



## Minutes - August 18, 2008

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

Regular session of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte, the Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

Absent: None

### COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS-

Dear Mayor & Councilmembers,

City of Wyandotte,  
To Whom It May Concern,

The Apostolic Lighthouse Church of Southgate is having their 4th annual tent rally in the beautiful Bishop Park August 22 thru 24th. Unsure of the parking situation, we would like to ask for assistance in this situation and be able to have 10 parking spaces reserved on the west side of Van Alstyn south of Superior for these three days. We request use of these spots for pastors, visiting pastors and visiting choir buses.

We would also like to request the main parking lot from Oak to behind Lions, Tigers and Bears for general parking also for the same August 22 thru 24th. Thank you very much for your time, your assistance in this would help us in such a great way.

Sincerely,  
Apostolic Lighthouse Church  
James M. Strickland, 3326 – 11th, Wyandotte

August 14, 2008

The Honorable Mayor James DeSana and City Council  
3131 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte MI 48192

Dear Mayor DeSana and Council Members:

I am writing to seek approval of the 3rd Annual Wyandotte Animal Shelter Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic on Sunday, September 21, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter, 1170 Grove Street, Wyandotte.

This program, which provides affordable vaccinations for dogs and cats, will be run by a licensed veterinarian and is available to anyone seeking vaccinations for their dog or cat.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the flyer for this event. Should you have any additional questions or concerns regarding the event, please feel free to contact ACO Chuck Gillenwater.

Sincerely,

Kim Skidmore P.A.W.S. of Michigan

### PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

None

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

August 14, 2008

Mayor James R. DeSana and City Councilmembers 3131 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers

Knowing well that Northline Road (Ford Avenue), is a County Road I am requesting to know by what authority has Wayne County eliminated all curb cuts going North and South along said road with the exception of those at traffic lights?

Michigan law requires curb cuts to be placed at intersections per the parameters of the American Disabilities Act, and I am requesting the Mayor and Council to direct the City Engineer and Department of Legal Affairs to immediately investigate this issue, with a report back to Council.

This road will not be resurfaced for another twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) years and I am requesting it be done correctly.

Sincerely yours,  
William R. Griggs, City Clerk

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
FROM: Department of Legal Affairs  
DATE: August 13, 2008  
RE: Pit Bull Ordinance

Dear Mayor and City Council:

After reviewing the comments made at last week's meeting from the public and from the City Council members and after discussion with Chief Grant, this letter serves to remove the proposed Pit Bull Ordinance from the agenda so that it will not proceed to a final reading.

My office will be working with the Police Department to come up with a new ordinance for your consideration in the near future.

Very truly yours, Department of Legal Affairs  
LOOK, MAKOWSKI and LOOK  
Professional Corporation  
William R. Look

August 14, 2008

The Honorable Mayor & Council City of Wyandotte  
3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Enclosed herewith are copies of resolutions passed by the Municipal Service Commission at its regular meeting of August 12, 2008. Resolutions are as follows:

Authorizes the adoption of a water rate increase effective October 1, 2008.  
Authorizes the adoption of an electric rate increase effective October 1, 2008.  
Authorizes the increase to the current Power Supply Adjustment Rider effective October 1, 2008.

Very truly yours,  
City of Wyandotte  
WYANDOTTE MUNICIPAL SERVICES  
Melanie L. McCoy General Manager

August 14, 2008

Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana And City Council  
3131 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members:

The undersigned met to discuss the sale price of city owned lots which are vacant and split between the adjacent homeowners. As you are aware, the vacant lots are currently sold for \$100.00 a front foot.

Current sale information would support an increase of up to \$200.00 per front foot. There are currently eleven (11) purchase agreements that have been mailed to adjacent property owners that have not been returned for your approval. There are also seven (7) requests for additional property wherein no purchase agreements have been prepared. A list of the property is attached for your review. We recommend that you allow these purchases to close at \$100.00.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Colleen A. Keehn, City Assessor  
Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

August 14, 2008

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana And City Council  
City Hall  
Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members:

In response to the communication from Phillip W. Hubbard, regarding permission to permanently bolt two decorative shrub urns in front of 3017 Biddle the following applies. The Mr. Hubbard has been unavailable to meet to discuss this request. Therefore, I request this item be held until the Engineering Department can meet with Mr. Hubbard or his representative to discuss this matter further.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer William R. Look, City Attorney

August 14, 2008

The Honorable James R. DeSana and City Council Members  
3131 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members,

Effective December 27, 2007, the City Treasurer is now required under new state law to make quarterly investment reports to the City Council. More specifically, the state of Michigan amended Public Act 20 of 1943 to include Public-Act 213 of 2007.

Attached for your review is the Quarterly Investment Report for the second quarter of the current calendar year. If you should have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Szczechowski, Deputy Treasurer/Assistant Finance Director

August 14, 2008

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana and City Council  
City Hall  
Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Attached please find a Purchase Agreement for the City to acquire the following property:

649 Plum - \$29,000.00 TIFA Area Funds — Single Family Dwelling

If this meets with your approval, I recommend that the Department of Legal Affairs be directed to prepare the necessary sale documents and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute same. I further recommend that the undersigned be authorized to demolish same.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski City Engineer

August 12, 2008

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana And City Council  
City Hall  
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor DeSana and City Council Members:

Attached is a proposed Resolution which would concur with the Thirteen Communities in the Downriver Wastewater System to retain a consultant, under the Hinshon Environmental Consulting contract, to evaluate the costs of administering the Downriver System through a Utility Authority.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer  
Todd A. Drysdale, Director of Administrative/Financial Services

August 12, 2008

The Honorable Mayor James R. DeSana and City Council  
City Hall  
Wyandotte, Michigan

RE: Former 2308-2322 1st Street Lot Size: 85' x 90'

Dear Mayor DeSana and Council Members:

At the June 16th City Council meeting, you referred a communication from Donald and Renee Tarnoski to the undersigned to coordinate procedures necessary to sell a lot to Mr. and Mrs. Tarnoski. The undersigned has met with the Tarnoski's and have negotiated the sale of 85 feet for the former 2308-2322 151 Street for \$5,000.00 for the construction of a new single family home consisting of approximately 1,400 square feet, full basement and attached garage. I have enclosed the Purchase Agreement for same.

If you concur with this sale, the attached Resolution will authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Very truly yours,  
Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer  
Colleen A. Keehn, City Assessor

#### REPORTS AND MINUTES AND CASH RECEIPTS

Beautification Commission Meeting July 8, 2008  
Downtown Development Authority August 11, 2008  
Downtown Development Economic Restructuring Committee August 12, 2008  
Municipal Service Commission July 29, 2008  
Fire Commission Meeting July 29, 2008  
Planning Commission July 17, 2008

#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Tom Pillar, 2397 – 23rd, agrees with water and electric rate increases. Disagrees with collection charge. Purchase of front loader washer and new dryer have reduced his costs by 50%.

#### RECESS

#### RECONVENING

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

Absent: None

#### RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with and the same stand APPROVED as recorded without objection.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

RESOLVED by the City Council that permission is granted to the Apostolic Lighthouse Church to reserve the City-owned parking lot located at First and Chestnut Streets for parking for their tent rally to be held at Bishop Park on August 22nd, 23rd and 24th, 2008. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that permission is granted to allow one person at a time to remain in Bishop Park all Friday and Saturday nights to watch over

their equipment provided that the names and addresses of each person is provided to the Mayor's Office by Wednesday, August 20, 2008 to be passed along to the Wyandotte Police Department. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police along with the list of names and addresses of persons who will be watching the equipment each night of the event. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Hold Harmless shall be signed by an authorized representative of Apostolic Lighthouse Church.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby APPROVES the request from Kim Skidmore, P.A.W.S. of Michigan to hold the 3rd Annual Wyandotte Animal Shelter Low-Cost Vaccination Clinic on Sunday, September 21, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Wyandotte Animal Shelter, 1170 Grove Street Wyandotte. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said notice be forwarded to Municipal Cable for information purposes.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Clerk dated August 14, 2008 relative to the removal by Wayne County of the north south curb cuts on Northline Road (Ford Avenue) and why they are not in compliance with the American Disabilities Act requirements is hereby referred to the City Engineer and Department of Legal Affairs for immediate review and report back to Council in one week.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.  
MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Department of Legal Affairs relative to the postponement of the Final Reading of the Pit Bull Ordinance is hereby received and placed on file.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.  
MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby CONCURS in the recommendation of the General Manager and Municipal Service Commissioners as set forth in their communication dated August 14, 2008 to adopt the water and electric rate increases effective October 1, 2008 as outlined in their communication. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council CONCURS in the recommendation to increase the current power supply adjustment rider effective October 1, 2008.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.  
MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski  
Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka  
YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS in the recommendation of the City Assessor and City Engineer to increase the per front foot rate for vacant lots that are split and sold to the adjacent homeowners from \$100.00 per front foot to \$200.00 per front foot effective November 7, 2008.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby GRANTS permission for the request of Phillip Hubbard to place urns in front of 3017 Biddle Avenue to be held in abeyance until such time the City Engineer has an opportunity to meet with Mr. Hubbard and resolve various issues.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby receives and placed on file the 2008 2nd Quarter Investment Report as outlined in the August 14, 2008 communication from the Deputy Treasurer/Assistant Finance Director.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at 649 Plum in the amount of \$29,000.00 to be appropriated from TIFA Area Funds; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents and the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney, William R. Look, are hereby authorized to sign said documents; AND FURTHER 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.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

RESOLVED by the City Council that WHEREAS the City of Wyandotte is served by the Downriver Wastewater System, and WHEREAS the current Service Agreement with Wayne County expires in 2012, and WHEREAS the Downriver communities are contemplating the establishment of a Utility Authority as an alternative configuration for operating the System after 2012, and WHEREAS, a preliminary evaluation of the ability of a new Utility Authority to sell bonds and incur debt for future capital improvements has been made, and this evaluation has concluded that it is feasible to sell bonds provided that all member communities pledge their full faith and credit for their respective share of the debt, and also agree to "make whole provision" whereby the member communities would cover unpaid debts from another member community, if necessary, and WHEREAS it has been proposed that a consultant be retained under the Hinshon Environmental Consulting contract to evaluate the costs of administering the Downriver System

through a Utility Authority, and WHEREAS the Hinshon Environmental Consulting contract is funded from operating revenues for the Downriver System and WHEREAS the communities served by the Downriver System have been asked to authorize the expenditure of operating funds for such a consultant evaluation, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wyandotte endorses the proposal to undertake an evaluation of a Utility Authority by an outside consultant and approves the use of not more than \$25,000 from Downriver System operating revenues to finance the consultant evaluation as a sub consultant under the Hinshon Environmental Consulting contract with the proviso that his action does not constitute an endorsement for the actual creation of a new Utility Authority at this time.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 18, 2008

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer and City Assessor dated August 12, 2008, regarding the sale of 85 feet of the former 2308-2322-1st Street, Wyandotte in the amount of \$5,000. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council accepts the purchase agreement between the City of Wyandotte, Seller and Donald and Renee Tarnoski, purchasers dated August 8, 2008; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the necessary documents subject to the approval of the Department of Legal Affairs.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

Supported by Councilperson Patrick J. Sutka

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, Fricke, Kolakowski, Peterson, Ptak, Sutka

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Johnny A. Kolakowski

Supported by Councilperson Patrick Sutka

That we adjourn

Carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 9:00 PM

August 18, 2008

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William R. Griggs, City Clerk

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