

**CITY OF WIXOM  
49045 PONTIAC TRAIL  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020**

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

**Present:**

**Mayor:** P. Beagle  
**Deputy Mayor:** T. Rzeznik  
**Councilmembers:** P. Behrmann  
K. Gottschall  
T. Gronlund-Fox(Exc.)  
P. Sharpe  
R. Smiley

**AGENDA CHANGES:** (None)

**PRESENTATION:**

- 1.) Proclamation for Madeline Schopf

Mayor Beagle read a proclamation honoring Madeline Schopf as a Female Scholar Athlete from Sarah Banks Middle School for the 2019/2020 school year.

- 2.) Proclamation for Joshua Olsson

Mayor Beagle read a proclamation honoring Joshua Olsson as the Male Scholar Athlete from Sarah Banks Middle School for the 2019/2020 school year.

**MINUTES:**

**CM-08-101-20:** Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Smiley and Behrmann to approve the Joint Council, DDA, Planning Commission and ZBA meeting minutes of June 29, 2020.

**Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley**

**(0) NAYS**

**(1) ABSENT – Gronlund-Fox**

**Motion Carried**

**CM-08-102-20:** Moved and seconded by Councilmembers Behrmann and Smiley to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of July 28, 2020.

**Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley**

**(0) NAYS**

**(1) ABSENT – Gronlund-Fox**

**Motion Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 1.) Thank You Note from Joan Rourke

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Beagle stated that the City was utilizing the video and audio of Zoom. Once connected to the meeting, members of the public wishing to participate in the virtual public comment must alert us that they wish to speak by pressing \*9 on their telephone keypad. Pressing \*9 will activate the "raise hand" feature signaling to us that you wish to comment. Participants will be called one at a time, as would happen during an in-person meeting. When you are unmuted, please introduce yourself by stating your name and address for the record. You will then have (5) minutes to share your comments with the City Council. At the conclusion of your comments or your (5) minutes, you will be muted and removed from the public comment queue.

There were no comments made at this time.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORTS:****1.) Fire Monthly Report - June 2020**

(This report will be on the next agenda.)

**2.) Police Monthly Report – June 2020**

There were no comments regarding this report.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**CM-08-103-20:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Sharpe and Smiley to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included:

- 1.) Approval to receive and file:
  - a.) Cemetery Board Minutes of October 30, 2019
  - b.) Library Board Minutes of June 22, 2020

**Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley**

**(0) NAYS**

**(1) ABSENT – Gronlund-Fox**

**Motion Carried**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** (None)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) **Recommendation to Review City-Owned Property and Determine Use Classifications per the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.16 and Maintain the Current Use Classifications**

**CM-08-104-20:** Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Smiley to review the City-owned property and determine use classifications per the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.16 and maintain the current use classification.

Councilmember Behrmann wanted clarification in regards to land within the neighborhood (the two well sites) as they were labeled for economic development. He wondered if the City would entertain an offer should someone inquire about purchasing the sites, or should they label the sites as "park" as they may not want to entertain offers. Mr. Brown recalled the City sold a well property to an abutting commercial property, so he believed this was in line with past experience. He noted that it was up for discussion should Council feel otherwise. Councilmember Behrmann inquired about the piece of property on Loon Lake. He wondered if there had been any plan with the property or was it all wetland. He recalled a conversation when someone was interested in making it an access to the lake. Mr. Sikma questioned if the property he was referring to was off Wixom Road or on Loon Lake Road as the City-owned two properties. Councilmember Behrmann was referring to the property that was donated by Singh. Mr. Sikma confirmed that was the property located near the Birch Park Subdivision and there had been discussions about it becoming an access to the lake. Councilmember Behrmann said he knew they just sold two pieces of property that abutted the site, and he did not realize the City owned the property directly next to it. Mr. Sikma explained there were some contingencies that came along with that property because it was utilized as wetland mitigation. He stated they had been doing some research to determine what could be done with the property outside of the wetland mitigations. Councilmember Behrmann was unsure if the label classifications needed to be changed at this time.

Councilmember Gottschall believed there was a little confusion. He understood the property off Loon Lake was donated by Singh and it was too wet to develop. He thought it was originally classified as economic development but later changed to natural resources for that reason. He believed that the well site property at the eastern edge of the City limits, on Loon Lake Road, should be solicited for development. He said as of now, that property was an open space that was occasionally treated like a parking lot. He thought you could probably put two houses on the site. He knew the property located within the Indian Wells Subdivision was used as a park and the property located within Hidden Creek Subdivision backed up to a retention/detention pond.

Mayor Beagle was aware the property that fell within the Hidden Creek Subdivision had a swing set and it was used as a park for the neighborhood. He recalled that they were told three homes could be built on that site but didn't think the City received any significant offers on the property.

Councilmember Gottschall believed the property off Loon Lake would be more suitable for development as it was off a main road and at the entrance to a subdivision. The property within the Hidden Creek Subdivision was in the middle of the neighborhood. Mr. Brown said the market was pretty hot at the moment so it could be worth another shot to investigate this further.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik recalled a discussion where they thought they could extend the Habitat with the property that Singh donated to the City. He liked the idea of constructing a walkway down to the water with passive access only, for he knew there would be no parking or boat access. He would be comfortable with the other

properties being marketed as they would still retain the one piece of property that essentially touched Loon Lake.

Councilmember Sharpe drove by the property that was donated by Singh and found the property to be very dense so he could assume it was soggy. He stated the map given to Council was confusing as it appeared that Loon Lake came all the way out to Wixom Road and he did not believe that it did. He hoped to see an improved map as when he was on the Planning Commission, they often questioned what that property was because some maps would show it while others did not. He would like it to be clear that the City had that property so they could develop it somehow to obtain access to the lake. He could not think of a better use for public land than to have public lake access.

Councilmember Behrmann thought it would have been nice to know the City owned all the land to the west of the two parcels that were recently sold because that could have possibly changed the decision on whether or not they wanted to sell.

Mr. Sikma said that before Singh sold the property to the City, they reached an agreement that it would be utilized for a wetland mitigation. Therefore, the State had specifics on what was allowed on that property. He felt that access to the lake could be a possibility. Councilmember Behrmann understood that access and recreation was the classification as he thought that was what the Council desired for the property; however, he hoped the land that was sold directly next to the property doesn't hold the missing key that would be needed.

Mayor Beagle asked if they could only have a walking path. Mr. Sikma stated they were still researching the uses for the property, but knew the State would definitely be involved in the decision process. Mayor Beagle asked that Administration keep Council in the loop.

**Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley**

**(0) NAYS**

**(1) ABSENT – Gronlund-Fox**

**Motion Carried**

- 2.) Recommendation to Waive the Bid Process and Proceed with the Treatment and Removal of Biosolids Containing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from the Storage Tanks Located at the Water Resource Recovery Facility and Accept Hubbell, Roth & Clark's Proposal for Engineering Services, Fleis and VandenBrink's Operations Proposal for Operational Activities and Environmental Resource Group's Proposal for Solids Treatment and Allow the Department of Public Works Director Tim Sikma to Sign the State Required Forms and Accept the Associated Grant**

**CM-08-105-20:** Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Smiley to waive the bid process and proceed with the treatment and removal of biosolids containing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances from the storage tanks located at the Water Resource Recovery Facility and accept Hubbell,

Roth and Clark's proposal for engineering services, Fleis and VandenBrink Operation's proposal for operational activities, and Environmental Resource Group's proposal for solids treatment and allow the Department of Public Works Director Tim Sikma to sign the State required forms and accept the grant.

Mr. Sikma stated the Council may recall back in 2017 that industry standards would no longer allow polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The State requested that discharge of the substance into Norton Creek stop and the biosolid discharge to farm fields cease until further notice. This past January, a team was developed that could be part of the disposal. The team consisted of HRC to help with permitting, F&V for operations and ERG of Wixom for their experience in working specifically with PFAS. The team developed and submitted a safe discharge plan to the State of Michigan which resulted in the State awarding the City with a 50/50 grant. He indicated with the added funds, they now had the funds to dispose of these substances properly.

Councilmember Smiley clarified the \$350,000 was the expense after the grant. Mr. Sikma confirmed. Councilmember Smiley asked if this would become a recurring expense. Mr. Sikma said that it would not because part of the treatment plan was to regulate the companies that discharged the substance. The companies were now required to treat their own waste prior to disposal. He noted how the biosolids had been retained on site for a long time, so they were unsure of the consistency and believed the additional funding would help with the chemistry of it all.

Mr. Brown stated that Wixom never generated any PFAS. It had all been generated from corporate and industrial users that impacted our operations. As they were unable to dispose of the solids they had been stored but with the help from this grant, they will be able to develop a process of disposal.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik wondered if all the companies that contributed to the discharge of PFAS installed their active carbon filtration system. Mr. Sikma said they had and noted they were still required to show sampling monthly.

Mayor Beagle hoped for clarification as the F&V operation proposal for chemicals read the chemical cost requirements above \$93,000 would be invoiced at 1.1 times the actual cost. He had a hard time accepting that and probably would not approve this as the City already retained a contract with F&V. He felt uneasy as it appeared the City would be buying so they could mark it up and sell it back. Mr. Sikma mentioned that they spoke with F&V regarding that very concern and hoped that a representative from F&V could elaborate further. Blaire Selover from F&V indicated that was their standard markup on passthroughs; however, they would drop that and just make it a passthrough for those additional chemicals. He stated that it was an unknown for this kind of treatment in a wastewater plant because the solids had been sitting for three years. They did not want to be hung out with a blank check but at the same point they could rescind the ten percent markup.

Mr. Brown said they were optimistic that the existing budget was sufficient to handle the processing needs of those substances.

**Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley**

**(0) NAYS**

**(1) ABSENT – Gronlund-Fox**

**Motion Carried**

- 3.) Recommendation to Award the Bid for Water Taps, Water and Sewer System Repairs, Water Valve Repairs and Water and Sewer Main Installations to D'Angelo Brothers, Inc. of Farmington Hills, Michigan for Three (3) Years**

**CM-08-106-20:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmember Smiley and Deputy Mayor Rzeznik to award the bid for water taps, water and sewer system repairs, water valve repairs and water and sewer main installations to D'Angelo Brothers, Inc. of Farmington Hills, Michigan for three (3) years.

Councilmember Smiley clarified the business covered the cost of the water service taps, the cost to the City restructure repair and maintenance. Mr. Sikma confirmed.

**Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley**

**(0) NAYS**

**(1) ABSENT – Gronlund-Fox**

**Motion Carried**

- 4.) Recommendation to Authorize the Purchase of a Hustler Super Z Zero-Turn Mower from Munn Tractor and Lawn Inc. of Auburn Hills, Michigan, in the Amount of \$12,944.00**

**CM-08-107-20:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Behrmann and Smiley to authorize the purchase of a Hustler Super Z Zero-Turn Mower from Munn Tractor and Lawn of Auburn Hills, Michigan in the amount of \$12,944.00.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik asked if there was a market for the one we were replacing. Mr. Sikma replied yes. We plan to auction them and we get a fairly good price for them. They have approximately 1,000 hours on them at the time they are delivered to the auction. Although they require more maintenance after the ten-year program, we do get some value.

Councilmember Smiley asked if our seasonal workers are the same people that come each year, or did he have to look for people each year. Mr. Sikma replied that we usually have one supervisor that has been working for us for multiple years. He runs the mow crew. The others are usually college-bound students who help us out throughout the summer. We are always looking for additional help throughout the fall to add to our leaf pickup program. Councilmember Smiley was curious if we had a problem finding the help in this world's climate right now. Mr. Sikma said we were fortunate enough to hire three students who have worked for us in the past.

**Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley**

**(0) NAYS**

**(1) ABSENT – Gronlund-Fox**

**Motion Carried**

**5.) Recommendation to Award the Bid for Installation of Two Steel Doors to Altech Doors, of Livonia, Michigan for a Cost Not to Exceed \$6,555.30**

**CM-08-108-20:** Motion and seconded made by Deputy Mayor Rzeznik and Councilmember Smiley to award the bid for the installation of two steel doors to Altech Doors, Of Livonia, Michigan for a cost not to exceed \$6,555.30.

Mr. Sikma stated that we just purchased motors for these doors. At that time, we realized that the steel was not adequate any more. We are keeping the motors from the previous year. This was just the steel door replacement.

Councilmember Smiley commented that he recalled when we did those motors that we knew the doors were not long in this world. He was really glad that the motors were still able to be used so we could spread out the cost of the doors.

**Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley**

**(0) NAYS**

**(1) ABSENT – Gronlund-Fox**

**Motion Carried**

**6.) Recommendation to Award the Bid for a Hook-Lift Truck Compatible, 11-Yard Stainless Steel Square Roll Off Dump Box from Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. of Dutton, Michigan in the Amount of \$9,455.00**

**CM-08-109-20:** Motion and seconded made by Councilmembers Smiley and Sharpe to award the bid for a hook-lift truck compatible, 11-yard stainless steel square roll off dump box from Truck and Trailer Specialties, Inc. of Dutton, Michigan in the amount of \$9,455.00.

Councilmember Behrmann noted that we only received one bid on this. He asked how this one compared to the previous adopt-a-boxes that we have purchased. Mr. Sikma replied that the pricing was similar. It was the same vendor that we have utilized in the past for our roll off boxes. There was only one other company that he was aware of and he did contact them but they did not submit a bid. The pricing was similar to the last time. Councilmember Behrmann asked if this was the box that we could open now. Mr. Sikma answered that this box will have a split gate so we can utilize it as a dump truck, as well as an adopt-a-box. It will be easier for the on/off for the roll off and we will use it for gravel and moving snow. It will be a good addition to our fleet.

Deputy Mayor Rzeznik said that when we debated this for a long time during the budget process, we talked about the strong demand for the adopt-a-boxes. The demand might have been due to everyone being home for COVID and he wondered if we still had a strong demand. Mr. Sikma replied that this was always the slower season, but we utilize all of the boxes on the weekends during the fall months. During the summer months, they are used for the concert series. He thought this would help us well into the future.

Mayor Beagle said he pushed for getting a couple more boxes. He thanked Mr. Sikma for doing this.

**Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – Beagle, Behrmann, Gottschall, Rzeznik, Sharpe, Smiley**

**(0) NAYS**

**(1) ABSENT – Gronlund-Fox**

**Motion Carried**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:**

Lynn DeGrande, 3241 Potter Road, wanted to express her feelings about public safety and peace of living on our City streets, particularly on Potter Road. She and her husband love the Wixom area. They appreciate the numerous State Parks, the Rail Trails, the downtown restaurants, the friendly Library and the folks at City Hall. She has volunteered the last three or four years with the DDA Design Committee because she was very vested in this area. They were also happy with the new housing development downtown that connects to Maple Road and felt it was bringing those subdivisions further north toward Potter Road. Because they love it so much, and they want to live peacefully and safely in Wixom, they would like the City Council to think about addressing the issues on Potter Road. She didn't want to go into specifics about accidents. Unfortunately, about a week ago or so, their mailbox was destroyed by a vehicle turning off of Wixom Road onto Potter. The vehicle drove right into the ditch, backed out of the ditch, and took out their mailbox. It happened during the night. Thankfully no other cars were involved. It was just another issue where people weren't paying attention. Another issue along Potter Road that she found was the crosswalks. She said she was a runner. She and her husband cycle and walk. Traffic doesn't stop at those crosswalks. People don't understand that those yellow lights mean they have to stop and they don't understand the State law. She said she has been in the middle of those crosswalks on a number of occasions and people just look and go right by. They are also finding that because of the COVID issue right now, there was more pedestrian traffic in the past several months than they have seen in the five years that they have lived in Wixom. She thought the City needed to start paying attention and being proactive about the safety and peaceful living of our residents. We have families and children along Potter Road and they use those sidewalks and crosswalks and they need to be safer. Finally, the noise pollution was getting intolerable. They are listening to semi-trucks speeding along Potter Road because of the construction north of Wixom. Drivers of the muscle cars, the kit cars, and the loud motorcycles use the road as a drag way. There was nothing stopping them. She understood that human resources were limited. She would like to see the City look at other tools and resources. We could go to the extreme and dead-end Potter Road at the habitat. There are no homes on the west side of Wixom Road. Drivers

don't need to cross through because they live there. Signals are needed at the crosswalk, there was a pedestrian-operated signal at Maple Road and she asked why they couldn't have one at Potter Road. There was just as much traffic walking across Potter as there was on Maple Road. She suggested curbs along the roadway to define our roads and keep drivers in their lanes. At the very minimum, she suggested stop signs at those crosswalks. When she mentioned this in the past, people have said that drivers won't pay attention to stop signs, but they don't stop now. At least she would stand a fighting chance of getting across the street. We could make Maple Road and Potter Road residential streets by dropping the speed limit down to 25 mph. This would make drivers aware that their actions affect families. She said that speed bumps were an option, as well as centerline barriers placed along intervals in the roadway to keep drivers aware of the road and it would slow down the traffic. Barriers or signage at the centerline at the crosswalk similar to what was on Maple Road at the railroad crossing would remind drivers that they have an obligation to pedestrians. They have an obligation to slow down. We shouldn't have to put signs in front of our homes saying "Please slow down, children at play." It was her opinion that residents were more important than drivers moving through the area. The more development we have, the more traffic and problems we are going to have. She would like to see us get ahead of the game and she was willing to help any way she can. She needs to see some action to make it a little more peaceful. She thanked the Council for listening to her.

Mayor Beagle thanked her for her comments. He thought the Lieutenant would have some discussions about what could be done on Potter Road and the traffic issues. Ms. DeGrande said she would appreciate that. She did call Officer Pistoletti over a month ago about getting deer crossing signs and she has not heard a word back from him at all. Mayor Beagle said we would check into that.

Seth Merle, 3127 Branch Drive, said he had more stories and he would continue at every meeting until he was gone, which would be never. He said he spoke previously about a ZBA member using his car to destroy \$600 of his property. He was glad Lieutenant Bradley was on this meeting because he emailed him back saying he was unable to obtain this individual's car insurance information. It was mindboggling to him that a law enforcement agency couldn't get someone's car insurance information. He thought there was a lack of willingness. Moving on to case #18-23, this was where he was assaulted with a snowblower and he received life-long injuries because nothing has gotten better. It was Sergeant Stowinsky who investigated that and he never informed him until six months later that the City Attorney had declined to prosecute. Mr. Merle didn't want to know why a City Attorney would be prosecuting an assault charge, which should have been a felony because he used a dangerous weapon. He didn't think anyone would put their face in front of a snowblower. If they wanted to, he could make that happen. He believed the police just didn't feel like doing their job. He had eye surgery related to the injury that he incurred that night and he went to the Police Department with his bloody eye patch afterwards and no one was willing to speak to him. He said he tried to file additional information and he was told that the case was closed. Mr. Merle said that there were more developments as this was a life-long injury. He was trying to wrap his head around what point we have a law enforcement agency or we have crossing guards. At this point, it was seeming a lot more like crossing guards and it really pained him to say that. Generally, he supports law enforcement, but

right now we seem to have a department that doesn't go looking for evidence. He had it on video. He had injuries consistent with the video and he had everything needed for a successful prosecution and they chose to do nothing. He has lived in Wixom for five years. There have been some things that have happened that he hasn't reported and that was okay with him. There were small things that he let slide because we are all adults. He said it was obvious that the Wixom Police Department doesn't go out to look for evidence. If you don't bring it to them, it doesn't exist. It turned out that another security system got the whole thing on video, but they never asked the homeowner of the house where the assault occurred. It didn't make sense to him. He hoped the Council followed up on the labeled false statements that Sergeant Stowinsky made regarding the original trespassing case because it gets more interesting. This assault was reclassified as neighborhood trouble. If you murder someone and they chose not to arrest the murderer, does that suddenly make it a neighborhood trouble? It was still a murder, but they just didn't arrest the suspect. He thought the Wixom Police Department was padding the numbers to make our crime numbers look artificially low. It pained him to say that but it seemed to be the facts. He hoped the Council had a chance to look into the case numbers he has provided because he has rock-solid, undeniable proof to the contrary of what was written in that report. He had asked Lieutenant Bradley to forward his complaint to Director Moore regarding the car insurance information with the \$600 of destroyed property and he looked forward to hearing back.

Councilmember Gottschall knew the Council didn't often address people during the Call to the Public, but he asked how many more instances of issues Mr. Merle had. Mr. Merle said that he hadn't even scratched the surface yet. He was pretty sure that the more he looked, the more he would find and he thought there were a lot of discrepancies that were just getting swept under the rug. Councilmember Gottschall asked if he had more instances of him having personal issues with our Police Department and his neighbors. Mr. Merle believed he had two more and he would keep going from there. He did plan to file a bunch of FOIA requests to get the documents. He was sure many of them would be denied claiming they were law enforcement sensitive. As it was, they refused to give him any investigative documents about the assault. He was told by the police that he said he didn't do it. Mr. Merle said he had it on video. The police said that they didn't know that he did it on purpose. Mr. Merle said you could see the tracks in the snow. He was being a good guy. He was plowing the snow on the street because it gets icy if you don't. They snuck up behind me and blasted him in the face from the back of his knees all the way up to his head. The report makes it sound like somebody was snow blowing near him and he turned around into it. That was not what happened. Someone snuck up behind him and he had no idea what was happening initially. There were some pretty big inconsistencies and cherry picking of the medical report. The investigator made it sound like it was a pre-existing medical condition as opposed to something new, which was what the medical report provided. That was ignored.

Councilmember Gottschall asked if he had pursued this with an attorney on his own for any hospital bills. Mr. Merle said he has been attorney shopping. He knew that with bad legal counsel, you can drop hundreds of thousands of dollars and get nothing in the end. Obviously, if you have a wife that is an attorney, or someone that has counsel provided at no cost, you have nothing to lose. He could spend his

life's savings trying to do what was right and then lose it in the end from an incompetent attorney.

Mayor Beagle said that we don't normally make comments regarding the Call to the Public, but he had a meeting with Sergeant Stowinsky, Lieutenant Bradley and Director Moore after the last Council meeting and he has looked over the reports. To him, it looked like everything had been handled satisfactorily up to this point. He knew Mr. Merle would be back again and he knew it was not going to end until things happen.

#### **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Mr. Brown stated that there were statistics included in his report regarding the August 4, 2020 Primary Election. The Finance information was provided by MMRMA regarding rates that are benefiting us in terms of a slight premium decrease, as well as a refund of excess net assets in the amount of just over \$93,000. That will be used to pay for future claim costs that we may run into so it gets redeposited to our loss fund with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association.

Ms. Buck said it was a busy election with mostly absentees. We got through it and we are looking forward to November.

Ms. Stamper said we received our renewal and saw a decrease over last year in cost. Typically, we see a slight increase so we were glad to see the decrease of almost \$6,200. The disbursement that we typically receive annually came in at \$93,000 which was deposited to our loss fund. We keep it there for those future claims that we might run into for our self-insured portion of our insurance. She hoped we wouldn't have to use it, but it was there in case we do.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

**Councilmember Smiley** noticed that the last of the concert series were cancelled. He knew Administration waited as long as they could before cancelling it and he thanked them for trying to get some of the activities in. He thought Election Day went well last week. He spoke with many of the poll workers who said they were a little slow and he attributed that to the popularity of absentee voting, which was more than double. He thanked all of the poll workers and Ms. Buck and Ms. Opalko. He congratulated Maddie Schopf and Josh Olsson on their accomplishments at Sarah Banks Middle School. He knew it was a tough year for all of our students and he was glad we were able to recognize some achievements. Lastly, he recognized the fine job that Ken Milburn has been doing for us recording our Council meetings. There was a nice article in the Spinal Column this past week about him.

**Councilmember Behrmann** offered congratulations on the election and commented that it was nice to see the insurance premium go down.

**Councilmember Gottschall** congratulated the Clerk and her office, as well as the poll workers, for how they handled this election during a pandemic. He was looking forward to November and felt more people would be voting with more mail coming through the Clerk's Office. He wished them luck with that.

**Councilmember Sharpe** had no comments.

**Deputy Mayor Rzeznik** said ditto on all the congratulations. The Clerk's Office and all the volunteers did a wonderful job during a difficult time. He asked Lieutenant Bradley to give an update on how the trail patrol has been going and if they had encountered any big issues. Lieutenant Bradley stated that the trail patrol has been up and running for a few weeks now. They work at least five hours per week. He hasn't heard of any issues on the trail that would be of concern. He thought everything was going well.

**Mayor Beagle** congratulated Maddie Schopf and Josh Olsson on an outstanding job being scholar athletes. He hoped they would have some type of athletic outlet this fall to participate. He congratulated the Clerk and Deputy Clerk on another fine election. Every time they turned around there was an issue here or an issue there, but they handled them quite well. He also thanked all of the poll workers. Lastly, he reminded the Councilmembers to turn in their evaluation for the City Manager and to forward dates to him to meet for this review.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Catherine Buck  
City Clerk

Approved 8-25-2020
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