

**CITY OF WYANDOTTE**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

A Regular Session of the Wyandotte City Council was held in Council Chambers, on Monday, July 24, 2017, and was called to order at 7:00pm with Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson presiding.

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

Present: Councilpersons Robert Alderman, Chris Calvin, Robert DeSana, Megan Maiani, and Donald Schultz

Absent: Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

Also Present: Todd Browning, City Treasurer; Theodore Galeski, City Assessor; William Look, City Attorney; Mark Kowalewski, City Engineer; and Lawrence Stec, City Clerk

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Central Fire Station Project Progress – Thomas Roberts, Architect

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS**

Discussion regarding Resolution #2017-295 through #2017-301

- Ken Lavictoire regarding item #3
- Jean Wong regarding item #4
- Robert Salamon regarding item #5

**PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE**

- Rick Custer, 505 Pine, regarding dispatcher job applications, cell phones for vets program, and UAW welding program information.
- Jeff Thomas, 1615 Lindbergh, regarding grass/weed maintenance on street corners.
- Debra Perez, 1732 8<sup>th</sup>, regarding process for receiving approvals for item #6.

**NEW BUSINESS (ELECTED OFFICIALS)**

- Councilperson DeSana asked about drop boxes and the assignments of Ordinance Officers in the city. Proposed that one ordinance officer be assigned specifically to the enforce Engineering Department issues
  - Mayor Peterson asked City Administrator, T. Drysdale, to budget for an Ordinance Officer to work out of the Engineering Department.
  - City Administrator Drysdale responded that one officer is assigned primarily to Engineering issues and two other officers are assigned to mixed work in the city.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

Discussion regarding Resolution #2017-302 through #2017-312

**PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

None

**REPORTS & MINUTES**

City Council	July 10, 2017
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	February 21 & June 20, 2017
Building Code Board of Appeals	July 10, 2017
Fire Commission	June 13, 2017
Planning Commission	June 22, 2017
Police Commission	June 13, 2017
Retirement Commission	June 15, 2017
Tax Increment Finance Authority	February 21 & June 20, 2017

**BILLS & ACCOUNTS**

- Total bills and accounts of \$2,483,079.09

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

None

**RECESS**

**RECONVENE**

Present: Councilpersons Robert Alderman, Chris Calvin, Robert DeSana, Megan Maiani, and Donald Schultz & Mayor Joseph R. Peterson

Absent: Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

Also Present: Todd Browning, City Treasurer; Theodore Galeski, City Assessor; William Look, City Attorney; Mark Kowalewski, City Engineer; and Lawrence Stec, City Clerk

## **HEARINGS**

- 2017 City Tax Rates to Support 2018 Fiscal Year Operations

### **2017-293 2017 CITY TAX RATES HEARING**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

WHEREAS, this City Council of the City of Wyandotte has been advised by the City Assessor that the 2017 State Taxable Valuation for property located within the City of Wyandotte is \$531,367,091 as compared to \$525,119,835 State Taxable Valuation for the 2016 tax year plus 2017 additions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Administrator has recommended that the Wyandotte City Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2018, shall be set at \$14.9921 operating, \$2.5063 refuse collection and disposal, \$2.5063 debt service (to include \$249,904 related to the renovation of the Yack Arena, \$390,876 related to the construction of a new Police/District Court facility, \$249,173 for the renovation of 3200 Biddle Avenue, and \$100,000 for the renovation of the Central Fire Station), and \$2.7453 for the operation and maintenance of Drain #5 for a total tax levy of \$22.7500 per thousand dollars assessed valuation of the State Taxable Value; and

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Administrator submitting the proposed tax rates for the 2018 Fiscal Year is hereby received and made part of the hearing file scheduled for tonight's meeting.

Motion unanimously carried.

## **FIRST & FINAL READING OF AN ORDINANCE**

None

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **2017-294 MINUTES**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held under the date of July 10, 2017, be approved as recorded.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **2017-295 USE OF EASEMENT REQUEST – K. CORBETT, 840 LINCOLN**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Kathy Corbett, 840 Lincoln, regarding the request to keep landscaping on the right-of-way in front of her home, be referred to the Department of Engineering and Building.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **2017-296 ENGINEERING DEPT. RESPONSE – USE OF EASEMENT, 840 LINCOLN**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that Council denies the request of Kathleen Corbett, 840 Lincoln Street, to keep the landscape pavers on City property adjacent to her home; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said landscape pavers be removed from the right-of-way.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **2017-297 TREE CUTTING REQUEST – R. PEREZ**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Richard Perez, 908 Cora St., requesting to remove a tree that is causing damage to the sidewalk in front of his property, be referred to the Department of Engineering and Building.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **2017-298 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, 131 POPLAR – K. LAVICTOIRE**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Ken Lavictoire, 155 Poplar, regarding the status of rental and property maintenance at 131 Poplar Street, be referred to the Department of Engineering and Building.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-299 SHED REMOVAL APPEAL – J. WONG**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Jean Wong, 4004 18<sup>th</sup> St., regarding received notification of required shed removal, be referred to the Department of Engineering and Building for possible reconsideration to allow sheds holding in abeyance the order to remove sheds by August 15<sup>th</sup> pending final action of the Council.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-300 PROPOSED LANDSCAPING CHANGE – 2817 VAN ALSTYNE, AMER. LEGION**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from Robert Salamon, Commander of the American Legion Post 217, regarding their proposal for landscaping changes to the front of the property at 2817 Van Alstyne Blvd., be referred to the Department of Engineering and Building.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-301 PROPERTY USE REQUEST – D. PEREZ, 1750 8<sup>TH</sup>**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that City Council grants permission to Debra Perez of 1732 8<sup>th</sup> Street and her guests to use the city-owned vacant lot located at 1750 8<sup>th</sup> St. on July 29, 2017, for the purpose of providing ample parking space for a private event, provided a Hold Harmless Agreement is executed as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-302 HIRING OF DEPUTY CHIEF – A. HAMILTON**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council concurs with the determination that the promotion of Archie Hamilton to fill the vacant Deputy Chief position will assist with the current Command Structure of the Police Department and the City Council authorizes the filling of such position; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subsequent to an interview panel which was conducted on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Deputy Chief promotion shall be awarded to Lieutenant Archie Hamilton, authorization is granted to make said promotions.

YEAS: Councilpersons Alderman, Calvin, DeSana, Maiani, and Schultz & Mayor Peterson

NAYS: None

**2017-303 HIRING OF PART-TIME ORDINANCE OFFICER – G. PHILLIPS**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council concurs with the determination that the part-time opening exists in the Ordinance Division of the Police Department and the Council authorizes the filling of such vacancies; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subsequent to an interview and background investigation, Mr. Gregg Phillips will be hired to fill such vacancy, contingent on passing a drug screen and physical examination.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-304 HIRING OF PART-TIME DISPATCHERS**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council concurs with the determination that part-time openings exist in the Downriver Central Dispatch Center and the Council authorizes the filling of such vacancies; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subsequent to an interview and background investigation, Ms. Jennifer Cisco and Ms. Edith Clausen will be hired to fill such vacancies, contingent on passing a drug screen and physical examination

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-305 TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER 2017-03 – SPRUCE & 5<sup>TH</sup> STREETS**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of Chief Zalewski as set forth in Traffic Control Order 2017-03 for the installation of a Stop sign to replace the Yield sign on the north/east corner of the 5<sup>th</sup> and Spruce intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service be directed to install/replace same.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-306 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council acknowledges the receipt of the Social Media Policy from the City Administrator and acknowledges that social media is a valuable means of assisting and meeting community education, community information and other related organizational and community objections; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City acknowledges an employee's right to have personal web pages or sites and encourages employees to exercise that right to the extent possible without causing a decline in public confidence or respect for the City of Wyandotte, any Department of the City, or any employee of the City; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council approves the implementation of the Social Media Policy as presented by the City Administrator at the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-307 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR VARIOUS SERVICES**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED 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 Assessor to spread said charges on the 2017 Summer Tax Roll.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-308 2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that Council hereby concurs in the recommendations of the Deputy

Treasurer/Assistant Finance Director and approves the necessary 2017 Fiscal Year Budget amendments

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the 2016 Fiscal Year Budget amendments shall be placed on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-309 2017 WINE CRAWL CONTRACT – WYANDOTTE JAYCEES**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the DDA Director to approve the 2017 Wine Crawl Agreement between the City of Wyandotte and the Wyandotte Jaycees for the oversight and management of 20 tasting stations throughout Downtown Wyandotte during the 2017 Wine Crawl on August 18, 2017 from 4pm-10pm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby directed to execute said contract on behalf of the City of Wyandotte, provided the organization adds the City of Wyandotte to their insurance policy as an additional insured, applies for any special licensing through the MLCC, and signs the hold harmless agreement as prepared in the contract.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-310 ANTENNA SITE LICENSE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – 1077 GROVE & 365 HUDSON**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves the Acknowledgement of the equipment for the antenna towers at 1077 Grove and 365 Hudson with Sprint PCS; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said Acknowledgement.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-311 SALE OF PROPERTY AT 993-1007 EUREKA**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that the communication from the City Engineer regarding the City owned property located at former 993-1007 Eureka is hereby received and placed on file; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council concurs with the recommendation to sell the property known as former 993-1007 Eureka to Timothy and Megan Storey the amount of \$10,000.00; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Purchaser, Timothy and Megan Storey, does not undertake development within six (6) months from time of closing and complete construction within one (1) year will result in Seller's right to repurchase property including any improvements for One (\$1.00) Dollar. A condition will be placed on the Deed that will include this contingency;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Offer to Purchase Real Estate for the property known as former 993-1007 Eureka, between Timothy and Megan Storey and the City of Wyandotte for \$10,000 as presented to Council on July 24, 2017.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-312 CITY PURCHASE OF 1331 WALNUT**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that Council concurs with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at 1331 Walnut in the amount of \$22,000.00 to be appropriated from TIFA Area Funds; AND BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs, William R. Look, is hereby directed to prepare and sign the necessary documents and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the Purchase Agreement; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Engineer is directed to demolish same 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.

**2017-313 LATE ITEM - HIRING OF PROBATION DIRECTOR – N. SHAUL**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

BE IT RESOLVED that Council acknowledges receipt of the communication from the City Administrator regarding the Full-Time Probation Director position at the 27<sup>th</sup> District Court and concurs with the recommendation of the 27<sup>th</sup> District Court Chief Judge and hereby declares the filling of such vacancy; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council approves the hiring of Ms. Natalie Shaul as Probation Director at Level 38D.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-314 BILLS & ACCOUNTS**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

RESOLVED that the total bills and accounts of \$2,483,079.09 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.


Motion unanimously carried.

**2017-315 ADJOURNMENT**

By Councilperson Calvin, supported by Councilperson Alderman

RESOLVED, that this regular meeting of the Wyandotte City Council be adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Motion unanimously carried.



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Lawrence S. Stec, City Clerk