

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

Regular session of the City Council of the City of Wyandotte, the Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

Absent: Councilperson Browning

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

August 20, 2009

Honorable Joseph Peterson, Mayor, Wyandotte City Council  
3131 Biddle Ave.  
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor Peterson and Council Members,

We wanted to share with you the news that our house at 109 Vinewood, the former John and Emma Eberts house, was placed on the National Historic Register on July 16, 2009. Attached is the letter we received last week from the Michigan Historic Preservation Office confirming the listing. We were extremely pleased with this news as it was a lengthy and difficult process both in terms of restoration work on the house and applying for acceptance on the register. Our house now joins the other National Register properties in Wyandotte, specifically the MacNichol home, Marx home, Bacon home and the newly placed Oddfellows Temple (Masonic Lodge).

As you know our house was purchased by the city in 2005 for demolition. The Historical Commission identified the house as the former home of John Eberts, a founding pioneer in the City of Wyandotte. Through their efforts the value of this house to our heritage was brought to light. The Commission, in agreement with the city Engineering Department, Mayor and Council, deemed this house worthy of preservation and it was sold to us as a restoration project through an open bid process.

Everyone's efforts have paid off as we feel that this listing on the National Historic Register is an asset to the city. This listing comes with no financial benefit to us as homeowners since a residential owner must be located within an historic district to be eligible for any tax benefits. However, we pursued this because we believe in preservation and believe that projects like this make Wyandotte a more desirable place to live or to locate a business. We have chosen to do both here in Wyandotte. We encourage the city to consider this as we look toward the future. Also, it is encouraging that Wyandotte is in the beginning stages of a Main Street project and has already been designated as a Preserve America Community.

Thank you for sharing in this project and the good news about this newest National Historic Register site in Wyandotte.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Blankenship  
Mike Granzeier  
109 Vinewood, Wyandotte, MI 48192

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

Richard Miller, 1202 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, congratulated Michelle Blankenship and Mike Granzeier on their beautiful home.

Strategic Plan Committee Member regarding survey on the city website. All citizens are encouraged to fill out the survey. There is help for seniors. Strategic Plan Meeting at Copeland Center September 16, 2009 from 6-8PM.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

August 20, 2009

Mayor Joseph R. Peterson 3131 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor and Council:

An application was received from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to transfer interest in a 2007 Class C licensed business with dance-entertainment permit, located at 2930 Van Alstyne (aka 2929 Biddle), Wyandotte, Michigan 48192, Wayne County, thru transfer of 33 1/3% interest each from Brian Sollars to new members Everett B. Sollars and Everett R. Sollars.

Said application was referred to the Department of Municipal Service, City Engineer, City Treasurer, Police and Fire and Legal; copies of which are attached.

In view of the above, said application is being forwarded to you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

William R. Griggs, City Clerk

August 17th, 2009

City of Wyandotte  
Mayor and City Council 3131 Biddle Avenue Wyandotte, MI 48192

RE: Michigan Main Street Program Agreement

Dear Madam and Sirs,

I would like to ask for official action on the information contained in this communication, specifically to authorize Mayor Joseph Peterson to sign the attached agreement with the Michigan Main Street Program. The DDA Board of Directors acted on this subject at their regularly scheduled meeting on August 11th, 2009 pending a favorable opinion from City Attorney William R. Look (included).

If you all have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call or email me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,  
Brandon E. Wescott  
Director, Wyandotte Downtown Development Authority

August 20, 2009

The Honorable Joseph Peterson Mayor  
Wyandotte City Council  
3131 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor Peterson and Council Members,

On August 3, 2009 a resolution was adopted giving the Cultural and Historical Commission forty-five days to market the property located at 80 Chestnut and until January 2010 to market the property located at 150 Spruce. We were given three weeks to report back on this resolution. In this regard, in order to market any properties, Mayor and Council must set the parameters for any purchase of these homes. Members of our Commission have met with the city Engineering Department and Mayor and have worked out some of these parameters. We request you adopt resolutions regarding both properties consistent with these guidelines.

In regards to the property located at 150 Spruce St, formerly the Antoine Labadie home, we have currently located an interested buyer for the property who is willing to purchase and restore the home in accordance with the attached guidelines. We request you adopt a resolution consistent with those guidelines allowing him to purchase the home.

In regards to the property located at 80 Chestnut, it was built in 1901 and possesses very much historic and architectural detail which has not been changed in over 100 years. The house is in extremely good condition requiring very little in the way of restoration and would be a nice historic home for a potential buyer. In this regard, we request that we be given additional time to work with the Mayor and city Engineering Department regarding this house.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and we welcome the opportunity to discuss any of this with you further.

Sincerely,  
Don Schultz, President  
Wyandotte Cultural and Historical Commission

August 19, 2009

Honorable Mayor Peterson And City Council Members 3131 Biddle Avenue  
Wyandotte, MI. 48192

Dear Mayor Peterson and Council Members,

In accordance with the provisions of Michigan Pubic Act # 200 of the Public Acts of 1969 of the State of Michigan, please request the Department of Public Works to close Biddle Avenue from 8 AM to Noon for the 66th Annual Wyandotte Christmas Parade Saturday, November 21st, 2009.

The parade will necessitate closing Biddle Avenue from Ford Street to Plum Street. Traffic to be rerouted northbound to Third Street and to Ford Street, and Southbound on Fourth Street from Ford Street.

The Chief of Police is requested to apply to the Wayne County Office of Public Service for a road closure permit. He should be designated and authorized to sign said street closing permit document on behalf of the City of Wyandotte. Responsibility for all damage claims which may arise from the road closing must be assumed by the City of Wyandotte. The Fire Department should be notified of this event to reroute emergency vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,  
Fred Pischke  
Superintendent

Heather Thiede  
Special Event Coordinator

An application for rezoning on behalf of David Benedict for property located at 1605 Ford Avenue between Fort Street and Biddle as submitted by the City Engineer.

August 20, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson and City Council  
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Attached please find Purchase Agreement for the City to acquire the following property: 515-517 Elm - \$85,000.00 TIFA Area Funds –Two Family Dwelling Front Two Family Dwelling Rear

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 20, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson And City Council  
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

The City of Wyandotte has an opportunity to apply for a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Urban and Community Forestry Program for a Tree Planting Grant. The Grant is a 50-50 cost share match and the undersigned would be applying for \$1,000 with the City matching \$1,000.

If you concur with this, the attached Resolution will authorize the City Engineer to apply for said grant and commit to the matching funds.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski City Engineer

August 17, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson And City Council  
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor Peterson and City Council Members:

At the August 11, 2009, City Council Meeting, Council referred to the undersigned a communication from Jeremy Brovage and Andrew and Kimberly Kilburn regarding construction of a concrete driveway in the alley easement adjacent to their properties at 239 and 247 Superior, Wyandotte. To accomplish this, the attached Grant of License and Hold Harmless Agreement for each property would need to be executed between the City of Wyandotte and the property owners. This Grant of License and Hold Harmless Agreement have been reviewed by the Department of Legal Affairs and approved.

Prior to the issuance of a Building Permit for the driveways the City will clean and televise the sewers to make sure the sewer is free of breaks that would require repair prior to installation of concrete driveways.

The proposed Resolution authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk sign said Agreement. Further, each property owner would be required to pay the recording fee of \$24.00 each and that the Department of Legal Affairs record same.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Kowalewski, City Engineer

LATE ITEM

August 24, 2009

The Honorable Mayor Joseph R. Peterson and City Council  
City Hall, Wyandotte, Michigan

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Attached please find Purchase Agreement for the City to acquire the following property: 208-210-212 North Drive - \$47,500.00 – TIFA Area Funds – Two Family Dwelling Front Single Family Dwelling Rear

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

REPORTS AND MINUTES

Financial Services Daily Cash Receipts	July 21, 2009	\$16,538.92
Wyandotte Cultural & Historical Commission	July 8, 2009	
Wyandotte Recreation Commission	August 11, 2009	

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mike McKeehan, 3508 – 15<sup>th</sup>, feels like discussions about various houses were inappropriate and misleading. Took five months to reconcile his alley situation.. Potholes need attention on 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

Corki Benson, 404 Vinewood, regarding 80 Chestnut, The Community Alliance is not interested in restoring it from a historical issue. Not in good condition.

RECESSRECONVENINGROLL CALL

Present: Councilpersons DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

Absent: Councilperson Browning

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

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 James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that WHEREAS in 2005, the City of Wyandotte purchased the house at 109 Vinewood with the intent to have the house demolished and the lot sold for the construction of a new home; and WHEREAS after extensive research by the Wyandotte Cultural and Historical Commission, this house was identified as the former home of John Eberts, a founding pioneer in the City of Wyandotte, and deemed worthy of preservation; and WHEREAS Mike Granzeier and Michelle Blankenship purchased the home through an open bid process and thanks to their dedication and hard work, have restored the house to its former beauty. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council wish to congratulate Mike Granzeier and Michelle Blankenship for their efforts in preserving the house at 109 Vinewood and congratulate them on getting the house listed on the National Historic Register; and FURTHER on behalf of the citizens of the City of Wyandotte, we wish to commend them and express our appreciation for their efforts.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS in the recommendation from the City Clerk as set forth in his communication dated August 20, 2009 to APPROVE the transfer of interest in a 2007 Class C licensed business with dance-entertainment permit, located at 2930 Van Alstyne, (Lions, Tigers & Beers), Wyandotte, Michigan 48192, Wayne County, thru transfer of 33 1/3% interest each from Brian Sollars to new members Everett B. Sollars and Everett R. Sollars.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby APPROVES the agreement with the Michigan Main Street Program as submitted on August 17, 2009 by Brandon E. Wescott, Downtown Development Authority and hereby authorizes Mayor Peterson to sign said agreement on behalf of the City of Wyandotte.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that WHEREAS the City purchased the property at 150 Spruce for \$30,000 with the intent of having the house demolished and the lot sold for the construction of a new house; and WHEREAS in a resolution adopted July 20, 2009, City Council granted the Wyandotte Cultural and Historical Commission until January 1, 2010 to find a buyer for the city-owned property at 150 Spruce who would be willing to restore the structure and reside in it. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. City Council directs the City Engineer to review the Guidelines for 150 Spruce, as submitted by the Wyandotte Cultural and Historical Commission, including, but not limited to, the sale price of the property, and offer suggestions for additions, amendments or deletions to the guidelines, which would then be approved the Mayor and City Council;
2. the City Engineer be directed to put this property out for competitive bid or work with any individual whose terms and conditions for restoring the house are acceptable to the Mayor and City Council;
3. the City has the right to either accept, amend, or reject all proposals;
4. the deadline to submit bids will be at a date to be determined, with the understanding that the Mayor and City Council reserves the right to extend the deadline date if there are proposals that meet the guidelines adopted by the Mayor and City Council; and
5. the city-owned vacant lot on the northeast corner of Spruce and 2nd Streets be taken off the market until a date to be determined.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that WHEREAS the City purchased the property at 80 Chestnut for the purpose of providing additional parking for the proposed art center at 81 Chestnut Street; and WHEREAS in a resolution adopted July 20, 2009, City Council granted the Wyandotte Cultural and Historical Commission 45 days to find a buyer for the city-owned property at 80 Chestnut who would be willing to move the structure to another location in Wyandotte, restore the home and reside in it. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council directs the City Engineer to put this property out for competitive bid or work with any individual whose terms and conditions for moving the house are acceptable to the Mayor and City Council; AND further if no individual meets the criteria as stated above, the City may utilize available grant money or UDAG funding to move the structure to another site, such as the vacant lot (former 232-238 Chestnut) or another suitable site, then sell it to the Wyandotte Community Alliance to restore and sell on the open market.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby APPROVES the request of the Recreation, Leisure and Culture Department to close Biddle Avenue, from Ford to Plum (re-route northbound traffic on Third to Ford, southbound on Fourth from Ford) from 8:00 a.m. to Noon for Wyandotte's 66th Annual Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, November 21, 2009. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police is directed to apply to Wayne County Office of Public Service for a road closing permit and further is hereby authorized and directed to sign said permit. The City of Wyandotte assumes responsibility for all damage claims which may arise from the road closing and further the Fire Department is hereby notified to reroute emergency vehicles.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that the rezoning application as submitted by the City Engineer on August 17, 2009 on behalf of David Benedict is hereby referred to the Planning Commission.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at 515-517 Elm in the amount of \$85,000.00 to be appropriated from TIFA Area Funds; AND BE IT 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 James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council authorizes the City Engineer to apply for a grant through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, Urban and Community Forestry Program for tree planting; AND BE IT RESOLVED that Council commits to the required matching funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from account #101-448-750-244; AND FURTHER that Council grants permission to allow the trees from said grant to be planted in the City right-of-way, greenbelt areas and City parks.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the City Engineer regarding the request from Jeremy Brovage and Andrew and Kimberly Kilburn to encroach in the alley easement be hereby held in abeyance until the sewer in the easement is replaced. AND FURTHER that the City Engineer is to report back to City Council when said project is completed.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at 208-210-212 North Drive in the amount of \$47,500.00 to be appropriated from TIFA Area Funds; AND BE IT 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 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.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 24, 2009

RESOLUTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$1,803,898.36 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
YEAS: Councilmembers DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson James R. DeSana  
Supported by Councilperson Lawrence S. Stec  
That we adjourn  
Carried unanimously.  
Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.  
August 24, 2009

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Maria Johnson, Deputy City Clerk