

**CITY OF WIXOM
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019**

Mayor Ziegler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of Boy Scout Troop #104.

Present:

Mayor: R. Ziegler
Deputy Mayor: P. Beagle
Councilmembers: K. Gottschall
T. Gronlund-Fox
B. Leder (Excused)
T. Rzeznik
R. Smiley

AGENDA CHANGES:

Mr. Brown added Correspondence #4 – Email from Bradley Roseberry of the Coalition against Bigger Trucks.

PRESENTATION:

1.) Reaffirmation by Greg Evans and Madalyn Sims of their Oaths of Office as Police Officers and Their Introduction to the Mayor and City Council

Director Moore introduced two new police officers that recently joined the City of Wixom Police Department. He was thrilled to introduce these two individuals and welcome them to Wixom as they were former Wixom Police Service Aids. He thought it was wonderful to see officers come through the ranks to be promoted within.

Director Moore introduced Greg Evans and provided his biography. Officer Evans reaffirmed his oath with the City Clerk and his wife pinned his badge.

Next, Director Moore introduced Madalyn Sims and provided her biography. Officer Sims reaffirmed her oath with the City Clerk and her father pinned her badge.

Mayor Ziegler said the Police Service Aid program started 18 years ago with the intent to staff the Police Station around the clock. It was also the City's desire to hire from within the Department. He was pleased with the way this program turned out.

At this time, the Council recessed at 7:14 p.m. They reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

MINUTES:

CM-07-126-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmember Smiley and Deputy Mayor Beagle to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of July 9, 2019.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) Thank You Note from the Gallo Family
- 2.) Thank You Note from Laure Dorchak
- 3.) Memo from the City Clerk Regarding the MML Annual Meeting
- 4.) Email from Bradley Roseberry of the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments at this time.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

1.) Departmental Reports - June 2019

Councilmember Smiley asked Mr. Brown to comment on the sale of the Capital Improvement Bonds for the wastewater system improvements. Mr. Brown indicated that everything went well and the bond sale process was very smooth. He felt pleased with the consultants that worked with us.

CONSENT AGENDA:

CM-07-127-19: Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Rzeznik and Gronlund-Fox to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
 - a. Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes of April 8, 2019

Vote:

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1.) Recommendation to Enact an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Wixom, Chapter 9.32, Controlled Substances and Paraphernalia, Article 1, by Amending and/or Adding Sec. 9.32.030 Through 9.32.035 Related to Dispensing, Selling or Giving Product to an Individual Under 18 Years of Age, to Exempt Matters Covered by State Statute; Article III, Possession of Marihuana, to Exempt Matters Covered by State Statutes Related to Marihuana; and to Provide Penalties for Violations Thereof

CM-07-128-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmember Rzeznik and Deputy Mayor Beagle to enact an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances for the City of Wixom, Chapter 9.32, Controlled Substances and Paraphernalia, Article 1, by amending and/or adding Sec. 9.32.030 through 9.32.035 related to dispensing, selling or giving product to an individual under 18 years of age, to exempt matters covered by State Statute; Article III, Possession of Marihuana, to exempt matters covered by State Statutes related to marihuana; and to provide penalties for violations thereof.

Councilmember Gottschall thanked Director Moore and the City Attorney for working with him in getting everything squared away and for making sure the language flowed with the statute.

Councilmember Rzeznik indicated that before publication the "j" in marihuana should be converted to an "h" to be consistent.

Vote:

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Annual Review of City-Owned Property and Determination of Use Classification per the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.16 and Maintenance of the Current Use Classification

Councilmember Gottschall indicated the copy he received within his packet was not exactly clear enough to recognize the color coding. The City-owned properties between Wixom Elementary and the railroad tracks appeared to be a pink color. He asked if it was supposed to be a red color. Ms. Barker indicated that the colors were correct and apologized for using similar colors. Councilmember Gottschall also questioned the property at I-96 at Wixom Road. He wondered how that could be coded Economic Development when he thought it was a retention pond. He recalled at one time it was mentioned that a portion of land could become a pocket park. Ms. Barker agreed that property was unbuildable and recalled the pocket park discussion. She would have to look into this further but recalled the property was a business park or had a business attached to it. She believed it was coded economic development because of potential future sales. Councilmember Gottschall thought that property should be looked into for utilization whether they sell or put woodchips down for a potential walking trail.

2.) Recommendation to Utilize a Bid Process from the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program and Authorize the Purchase and Installation of Two (2) Replacement Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) and Peripheral Equipment for the Police Department Patrol Vehicles for \$9,709.66

CM-07-129-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Smiley and Gronlund-Fox to utilize a bid process from the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorize the purchase and installation of two (2) replacement mobile data computers (MDCs) and peripheral equipment for the Police Department patrol vehicles for \$9,709.66.

Director Moore indicated that these computers are used in the patrol vehicles and have an annual life expectancy of 3-5 years. They are currently using computers that are six years old. He also indicated the data computers have an operating system that was no longer supported by Oakland County IT.

Councilmember Gottschall was aware that patrol vehicles idle for various reasons but recalled learning that one of those reasons was because the computers inside the cars took time to boot up once they were shut down. He wondered if there was anything available or that would become available that would allow these computers to remain on without the car constantly idling. Director Moore was not aware of anything but said he would look into it. Councilmember Gottschall indicated that it would be ideal for future purchases as far as a fleet management and environmental impact.

Councilmember Rzeznik added that he had conversations with other local forces and they have a "no idle" policy. They said that it took a few seconds to boot up but it was not unreasonable for the time that the officer gets into the car and starts it. He wondered if our IT Department did the provisions on these data computers. Director Moore said they did not and explained that the computers were purchased through Oakland County and then another vendor installed them.

Vote:

Motion Carried

3.) Consideration of a 2019-2020 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Contract in the amount of \$13,960 to be Funded through SMART with the Local Match Funded through Oakland County Public Transportation Authority (OCPTA) and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Contract on Behalf of the City

CM-07-130-19: Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Smiley and Rzeznik to approve the 2019-2020 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Contract in the amount of \$13,960, with \$6,980 (50%) funded through SMART and the local match of \$6,980 (50%) through Oakland County Public Transportation Authority (OCPTA), and furthermore, it is recommended that City Council authorize the Mayor to sign this contract on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox confirmed that there was no match by the City of Wixom. Ms. Magee confirmed. Councilmember Gronlund-Fox wondered what the stops were within the City. Ms. Magee explained that SMART did not come to Wixom as they utilize this for charter services and senior transportation. They had a program called Peoples Express that came to Wixom and the routes were on the City website.

Vote:

Motion Carried

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

Russ Meredith, 378 Fletcher, noted that last week an emergency siren went off so he and his wife waited in their basement. They never heard an all clear siren, read anything on the website or saw an email blast indicating that it was safe. He asked if it could be possible for the City to send out an email or post something on their website to indicate what was going on to keep citizens informed.

Mayor Ziegler thought that was a valid point and it should be looked into.

Councilmember Rzeznik thought while they were looking into this they should get an upfront definition of the siren as to whether it was a tornado or severe thunderstorm siren.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Mr. Brown stated that he would keep people posted on the efforts of clearing out the concrete at the ICP property. He congratulated all the employees sharing work anniversaries.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Beagle congratulated the newest police officers and welcomed them to the Wixom family. He thanked those employees that were celebrating work anniversaries for all they do. He wished Mr. Brown a happy birthday.

Councilmember Gottschall thanked Officers Sims and Evans for rejoining Wixom and for their dedication to the residents and City.

Councilmember Gronlund-Fox echoed the comments from the dais.

Councilmember Rzeznik welcomed Officers Evans and Sims. He thought the Police Service Aide Program was working like a very effective internship. He attended the Hot Blues and BBQ and thought everyone had a great time. He thanked Ms. Magee and her staff for their hard work. He also attended the ribbon cutting at My Place Hotel and was amazed at the amount of people that already had rooms booked.

Councilmember Smiley thanked Ms. Barker for her 20 years of service and the Boy Scout Troop for coming to the meeting. He noted that Camp 911 starts next week and it's a great camp for kids.

Mayor Ziegler attended the Hot Blues and BBQ and thought the contestants for the rib contest were great. He was proud to say that Alex's Pizza won 1st place for their ribs. He thanked the DPW and Community Services for all their hard work on this event.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Catherine Buck
City Clerk

Approved 8-13-2019
