

**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, July 31, 2023, 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.

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

ABSENT: Councilperson Rosemary Shuryan; City Assessor, Theodore Galeski; City Treasurer, Todd Browning

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

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**PRESENTATIONS**

- Recognition of Citizens – Bishop Park Cleanup

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- Tax Rate Budget Hearing – 2023 City Tax Rates to Support FY24 Operations
  - *Zero objections received in person or in writing.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**2023-229 MINUTES**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held under the dates of July 10, 2023, be approved as recorded without objection.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2023-230 THE SENIOR ALLIANCE 2024 ANNUAL - PLAN FOR AGING SERVICES**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

WHEREAS, the City of Wyandotte, Wayne County, Michigan recognizes the role of The Senior Alliance as the designated Area Agency on Aging for Southern and Western Wayne County to be responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, monitoring, and managing a comprehensive organized service delivery system of services for older adults and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the 34 communities of Southern and Western Wayne County, including the City of Wyandotte comprises the Planning and Service Area to the agency’s governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Aging and Adult Services Agency require local Area Agencies on Aging to request approvals of their Annual Implementation Plan from their local governments; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Alliance has submitted the plan to this honorable body in accordance with federal and state laws; and

WHEREAS, The Senior Alliance has held a public hearing for client, caregiver, and service provider population feedback which contributed to the development of the Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this honorable body of Wyandotte approves the Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, as presented to the city.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2023-231 VARIOUS SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE CITY OF WYANDOTTE**

By Councilperson Alderman, 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 various services performed by the Department of Public Service; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council directs the City Treasurer to spread said charges on the 2023 Summer Tax Roll.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2023-232 SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST: TOUCH A TRUCK**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that Council Concurs with the recommendation of the Special Events Coordinator to approve the use of the following city property for the Touch A Truck event to be held on August 2nd, 2023 from 2pm-5pm:

- northwest side of the Yack Arena parking lot - leaving space open for Family Dollar customers
- full south side of the lot for the vehicles for the Touch-A-Truck event. Barricades are dropped off on the parking lot/street on the morning of the event

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the event has been reviewed and approved by the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Recreation Superintendent and DPS Superintendent pending the signing of a hold harmless agreement created by the Legal Department.

Motion unanimously carried.

**NEW BUSINESS****2023-233 DPS FULL-TIME WORKERS COMMUNICATION - COMPENSATION**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that the communication from Full-time DPS workers regarding the compensation modernization be received and placed on file.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2023-234 DPS SEASONAL WORKERS COMMUNICATION - COMPENSATION**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that the communication from Seasonal DPS workers regarding the compensation modernization be received and placed on file.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2023-235 ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH DUMPSTER FEE WAIVER**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that the request from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, to waive fees for a dumpster be denied.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council request that the Finance department create a non-profit schedule to be brought back to council on August 28, 2023 meeting.

YEAS: Councilpersons Alderman, Calvin, Crayne, Hanna,

NAYS: Councilperson Stec

**2023-236 PURPLE HEART MEMORIAL EVENT**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Special Events Coordinator to approve the use of city property and resources for the Purple Heart Memorial Event to be held August 7th, 2023 from 6pm-7pm:

1. Both the VFW and MOPH are hoping that the lights can be repaired at the monument prior to this event.
2. DPS to change the State of Michigan Flag to the Purple Heart Flag for the week of Aug. 7th.
3. Recreation to drop off 50 chairs, 25 on each side of the monument, any time during the day. They can be picked up that night or the following morning.

4. DPS to provide the barricading for Superior to provide a safe and secure area for the ceremony. 1st and Superior, Biddle and Superior and alleys.
5. DPS to provide the podium, speakers, amp and microphone; this would be removed after the ceremony was over.
6. Electrical simply ensure the receptacle is working for the speaker system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Military Order of the Purple Heart/VFW Post 1136 pay any and all fees associated with the requested use of city equipment and any Recreation/Municipal Service/Department of Public Service overtime/costs.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **2023-237 2023 CITY TAX RATES TO SUPPORT 2024 FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

WHEREAS, this City Council of the City of Wyandotte has been advised by the City Assessor that the 2023 State Taxable Valuation for property located within the City of Wyandotte is \$682,638,875 as compared to \$629,751,968 State Taxable Valuation for the 2022 tax year plus 2023 additions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Deputy Treasurer/Assistant Finance Director has recommended that the Wyandotte City Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2024, shall be set at \$14.4505 operating, \$2.4129 refuse collection and disposal, \$2.4129 debt service (to include \$193,245 related to the renovation of the Yack Arena, \$299,005 related to the construction of a new Police/District Court facility, \$300,000 for the renovation of the Central Fire Station, \$149,104 for the purchase of new police vehicles, \$47,722 for the purchase of new fire department vehicles and equipment, and \$58,597.40 for the purchase of a new street sweeper), and \$3.4737 for the operation and maintenance of Drain #5 for a total tax levy of \$22.7500 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of the State Taxable Value; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Deputy Treasurer/Assistant Finance Director submitting the proposed tax rates for the 2024 Fiscal Year is hereby received and made part of the hearing file scheduled for tonight's meeting.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **2023-238 2023 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that Council hereby concurs in the recommendations of the Deputy Treasurer/Assistant Finance Director and approves the necessary 2023 Fiscal Year Budget amendments as presented on July 31, 2023.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **2023-239 HIRING: DPS MECHANIC – K. POWERS, JR.**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that Council acknowledges receipt of the communication from the Human Resource Specialist regarding the Mechanic position at the Department of Public Service and CONCURS with the recommendation therein and hereby declares said position vacant and authorizes the filling of such vacancy and

FURTHER, RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that the Council approves the hiring of Kenneth Powers Jr. as a Mechanic in the Department of Public Services contingent on successful completion of physical, drug screen, and background check.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **2023-240 HIRING: RWRC PROBATION OFFICER – C. CAUDILL-SINGLETON**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, that Council acknowledges receipt of the communication from the Human Resource Specialist regarding the hiring of a grant-funded Full Time Regional Wellness & Recovery Court (RWRC) Probation Officer/Program Coordinator at the 27th District Court and CONCURS with the recommendation therein and hereby declares said position vacant and authorizes the filling of such vacancy and

FURTHER, RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that the Council approves the hiring of Courtney Caudill-Singleton as a Full-Time grant-funded Regional Wellness & Recovery Court (RWRC) Probation Officer/Program Coordinator at Class Code 39A within the 27th District Court effective August 1, 2023.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2023-241 HIRING: PROBATIONARY FIRE FIGHTER – N. ZRNICH**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that Council acknowledges receipt of the communication from the Human Resource Specialist regarding the Probationary Fire Fighter position within the Fire Department and

CONCURS with the recommendation therein and hereby declares said position vacant and authorizes the filling of such vacancy and

FURTHER, RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL that the Council approves the hiring of Nathaniel Zrnich as a Probationary Firefighter in the Fire Department contingent on the successful completion of a psychological evaluation, physical and drug screen examination.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2023-242 BID FILE #4849: TREE TRIMMING & FELLING CONTRACT**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

BE IT RESOLVED that City Council concurs with the Municipal Services Commission authorizing the General Manager to execute a contract with Asplundh Expert Tree Company, the lowest qualified bidder under Bid #4849, for the Electric Department tree trimming and felling services for the period 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2026, as recommended by WMS management.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2023-243 BID FILE #4851: PARK FENCING REPLACEMENT**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the Superintendent of Recreation and accepts Bid #4851: Park Fencing Replacement to Owens Fence in the amount of \$28,534.50, which shall be funded from Account 492-200-850-524.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to sign the contract with Owens Fence.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2023-244 BID FILE #4852: SEWER CLEANING & TELEVISIONING CONTRACT**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

Resolved that Council agrees with the recommendation of the City Engineer and APPROVES the awarding the File #4852 contract for the 2023 Sewer Cleaning and Inspection Services to Pipetek Infrastructure Services, of Plymouth, Michigan, in the amount of \$344,537.75 paid from account 590-200-926-310.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2023-245 ALLEY VACATION BEHIND 1035 ADELAIDE**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that it is a necessary public improvement for the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the people of the City of Wyandotte, and is deemed advisable to vacate with easement the eight (8) foot wide public alley south of Adelaide, east of the alley east of 11th Street in the City of Wyandotte, Wayne County, Michigan, more particularly described as:

The east/west alley abutting the south 150 feet of Lots 5 through 9, inclusive, Adelaide Subdivision, City of Wyandotte, as recorded in Liber 33, Page 48, Wayne County Records.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Council will meet on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Wyandotte City Hall, 3200 Biddle Avenue, in said City, to hear objections to the proposed vacating of said described land as a public alley.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the City Clerk shall give notice of such meeting, with a copy of this Resolution, in a newspaper published and circulating in said City, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **2023-246 SALE OF FORMER 2303 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer regarding the sale of the former 2303 3rd Street, Wyandotte; AND

BE IT RESOLVED that Council accepts the offer from Stephanie Ritz and David W. Fee, 2309 3rd Street, to acquire the former 2303 3rd Street for the amount of \$1,085.00; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said documents.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **2023-247 ACQUISITION OF 1015 ELM STREET**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at 1015 Elm Street in the amount of \$53,630.00 to be appropriated from TIFA Land Acquisition Account No. 492-200-850-519; AND

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs, William R. Look, is hereby directed to prepare and sign the necessary closing documents and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Purchase Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer is directed to demolish the structure upon completion of the Wyandotte Historical Commission inspection of the home as it pertains to the preservation of historical and cultural items for the City of Wyandotte.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **2023-248 ACQUISITION OF 1216 MAPLE STREET**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at 1216 Maple Street in the amount of \$35,000.00 to be appropriated from TIFA Area Funds Account No. 492-200-850-519; AND

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs, William R. Look, is hereby directed to prepare and sign the necessary closing documents and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Purchase Agreement.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Engineer is directed to demolish the structure upon completion of the Wyandotte Historical Commission inspection of the home as it pertains to the preservation of historical and cultural items for the City of Wyandotte.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **2023-249 REPLACEMENT OF HOT WATER TANK AT FIRE STATION #2**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

Resolved that Council has received the communication from the City Engineer and placed on file and APPROVES the replacement of the hot water tank at Fire Station #2 by Ram and Sons of Grosse Ile, Michigan, in the amount of \$13,450.00, in accordance with the Emergency Procurement section of the Procurement Rules and Policy adopted by the City Council on January 9, 2017.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### **2023-250 BILLS & ACCOUNTS**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$3,215,262.35 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.


Motion unanimously carried.

**REPORTS & MINUTES**

Beautification Commission 07/20/2023  
Board of Review 07/18/2023  
Fire Commission 06/27/2023  
Zoning Board of Appeals 04/05/2023

**REMARKS OF THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, & ELECTED OFFICIALS****ADJOURNMENT****2023-251 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson Alderman, supported by Councilperson Crayne  
RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 8:05pm.  
Motion unanimously carried.

  
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Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk