

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018**

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

Present:

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

AGENDA CHANGES: (None)

PRESENTATION: (None)

MINUTES: (The minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting will be approved at the January 8, 2019 Council Meeting.)

CORRESPONDENCE: (None)

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

- 1.) Departmental Monthly Reports – November 2018

Councilmember Rzeznik noticed there was three times the number of snow events in November causing the City to use three times the amount of salt. He wondered if that put the City in a precarious position with the salt supply. Mr. Brown believed they had an adequate supply of salt.

CONSENT AGENDA: (None)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) **Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Explore and Potentially Pursue the Disposition of City-Owned Properties at 3343 Renton, 201 N. Wixom Road and 131 N. Wixom Road in Accordance with Chapter 3.16 (Disposition of Real Property) of the Code of Ordinances**

CM-12-195-18: Motion and seconded by Councilmembers Rzeznik and Kennedy and to consider approving a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Explore and Potentially Pursue the Disposition of City-Owned Properties at 3343 Renton, 201 N.

Wixom Road and 131 N. Wixom Road in Accordance with Chapter 3.16 (Disposition of Real Property) of the Code of Ordinances

Councilmember Rzeznik indicated from the map that was given to City Council that the Lot #205 was already owned by somebody. He asked if it was okay to assume the owner may be interested in other three lots. Mr. Brown said there was potential in that being that case or he indicated the reverse could be true and the City may get an opportunity to pick up a parcel. Mr. Brown stated that was the purpose of entering negotiations as the administration wanted to know if there was any interest in the properties.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if there was any use for 3343 Renton. He wondered if the road was owned and maintained by the City. Mr. Brown said there wasn't much from a maintenance standpoint. Councilmember Gottschall said with the consideration of sale or trade of City property; he felt it was important to consolidate as the City had some issues with land holders in the VCA not developing. He indicated that he did not want to see that same thing happen.

Vote:

Motion Carried

2.) Recommendation to Accept Hubbell, Roth & Clark's Proposals for Engineering Design and Construction Engineering Services for the Equalization Basin and Oxidation Ditch Concrete Repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Facility for a Price Not to Exceed \$61,000

CM-12-196-18: Motion and seconded by Councilmembers Rzeznik and Gottschall to Recommendation to Accept Hubbell, Roth & Clark's Proposals for Engineering Design and Construction Engineering Services for the Equalization Basin and Oxidation Ditch Concrete Repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Facility for a Price Not to Exceed \$61,000

Councilmember Kennedy asked if other bids were accepted for this particular project and if they were not, he wondered why as he knew they had talked about this before. Mr. Brown said they did not take other bids and felt the City could consider that as they talked about a few different approaches such as a full rebid, sectioning out or maintaining status quo but they had not come to that decision as of yet. Councilmember Kennedy specified that he was not looking to see a full rebid because they had already put the work into it; however, he would appreciate if the smaller projects had the opportunity for other contractors to review. He understood that the City had used HRC for quite a number of years but it would be nice to see what else was going on out there.

Deputy Mayor Beagle appreciated the report including a cost breakdown as it seemed like a lot of money but when you looked at the itemization it put everything into perspective.

**Roll Call Vote: (4) AYES – Beagle, Gottschall, Rzeznik, Smiley
(1) NAYS – Kennedy**

Vote:

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown explained the DDA recognized the Wixom downtown businesses that participated in the Downtown Dazzle by decorating their places of business. He specifically recognized AFC Hillcroft, Century Construction, Express Employment, Total Sports, Tremec and Trijicon. He said that Mr. Sikma was not attending tonight's meeting because he was attending a PFAS meeting. Mr. Brown presented City Council with the 4th edition of the City of Wixom PFAS Information Update. He mentioned the monitoring system that Tribar put into place back in October was having a big impact on the levels being observed in the Waste Water Treatment Plant as the measurements had reduced considerably since August 2018. He explained that the DEQ warned the City that improvements would continue but would take time because of the nature of the chemicals. He noted that some residents expressed concern of using the backup wells in October 2017 during the water main break in Farmington Hills. He said they tested the wells and found that PFAS was not present in the water that was sampled. He explained there were no health advisories on the drinking water but the advisory regarding fish consumption was still in effect for the entire watershed. He mentioned this update would be posted on the City's website.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if there were any concerns with the effluent going into Loon Lake or the pond within the Habitat. Mr. Brown said he would check with Mr. Sikma to be certain but did not believe they completed any sampling of those areas. He would obtain more information regarding this and have a report at the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Councilmember Kennedy noticed on social media that there was a person stealing packages off porches on Loon Lake Drive. He wondered if there were any other instances of this nature. Director Moore said we had not had any other reported issues but felt fortunate to obtain the security camera video so it could be posted on social media. He believed that was the reason they had successfully identified the person. Councilmember Kennedy appreciated Director Moore's social media avenues. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Councilmember Gottschall wished everyone a safe holiday season. In looking into 2019 he would like to start planning some study sessions maybe in February. He hoped these sessions would cover some issues like funding, roads, fire staffing issues, millage issues, etc. He supposed there were a few big topics that could be addressed in a lot less formal setting.

Councilmember Smiley liked Councilmember Gottschall's suggestion and he supported the idea of study sessions. He noted that this concluded his third year on Council and found it to be a privilege. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember Rzeznik thanked the Klebba Building, Country Corners and the chiropractor for doing an outstanding job decorating their business for the Downtown Dazzle. He mentioned that he attended a seminar on the Michigan Recreation Marijuana Act and thought that a copy of the presentation should be passed out to every member of City Council as there were some pitfalls they needed to be aware of. He said that he looked at another local community's planning calendar for January and noticed they had an early pre-budget session planned. He liked the idea of getting some pre-discussion planning done early and not waiting until March or April. He wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Deputy Mayor Beagle indicated that he had always suggested study sessions to cover various issues. He said that he would not mind if the study sessions were held before a regular Council meeting. He thanked the DDA for organizing the Downtown Dazzle as it made the area look neat with all the lights. He thanked those employees that were celebrating work anniversaries for their dedication to the City. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Crystal Opalko
Deputy City Clerk

Approved 1-8-2019
