject line and recommendation of New Business #3 regarding the Brownfield Plan Amendment #01.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

**1.) Reaffirmation by Eric Hess of his Oath of Office as Police Officer and his Introduction to the Mayor and City Council**

Director of Public Safety Ron Moore said one of his favorite things to do as Police Chief was to introduce new officers. Eric Hess started employment with the City of Wixom last week. Officer Hess was joined by his new wife, Kelsey. Also in attendance were Eric's parents, Carolyn and Martin Hess, from Indiana, Eric's in-laws, Kim and Jim Fiscus and his sister-in-law, Kristen Fiscus.

Director Moore stated that Officer Hess was born and raised in northern Indiana. After graduating from high school, he attended Kellogg Community College on a baseball scholarship. From there, he attended Grand Valley State University where he achieved a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. In 2015, Officer Hess graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy. He worked for over two years as a police officer for Brownstown Township; however, he sought an opportunity to work near his home in Novi where he currently lives.

At this time, his wife pinned his badge on him and he reaffirmed his Oath of Office with the City Clerk.

At 7:06 p.m., the Council recessed for a cake and coffee reception. The Council reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:****1.) Public Hearing to Solicit Community Input Regarding the Utilization of the 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Allocation**

Ms. Magee explained that the Block Grant Program provides funds for the purpose of renovating older homes, revitalizing neighborhoods, providing human services, and rebuilding community infrastructure that benefits low to moderate income residents. Qualified projects must be located in census tracts that are occupied by low to moderate individuals and families that meet HUD's standards and guidelines. In Wixom, we have two census tracts and both are located south of Pontiac Trail. Federal regulations concerning the utilization of these funds and how they are allocated require a public hearing. Those agencies that would like to request funding from the City Council may do so at the public hearing.

Mayor Ziegler read the Rules for Public Speaking at a Public Hearing. It was his belief that the Council could not ask questions of those who speak at this CDBG Public Hearing. He then opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Mr. Donovan Neal, Executive Director of Hospitality House, stated that Hospitality House feeds over 550 households every month of which 96 Wixom citizens make up the second largest beneficiary of their services. He thanked the Wixom Police Department and Public Safety Officer Ron Moore for their efforts this year in helping them collect toys for the children that they serve. He asked the Council to approve their submitted 2018-2019 CDBG request of \$4,000. This year, he wanted to share two stories represented by most of the hundred testimonies. The first comes from Elizabeth who says, *"Hospitality House has helped my family have complete meals. It has made it so I can buy meat and dairy products for our house. Living on disability makes it hard to provide food after my bills are paid. Now I don't have to pick between rent, medicine or food. Hospitality House provides more than Ramen to our family. We are grateful and appreciate all Hospitality House provides for us."* Mr. Neal said that Renee wrote, *"There have literally been days when I didn't have money for a loaf of bread. I crave the taste of meat or fresh fruit and vegetables. Hospitality House came to my rescue. I always at least have something to eat in my home because of them. With the recipes they give, I can utilize everything they give in some type of creative way."* He said he wanted to advocate on behalf of those within the City of Wixom and locally within the lakes region. He thanked the City Council for their efforts to combat food and security regionally.

Jasmine Valentine, Development Manager from HAVEN, distributed their 2017 Fact Sheet and Brochure that included all of the services that they provide at HAVEN. She explained that HAVEN is the only comprehensive agency that serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and the children that are involved. Last year, they serviced 23 Wixom residents which included the counseling program, the personal protection order at the Oakland County Sheriff Department, and court advocacy. She stated that domestic violence and sexual assault affects every part of someone's life. With the money that she hoped they would receive for the next year, it will enable them to provide services to the community free of charge. She thanked the Council for allowing her to speak to them. Any money they receive is used and appreciated.

Ann McCardel, member of the St. William Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, said that they provide emergency assistance to everyone in their church boundary area. They delay utility shut-offs, arrange financial assistance, help with rent payments, provide grocery vouchers, refer to other community agencies, help with budgeting, arrange for camp experiences, etc. She said that over the 20 years she has been with St. Vincent, she has been in Wixom more than she has been in Walled Lake. She said they reviewed their spreadsheet and from June 17 to July 18, they helped 23 cases. Those cases represented 51 individuals and \$13,000 in assistance. They have appreciated all of the City's help over the years.

Bridget Ojamien, Program Director of Western Oakland County Meals on Wheels, indicated that they serve homebound seniors throughout all of western Oakland County, including Wixom. Last year, they served 55 seniors. Homebound means that you don't drive or go shopping. You choose to age in place. Services like Meals on Wheels cost the community about \$30,000. Nursing homes cost about \$75,000. She said that their program serves seniors on a daily basis, Monday through Friday. They deliver more than just a meal. They provide socialization and a warm, friendly face for them to see when a lot of times they don't have anybody. She said that they intercede when the family is not able to or when there isn't one. The hot meal provides nourishment for them and helps them not to worry about a meal. They like to provide more meals than just one because most of them do eat just one meal a day. She appreciated the opportunity to speak to the Council and she asked for their support with the CDBG funds.

Vicky Kennedy, representative of Common Ground, distributed brochures to the Council. She thanked the Council for the opportunity to ask for Wixom's continued support to help people in crisis. They are a mental health agency that has been helping people move from crisis to hope for over 47 years. They have added a lot to Common Ground since they opened. They now have a shelter for homeless youth and an emergency center for those who are not safe to make it through the night. They have a victim assistance program where they have people who go to court to advocate for any kind crime for those in need. She said they have an adult treatment center. It is important that they stay funded to help those in crisis and she thanked the Council for helping them out in the past.

With no other comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

## **PRESENTATION:**

### **1. SAW Grant Presentation**

Ms. Karyn Stickel, from Hubbell, Roth and Clark, stated that we are coming to the end of the SAW (Stormwater, Asset Management and Wastewater) grant and this is a wrap-up of everything that has been done, as well as an update on the few remaining steps before everything is finalized on November 30.

She explained that the City applied for a grant to prepare an asset management plan and provide design services for wastewater projects in December 2013. The City was notified that it received this grant in October 2015 and the grant agreement was signed in November 2015. Since all of the work must be completed

within three years of the grant award, the completion deadline is November 30, 2018. The total project amount was \$2,500,000, with the grant amount of \$2,000,000 and the City's match of \$500,000.

The Funding Study had to be completed and submitted by May 30, 2018 and that was done by Dawn Lund of UFS. The final asset management plan needs to be done by November 30, 2018. The City has addressed the funding gap with the planned rate increases. We will have to submit a certificate of completion to MDEQ and we have to provide a three to five page summary to MDEQ that will be posted on their website. Also, the asset management plan must be available for review at City Hall in case anyone from the public would like to review it.

The primary objective of the grant was to develop a comprehensive asset management plan for the sanitary sewer system including an asset inventory and condition assessment of the sewer system and Wastewater Treatment Plant. It also looked at the level of service of the system, the criticality of assets, the operation and maintenance strategies and costs, and the long-term funding and capital improvement planning. This included design projects for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The work that has been completed to date includes the designs for the solids handling facility. The asset management plan includes the GIS mapping, manhole inspections, pump station inspections, televising sanitary sewers, Wastewater Treatment Plant condition assessment and upgrades, inflow and infiltration study, criticality of assets (probability of failure, consequence of failure and business risk evaluation), level of service, and funding study. We are finalizing the capital improvement plan now. There was money leftover in the grant, so a few more inspections were added.

The first thing that was done on the asset management plan was the GIS mapping. The City had already started a GIS map, but they used the grant money to update that map. They scanned and hyperlinked all of the engineering plans so people at the City can access that easily now. They overhauled the GIS database and they added additional attributes, such as age and material. They did some GPS of the system to find out exactly where the assets are and they corrected the map. They also did criticality scoring based on the consequences of failure and condition of assets.

They were able to inspect about 88% of our manholes. She said they could only inspect ones that were constructed prior to 1993. They found 1,570 were in good condition, 141 were in fair condition and only 15 were in poor condition. They are working with Mr. Sikma to get the immediate problems fixed.

Sewer televising was done by Metro Sewer. Again, they could only do ones that were constructed prior to 1993. They completed 96%, or almost 275,000 feet. Most of them were in good shape. There were a few issues and Metro Sewer has already fixed some of those. They are working with Mr. Sikma to get the rest fixed over the next couple of years.

The probability of failure was based on age, pipe material, and soil. The consequence of failure score for sewers and manholes was based on diameter, surface and road type, depth, railroad, and water/wetland proximity. She stated that they found our sanitary sewer system was overall in good shape.

The next thing they did was an Inflow and Infiltration Study. Inflow and infiltration is when there is non-sanitary flow into the pipe. We want to try to eliminate that because it causes issues at the plant and we are paying to treat water that doesn't need to be treated. They put ten meters around the City and they identified any areas that had higher than average inflow or infiltration. There were a couple areas that showed peaks when it rained or a little higher water level than expected so they prioritized sewer repairs in those areas. The sewers were prioritized for repairs over the next five to ten years based on their business risk and their inflow and infiltration. She said they recommended about \$60,000 per year for collection system repairs, both on the pipes and the manholes. This is pretty close to what is in our current budget.

The City has two pump stations, one on Frank Street and one on Maple North. She said that the asset management software is another benefit of this grant. Suez will be able to better track the assets at the Plant and the pump stations moving forward.

There were 55 different categories of equipment that were reviewed as part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant condition assessment. Those were based on mechanical, electrical, and aesthetics. They did structural assessments on several of the large tanks at the plant. They did the aeration channels in 2016 and 2017 and they did the equalization basin and clarifiers during the last month. She showed the Council pictures of the clarifiers and explained that overall they are in pretty good shape as far as the concrete and the structure is concerned. They have recommendations on some, like sandblasting and coating those with corrosion, to extend their useful life. The equalization basins were inspected and they found a few more issues with those. They were trying to quantify those and put some costs to them. There are issues where the concrete needs to be patched or repaired. There are also a few mechanical issues that need to be addressed as well. The aeration channels, for the most part, are in good shape. They have some recommendations for minor patching and minor repairs within the next five to ten years.

The next requirement of the SAW grant was to look at the level of service. The level of service is how much we want to spend to keep the system operating. There are two extremes – one, you can run everything to failure where you are not investing any money into the plant or the system. You wait until there are major problems and you pay for those repairs. The other is that you never want to have a problem on any piece of equipment or any pipe in the system. Most people are somewhere in between. She said that they developed a mission statement for the City of Wixom that basically says the City wants to operate the system in the most cost-effective way possible while meeting all of the permit requirements and protecting public health and the environment. The asset management program allows us to systematically identify assets most in need of repair, rehabilitation, or replacement and budget accordingly.

They did a funding study to make sure we are collecting enough funding to maintain the system and looked at planned rate increases over the next few years to continue to fund the system and do some of the capital improvements that are necessary.

Ms. Stickel reviewed the projected final costs. The total project amount was \$2.5 million and the total SAW grant amount was \$2 million. The estimated total project cost was \$2,315,248, the estimated total city match was \$412,145 and the estimated grant remaining was \$138,564. The reason they did not spend the full amount of the grant was because the cleaning and televising costs came in a lot less than they anticipated. They actually did a lot more cleaning and televising than they thought they would. They had Metro Sewer do just about everything that was eligible.

The next steps to complete are to finalize the condition reports for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, submit the summary and certificate of completion to MDEQ, finalize the asset management plan report, and make it available to the City. Ongoing, they will make sure that the GIS and all of the other asset management tools are updated regularly.

Councilmember Rzeznik said that we have several new subdivisions and businesses that will be going in over the next few years. He wondered if the location of all of the manhole covers in places like Stoneridge would be added to the GIS database immediately. Ms. Stickel replied that as soon as the as-builts are done, they will be added into the GIS so we have that information. That includes any development. Councilmember Rzeznik asked if she thought a SAW grant opportunity would be there 20 years from now when the face of the community will have changed enough to warrant doing it again. Ms. Stickel said that right now the state is very interested in infrastructure and she didn't see infrastructure getting any better moving forward. This was a MDEQ grant program. It was state money only; there were no federal funds involved. They are looking at ways to fund these moving forward. They are also looking for ways to fund water asset management planning. This grant program was not for drinking water at all; it was for sanitary and stormwater. She thought it would be unlikely that this level of funding would be available. The state wanted communities to take this money to invest in their system so they can start looking at what their rate structure needs to be to be self-sustaining. They want communities to start planning for the future.

Mayor Ziegler thanked Ms. Stickel for her report.

**MINUTES:**

**CM-11-173-18:** Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Rzeznik and Smiley to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of October 23, 2018.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** (None)

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Michael Dornan, 2192 Hedigham Blvd. and member of the Tax Abatement Review Committee, said he was here to make comments regarding New Business #3 (the recommendation to approve the Brownfield Agreement Amendment #01). He wanted to transmit the feelings of the Tax Abatement Review Committee in regard to this Brownfield Agreement Amendment for the redevelopment of the former Ford property. They got to know the team which was composed of representatives from ICP, PM Environmental and Langan Engineering. At their first meeting, the team from ICP answered the questions of the Committee directly, immediately, and without holding back. At the second meeting, the same was true again. The Committee reviewed the nine-page Brownfield Plan and it was put together in a manner that was concise, to the point, and that followed the state statute. At the end of the presentation and after the Committee asked their questions, it was resolved by the Committee to make a recommendation to the City Council to forward the Brownfield Plan with two cautionary comments. The first was what he referred to as the tax abatement pile-on. He indicated that there was also some concern regarding the length of time of the Plan. The good news was that in the event all the eligible activities are completed within the Plan's projected cost estimates or less, the Brownfield would be closed out earlier. The tax abatement pile-on concern of the Committee was because if the Brownfield Plan was approved, they wondered what about asking for a second bite out of the apple regarding tax abatements. He said that the Committee felt it was unable to include a prohibition on future tax abatements within the Brownfield Plan. There may be a mechanism outside of the Brownfield Plan regarding future tax abatement requests, like a development agreement. In spite of a Brownfield Plan, future tax abatement applications may be interesting for the City to review over the course of the life of the Plan based on uniqueness, the type of development that is coming in, etc. It would behoove the City to keep one eye open regarding the total prohibition of tax abatements. He knew Councils have changed their minds over the course of time. The second caveat that the Committee wanted to transmit to Council was their sincere desire and interest that the zoning of the Ford property and the Master Plan be maintained and held intact. There was a lengthy discussion of Committee members regarding the requirement to minimize future retail development along Wixom Road so as not to transform Wixom Road into a commercial retail strip that we see in other neighboring suburban communities in the metropolitan Detroit area. Mr. Dornan said those were the comments that he had and he hoped the Council appreciated the Committee's work. He said he would be happy to answer any questions that the Council may have.

Mayor Ziegler added that there was some discussion with one of the principals regarding not double-dipping. Mr. Dornan said that Mr. Salata did confirm that it was not in their interest to request future tax abatements. He pointed out to the Council that paragraphs two, three, four, and five on page four of the Brownfield Plan outline the vision of ICP regarding their 182 acres located in Wixom, Michigan.

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

There were no comments or questions.

## 2.) Police Report – September 2018

There were no comments or questions.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CM-11-174-17:** Motion and seconded by made by Councilmembers Smiley and Rzeznik to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
  - a. Wixom Library Board Minutes – September 24, 2018
  - b. Downtown Development Authority Minutes – September 25, 2018

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (None)

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1.) Consideration of 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant Program Allocation in the Amount of \$42,343**

**CM-11-175-18:** Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Rzeznik and Smiley to authorize the submittal of the 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant application with distribution as follows and authorize the Mayor to sign the application on behalf of the City: \$4,234 to HAVEN; \$4,234 to Emergency Services; \$4,234 to Meals on Wheels; and \$28,276 for Civic Center Improvements.

Ms. Magee indicated that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided funds for the purpose of renovating older homes, revitalizing neighborhoods and providing human services for low to moderate income areas. She said the maximum CDBG funds you could give to public services were 30%. The dollar figure of \$12,702 reflected that and explained how that amount could be broken down in many ways. She provided Council with a recommendation of how they could apply the funds but the decision was solely that of the Council.

Councilmember Smiley indicated that there was classification on where the funds could be distributed as they could not just split it equally among all five applicants. Ms. Magee said that was correct and the money was split between categories; however, some applicants fell under the same category. For example, there is a senior category, a battered and abused category, etc., but the rule was that you could only fund three. Councilmember Smiley thought the solution the City came up with was to alternate every other year. Ms. Magee confirmed.

Mayor Ziegler said personally he would prefer if they took the total amount available and split it up between every organization that applied, but unfortunately, there were stipulations that prevented the City from doing that. He noted that several years ago they decided they would rotate the allocations to make it as fair as possible.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**2.) Recommendation to Approve the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2018 Subrecipient Agreement between Oakland County and the City of Wixom and Authorize the Mayor, Richard Ziegler, to Sign the Agreement on Behalf of the City**

**CM-11-176-18:** Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Smiley and Rzeknik to approve the Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2018 Subrecipient Agreement between Oakland County and the City of Wixom and authorize the Mayor, Richard Ziegler, to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

Ms. Magee wanted the Council to realize that this motion was regarding the funds that were allocated last year.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**3.) Recommendation to Approve the Brownfield Plan Amendment #01 for the 182.53 Acres of Property Located at 29311 S. Wixom Road for Up to \$19.4 Million in Eligible Costs or for up to 30 Years, Whichever Comes First, Subject to Final Action and Approval by the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Board of Commissioners**

**CM-11-177-18:** Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Smiley and Rzeknik to approve the Brownfield Plan Amendment #01 for the 182.53 acres of property located at 29311 S. Wixom Road for up to \$19.4 Million in eligible costs or for up to 30 years, whichever comes first, subject to the final action and approval by the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Brown indicated they had a wide array of resources at their disposal tonight to answer any questions or address any concerns the Council may have. He indicated that the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority approved a Resolution that supported the idea of the Brownfield Plan Amendment #1 for this property. He explained if a Brownfield Plan was approved, any eligible costs the developer would undertake to develop the property would be subject to reimbursement through a tax capture. He noted that there would be a base value set at the beginning of the process. As the property was developed and the taxable value increased, the additional tax capture on the increased taxable value would then be paid back to the developer for costs incurred for the property. He said the property in question had a laundry list worth millions of dollars of potential expenses. He indicated that Amendment #1 was a recommendation to proceed with this Brownfield Plan to facilitate the redevelopment of this property. This allowed the reimbursement of the eligible cost to the developer and the reimbursement of administrative expenses to Oakland County as they would administer the Brownfield Plan. He recommended they proceed with the Plan and noted that if they did not receive the full reimbursement by the 30 year mark, they would recommend the Brownfield Plan be ended.

Councilmember Rzeznik read that the agreement with the predecessor and the State indicated that the first phase of the project (the old paint shop basement) was independent of this Brownfield Plan.

Mr. Salata of ICP indicated that the work for the old paint shop basement was not eligible as part of the Brownfield Plan as they had already agreed to pay 100% of those cost with an agreement with the MDEQ. He mentioned that they enjoyed the conversations and the relationships that developed with the City staff and Board members. He explained that when the former stamping plant was demolished, debris was pushed into the former paint basement causing the basement to fill with water; therefore, their first order of business was to put together a plan to remove the water and debris. He mentioned that it was a lot more difficult because of the previous lawsuits with the MDEQ and Ford (both lawsuits were dismissed upon their acquisition of the property). He indicated that they were doing everything properly including the disposal of the water, which they had tested extensively. He said the second phase of work was to remove the remaining concrete slab and planks. In order to have the property development ready come spring 2019, which was their goal, they had to remove the concrete. He noted that phase two would be eligible of the Brownfield Plan and it could not be started until the Brownfield Plan was in place, otherwise they could lose the ability to be reimbursed for that.

Councilmember Rzeznik asked if they foresaw any issues with setting up a mediation plan for phase one. Mr. Salata said no. Councilmember Rzeznik thought that setting up a TIF was a great tool for redevelopment. He found it interesting to learn what environmental concerns auto plants left behind upon closing their establishment. He was hopeful that a vapor barrier would not have to be provided for anything because that would cost up to \$16 million. He thought that ICP had a long history of rehabilitating these types of properties so he took that into consideration and indicated that he was in favor of the Brownfield Plan. He was concerned about the double-dipping and felt happy to hear about the subsequent development agreements that come after the property itself was remediated and ready for development.

Mr. Salata thought they needed to maintain the flexibility because the build to suite environment for industrial manufacturing in metro Detroit was very active. He said they would be competing with a lot of communities to attract those users and felt having as many tools in their toolbox to support and attract them was important. He did not think it was the intent of their company to stack the users on top of each other. The development may go from north to south with the attraction to be along Wixom Road and maybe utilize the railroad. He hoped they would find a user that was interested in the abatement and that may be the hook that brings them to Wixom. He indicated that if the user wished for an abatement, they would be required to come before City Council anyway.

**Vote:**

**Motion Carried**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments at this time.

**CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Mr. Brown offered congratulations to Cathy Buck, Crystal Opalko, and everyone that chipped in to make a successful and challenging election cycle. 6,120 Wixom voters cast their ballot on November 6<sup>th</sup> totaling 59% of registered voters. He noted that for the prior Presidential Election, the City issued 1,909 absentee ballots and this election they issued 1,908. He felt the turnout was very large for a midterm election. Next, he explained that the Police Department was hosting "Stuff the Squad Car" in conjunction with Hospitality House. The squad car is parked in front of the Police Department should you want to participate. Feel free to donate unwrapped new toys no later than December 9<sup>th</sup> as they will go to the Hospitality House for their Annual Santa Shop event on December 15<sup>th</sup>. He noted that over 600 children would be served at the Santa Shop. Also, the Walled Lake Foundation of Excellence recognized the Wixom DDA for their fundraising efforts. Lastly, he mentioned that on November 30<sup>th</sup>, there would be a new and improved Tree Lighting Event and he hoped everyone would come out to see the new fantastic 30-foot tree.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilmember Gottschall** had no comments.

**Councilmember Leder** welcomed Office Hess and congratulated the Clerk's office on a smooth election.

**Councilmember Smiley** appreciated the efforts of the Tax Abatement Committee regarding the Brownfield Program. He felt their thorough preparation, minutes and questions flushed out any concerns that he had. He thanked the Clerk's Office for their hard work on the election and wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

**Councilmember Rzeznik** welcomed Eric Hess to the Department. He was happy to see that his family could come for the occasion. He found last night's presentation of the Edmund Fitzgerald presented by the Wixom Historical Society and hosted by Rick Mixer pretty interesting. He explained how the City tried to perform a good balancing act in making sure there was a fair share of funds to go around to those organizations that hoped to get CDBG funding. He explained that some local businesses also perform fundraising efforts for these non-profits. He wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

**Mayor Ziegler** thought the Edmund Fitzgerald presentation was very fascinating. He mentioned that Walled Lake Western would be performing Fiddler on the Roof this weekend and encouraged everybody to attend. He congratulated the Clerk on a flawless election and thanked all the workers and volunteers. He indicated that the State recently passed the legalization of marijuana and he wondered how that would affect the City of Wixom. He was aware that some communities have taken the initiative in choosing to opt out. He encouraged the City Manager to look into this. He was unsure where anyone else stood on the issue.

Councilmember Rzeznik said he would support opting out.

Councilmember Smiley agreed that they should look into what it would take to opt out.

Councilmember Leder also agreed.

Councilmember Gottschall knew that the MML was hosting an event specifically regarding this issue on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Brown would find that communication from the MML and pass that along. He noted that he would look into this further and get back to them soon.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Catherine Buck  
City Clerk

Approved 11-27-2018
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