

CITY OF WYANDOTTE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Session of the Wyandotte City Council was held in Council Chambers and via Virtual Telecommunication methods, due to COVID-19 in accordance with Wayne County Local Public Health Department “Guidance for Meetings of Governmental Bodies” and PA228 of 2020, using the Zoom Audio platform, on Monday, May 23, 2022, and was called to order at 7:00pm with Honorable Mayor Robert A. DeSana presiding.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by roll call.

Present: Mayor Robert A. DeSana, Councilpersons Robert Alderman, Christopher Calvin, Kaylyn Crayne, Todd Hanna, Rosemary Shuryan, Kelly Stec

ABSENT: Theodore Galeski, City Assessor; Todd Browning, City Treasurer

Also Present: William R. Look, City Attorney; Greg Mayhew, City Engineer; and Lawrence Stec, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Alley Vacation - Between Cherry & Plum, West of 3rd
- SAD #945: Alley Reconstruction - S of Oak, 2nd St. to Parking Lot #11
- SAD #947: 2021 Sidewalk Repairs - Goddard to North Dr., 6th St. to Biddle Ave.
 - *Mr. Gretus Hoogestraat – 346 Riverbank*
 - *Mr. Jim Waling – 115 Emmons*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

2022-164 CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – J. COWDEN, GEOTHERMAL ISSUES

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that the concerns of Mr. Cowden regarding his geothermal system be referred to the Water Department Superintendent, City Engineer, and City Attorney with report back to Council on June 6, 2022.

Motion unanimously carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

2022-165 MINUTES

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held under the date of April 25, 2022, be approved as recorded, without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-166 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS – VARIOUS SERVICES PERFORMED BY CITY

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED by City Council that Council hereby concurs in the recommendation of the City Administrator in his communication regarding the list of delinquent Special Assessment Installments; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council directs the City Treasurer to spread said charges on the 2022 Summer Tax Roll.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-167 WMS YTD FINANCIAL RESULTS – PERIOD ENDING 3/31/2022

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED by the Wyandotte City Council to receive and place on file the six-month financial results for the Department of Municipal Services for the period ending March 31, 2022.

Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS**2022-168 APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF – J. MOLINE**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that Council acknowledges receipt of the communications from Mayor DeSana and Doug Melzer, President of Police and Fire Commission, regarding the appointment of Jeremy Moline to Assistant Fire Chief, and receive and place them on file and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council concurs in the recommendations as set forth in these communications to name Jeremy Moline as Assistant Fire Chief in the City of Wyandotte with a starting salary at the Assistant Fire Chief Class Code A (\$81,806.40 annually).

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-169 AMBULANCE BILLING AGREEMENT – ACCUMED BILLING INC.

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

Resolved by the City Council that Council hereby authorizes the Fire Chief to enter into the agreement with AccuMed Billing, Inc., for a five-year period beginning June 1, 2022, with the fees (7.25% of the amount collected for Emergency Medical Services and Fire Services) being paid from account #101-200-825-395.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-170 WFD INTERNAL PROMOTION – J. BROWN

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council concurs with the recommendation of the Fire Chief and Police and Fire Commission to approve the promotion of Fire Sergeant Jesse Brown to the rank of Fire Lieutenant effective May 24, 2022.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-171 ENGINEERING SERVICES AGMT. FOR WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED by City Council that Council concurs with the Municipal Services Commission in the following resolution,

A resolution utilizing the professional services provisions of the City of Wyandotte purchasing policy authorizing the General Manager to sign an engineering services contract with C. E. Raines Company for Water Main Replacement for an amount not to exceed \$67,783.00, as recommended by WMS management.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-172 BUSINESS REGISTRATION – KARAS RESPONSE

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Clerk and retains the present process for registering businesses in the City of Wyandotte.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-173 MILITARY TRIBUTE BANNER HOLD HARMLESS

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne
RESOLVED, that in consideration of the County of Wayne granting permission to the City of Wyandotte to access the one hundred twenty (120) foot wide Biddle Avenue and the one hundred (100) foot wide Eureka Avenue for the purposes of installing military tribute banners on utility poles from May 24, 2022 thru November 30, 2022, the City of Wyandotte agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the County of Wayne from all liability or responsibility whatsoever for injury (including death) to persons and for any damage to County property or to the property of others arising out of, or resulting either directly or indirectly, from the installation, display, and removal of military tribute banners on utility poles.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Wyandotte does hereby remise, release, and forever discharge the County of Wayne, its Officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, damages and liabilities resulting or arising out of, either directly or indirectly, from the installation, display, and removal of military tribute banners, at said above-described locations.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-174 ALLEY VACATION: WEST OF 3RD ST., CHERRY TO PLUM

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

At a regular session of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE

WHEREAS, this Council by resolution has deemed it advisable and necessary for the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the people of the City of Wyandotte, to vacate with easement the twenty (20) foot public alley located south of Cherry Street and north of Plum Street and west of 3rd Street in the City of Wyandotte, Wayne County, Michigan more particularly described as:

The north south alley abutting the south 40 feet of Lot 4, the north 40 feet of Lot 7 and a triangular portion beginning at a point on the SW corner of Lot 7, then north 10 feet, then west 10 feet to the centerline of the alley, then SE at a 45° angle to the point of beginning of the Subdivision of Blocks No. 110 and 131, Block 110 (T.3S., R.11E.) now City of Wyandotte, Wayne Co., Mich. As recorded in Liber 1, Page 309, Wayne County Records.

WHEREAS, due notice has been given of the hearing of objections to said vacating; and

WHEREAS, said hearing having taken place in accordance with such notice, and zero (0) objections having been offered, and this Council still being of the opinion that said vacating is advisable; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the above described alley shall be and the same is hereby declared VACATED, as a public alley, reserving to the City of Wyandotte, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Michigan, its successors and assigns forever and in perpetuity from the date hereof, an easement on, over, under, across, and within as described below for the purpose of constructing, operating, maintaining and repairing existing and future public utilities, sewers and drains, and that said City of Wyandotte, its contractors, employees, agents successors, assigns and lessees shall at all times have free ingress to and egress from said alley easement, to construct, operate, maintain and repair said existing and future utility lines of every nature, and sewers and drains.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby reserved to Ameritech, its successors and assigns, an easement on, over, under, across and within said twenty (20) foot wide easement for the purpose of constructing, erecting, operating, maintaining, and repairing its existing and future telephone communication system consisting of poles, lines, wires, cables and apparatus; and that said Ameritech, its contractors, employees, agents, successors and assigns shall at all times have full ingress to and egress from said twenty (20) foot wide easement for said purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no structures, or any article or thing whatsoever shall be constructed or maintained on, over, under, across, or within the twenty (20) foot easement of the above described alley except the erection of fences and concrete pavement, by the abutting property owners provided it does not interfere with the guying of utility poles and that in the exercise of the easement and ingress and egress rights heretofore reserved herein said City of Wyandotte shall not be liable for any

injury or damage to, or disturbance of, nor shall it have any duty to pay for or replace, any animate or inanimate improvement on, over, under, across, or within said twenty (20) foot easement.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-175 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #945

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that Special Assessment #945 be held in abeyance until June 6, 2022, per the request of the City Engineer.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-176 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #947

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

WHEREAS the time having arrived for the hearing before this Council and the City Assessor on the Special Assessment District #947 for the purpose of defraying that part of the cost which Council decided should be paid and borne by a special assessment for 2021 Sidewalk Program Special Assessment District Phase 1 - Goddard Road to North Drive and from 6th Street to Biddle Avenue within the city of Wyandotte, County of Wayne, State of Michigan and said roll having been duly presented to this Council by the City Assessor; AND

WHEREAS after such hearing this council is of the opinion that said roll should be approved and confirmed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that special assessment roll #947 as filed by the City Assessor with the City Clerk be hereby approved and confirmed that this Council does hereby estimate that the period of usefulness of said improvements is not less than five (5) years and that the assessments shown on said roll be divided into 5 annual installments, payable by the first day of June each year from 2022 to 2026, and that the City Clerk transmit said roll to the City Treasurer with his warrant for collection accordingly, and that the installments of each special assessment roll shall bear interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum commencing July 1, 2022, said interest to be paid annually on the due dates of the principal installments of said special assessment roll.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-177 126 OAK REQUEST TO OCCUPY OAK ST. RIGHT OF WAY

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, that Council authorizes the use of the Oak Street Right-of-Way by Rickles Properties, LLC, the property owner at 126 Oak Street, Wyandotte, for the staging of a "Food Truck" every Sunday, from May thru October 30, 2022, provided the Grant of License and Hold Harmless Agreement are executed by all parties.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-178 RECONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC ALLEY: N. OF OAK, 1ST TO 2ND ST

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE

That the City Council of the City of Wyandotte deems it advisable and necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of said City and its inhabitants and it is a necessary public improvement and beneficial to the City of Wyandotte, and its inhabitants, to grade and pave a public alley in the City of Wyandotte, more particularly described as:

The twenty (20) foot wide public alley between Oak Street and Chestnut Street from 2nd Street to 1st Street, abutting:

Lots 1 thru 14, both inclusive, Block 69, Plat of Part of Wyandotte in the Township of Ecorse (now City of Wyandotte), Wayne County, Mich., being part of Fractional Sections 28, 32, 33, and Part of Section 29, in T. 3 S., R. 11 E., as recorded in Liber 57, Page 5, Wayne County Records.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the City Engineer, having prepared estimates of the cost and expenses, plats and diagrams of said improvement and of the locality to be improved, the same are available for public examination at the Engineering Department offices: and

RESOLVED FURTHER that there is hereby tentatively designated a special assessment district against which the cost and expenses of said improvements are to be assessed, consisting of lots, parts of lots and parcels of land in the City of Wyandotte, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as: South sixty-five (65) feet of Lot 1, Lots 2 thru 4, both inclusive, the south half of Lots 5 thru 7, both inclusive, and Lots 8 thru 14, both inclusive, Block 69, Plat of Part of Wyandotte in the Township of Ecorse (now City of Wyandotte), Wayne County, Mich., being part of Fractional Sections 28, 32, 33, and Part of Section 29, in T. 3 S., R. 11 E., as recorded in Liber 57, Page 5, Wayne County Records.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the cost and expenses of grading and paving the twenty (20) foot wide public alley between Oak Street and Chestnut Street from 2nd Street to 1st Street, shall be defrayed by special assessment upon the lots, parts of lots and parcels of land abutting and adjoining said improvement, as well as benefiting therefrom, excepting from said assessment, however, the improvement expense attributable to alley and street intersections, City owned land, owner occupied single family dwellings, owner occupied multi-family rental dwellings will be assessed in that proportion that the property is used for purposes other than that of the owner occupying same in comparison to the total assessable portion of the entire property, and other property not assessable by law, the expense of which, together with any improvement expenses remaining after the aforesaid assessment, shall be defrayed from the general fund of the City.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that said estimates, plats and diagrams of said improvement and of the public alley to be improved having been made available at the Engineering Department offices for public examination, said City Clerk shall give notice, according to the City Charter, of the proposed district to be specially assessed for said improvement and of the time and place when this Council will meet to consider said detailed estimate, plats and diagrams, and to hear objections thereto, and notice shall be given by said City Clerk, in writing, of the proposed district to be specially assessed for said improvements and of the time and place when this Council will meet to consider said detailed estimates, plats and diagrams, and to hear objections thereto, to each owner of, or party in interest in, property to be assessed, whose name appears upon the last local tax assessment records, by mailing by first class mail addressed to such owner or party at the address shown on the tax records, at least ten (10) days before the date of such hearing. The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Wyandotte City Hall.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-179 BID AWARD: FILE #4826 – TREE CUTTING, TRIMMING & STUMP RMVL

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendations of the City Engineer regarding File #4826 - 2022 Tree Cutting, Tree Trimming and Stump Removal Program and rejects the bid from Decima, LLC, as not being in the best interest of the City, and accepts the bid from Limb Walkers Tree & Snow, Avoca, Michigan, for File #4826 - 2022 Tree Cutting, Tree Trimming and Stump Removal, in the amount of \$130,050.00, as being the best bid received meeting specifications, and further, authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sign said contract.

Motion unanimously carried.

2022-180 BILLS & ACCOUNTS

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$2,092,672.24 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

Motion unanimously carried.

REPORTS & MINUTES

Fire Commission	04/12/2022
Civil Service Commission	05/11/2022
Police Commission	05/17/2022
Retirement Commission	04/14/2022
WMS Commission	05/04/2022

REMARKS OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, & ELECTED OFFICIALS**ADJOURNMENT****2022-181 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Crayne
RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Motion unanimously carried.



Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk