

Wyandotte, Michigan August 29, 2011

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

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS MISCELLANEOUS

August 23, 2011

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

Honorable Mayor and City Council:

The Wyandotte Rotary Club would like to thank Tim Beaker and Fred Pischke for their hard work and dedication at the Wyandotte Shores Golf Course. Tim, Fred and the staff put together a fabulous outing for us on Tuesday, August 9th, 2011, which followed a large rain storm and closed most courses in the Downriver Area.

The Wyandotte Rotary Club has run numerous golf outing and fundraising events through the years and this year's golf outing was one of the most successful to date. The volunteers of the club and the staff worked very well together to make this a grand accomplishment.

We look forward to hosting many more outings and continue to build upon the success of this year while working with Tim, Fred and the staff of Wyandotte Shores.

Thank you,

Shawn Bumgardner, President, Rotary Club of Wyandotte

08/23/2011

Re Sidewalk on Orchard St

Dear City Council,

Silver Lining Tire Recycling would like to remove the existing sidewalk on Orchard Street between 11th St & 13thSt. This walkway is no longer utilized due to the removal of our vacant building a few years back. This walk starts after our dock area which is about halfway down on Orchard Street and continues to the corner of 13th.

There are a total (61) sidewalk slabs on Orchard Street of which (23) need to be replaced and (4) that need to be raised. We would like to remove the walk and fill in with soil and seed with grass. This would make it easier for us to maintain our property and keep the cost of repairing or replacing cement in the future on a walk that does not get used.

I have attached a photo of the walkway that we would like to remove.

Respectively,

Brian Radtke, General Manager, SilverLining TireRecycling  
3776 Eleventh St., Wyandotte, MI 48192

PERSONS IN THE AUDIENCE

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY AND OTHER OFFICIALS

August 24, 2011

Honorable Mayor and Council  
3131 Biddle Ave  
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Dear Mayor and Council,

Attached is the 2009 Water Rate Review by Courtney and associates. As with most Cost of Service and Rate Reviews, the report projected the results of the utility over a period of three (3) years. Although the Review recommended annual rate increases for 3 years, the utility did not implement the recommended rate increase on October 1, 2010. The deferral of this rate increase was possible because the Water Department worked diligently to control costs even as consumption dropped from historical levels. Unfortunately, it is no longer possible to defer a rate increase.

In order to provide sufficient revenues to cover costs, the Commission approved a \$0.10/kgals increase in the water rate, to \$1.27/kgals effective October 1, 2011. The rate increase is in the commodity charge only, not the meter charge as recommended in the Courtney report. By increasing the commodity charge, we are able to encourage conservation by our users while at the same time spreading the rate increase across all rate classes. Pages 23-24 have been updated with the new rate of \$1.27/kgals. This increase will result in a \$0.60/ month increase to an average residential customer. Even with this increase, the Department continues to offer the lowest water rates in the area.

This rate increase will provide the necessary working capital to operate the plant, cover current costs, and provide the financial resources that are necessary to maintain the cash reserves as recommended by Plante Moran.

Please note that we do not expect rate increases to be the sole financial solution. The Water Department has been successful at reducing their cost in the following areas to name a few:

- Cutting chemical consumption by increased controls and training.
- Fluoride cost savings by reducing level in accordance with EPA guidance.
- Reduced overtime as a result of water main maintenance.
- Operating costs have been reduced through maintenance contracts.
- Material purchase costs have been reduced by working with the Downriver DCC Consortium and supplier negotiations.
- Not filling personnel when a vacancy occurs.

The Commission is giving the Mayor and Council this information to comply with the 30 day notice of rate changes that has been past practice for the last several years and also to receive your input and comments regarding the fiscal stability of our utility.

Respectfully,

Melanie McCoy, Wyandotte Municipal Services  
Todd Drysdale, City Administrator

August 19, 2011  
 The Honorable Joseph R. Peterson & City Council  
 3131 Biddle Avenue, Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am writing to inform you that the Wyandotte Farmers Market will be participating in the Michigan Apple Trail Project. A total of twenty Farmers Markets throughout Southeast Michigan were selected to participate in this program and each received an apple to display at their Farmers Market. The Wyandotte Apple will be on display at the corner of First and Elm from now until September 15th the day of our Farmer's Fair. After this date, the apple will be on display at Eastern Market in Detroit. The apple was hand-painted by artist Nancy Pitel and is a wonderful representation of Downtown Wyandotte.

Market attendees are encouraged to vote for individual apples along the MI Apple Trail. Prizes will be given in multiple categories for the Apples - including a People's Choice Award - at the Eastern Market's Apple Gala and Auction on October 14, 2011. All the apples will be auctioned off as part of the Apple Gala, with proceeds from each Apple returning to the artist that created the apple. We encourage you to visit [www.miappletrail.com](http://www.miappletrail.com) and vote for Wyandotte's Apple!

On Thursday, September 15th the market will open at 12:00 noon, as usual, but will remain open late until 8:00 pm. We have planned a Farmer's Fair for that day, with a host of activities for the entire family. We will have crafts and games for the kids: Corn husk dolls, three-legged races, sack races and a tug of war with the Wyandotte Fire Department and Police Station. We will also have two food demonstrators on site that day, an ugly produce and pet contest later in the evening.

September 15th will also be the date of registration for our Second Annual Blue Ribbon Cook-off contest. This year's theme is Pie! Pies may be sweet or savory and participants must purchase at least two ingredients from vendors at the market. Judging for this contest will take place at 6:30 pm on Friday, September 16th in conjunction with The Wyandotte Business Associations Third Friday event.

I thank you for your continued support of our Farmers Market. If you have questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,  
 Natalie Rankine, RA, Downtown Development Authority Director

August, 2011  
 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 68th Annual Wyandotte Christmas Parade Saturday, November 19th, 2011.

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, Heather A. Thiede, Special Event Coordinator

August 24, 2011

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

Dear Honorable Mayor Peterson and Members of City Council,

Attached, please find the Special Event application from St. Patrick, St. Joseph and St. Elizabeth Church to hold Mass in the Park on September 10th 2011 in Bishop Park.

This event has been reviewed and approved by the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Superintendent of the Department of Public Service and Superintendent of Recreation. Please review this event for its impact and see the attached event application.

Thank you very much

Sincerely, Heather A. Thiede, Special Event Coordinator

August 24, 2011

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

Re: Former 122 Perry Place

Dear Mayor Peterson and Council Members:

Attached please find a Purchase Agreement to sell the above captioned property, including garage, to Michael and Danielle Hakala, the adjacent property owners, at 128 Perry Place, Wyandotte, in the amount of \$3,500.00. The combination of the two (2) parcels will result in one (1) parcel measuring 60' x 108.76'

If Council concurs with these sales, the attached Resolution will authorize Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents.

Very truly yours,

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

August 24, 2011

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:  
\*documents on file in the City Clerk's Office.

853-855 Pine \$17,900.00 TWA Area Funds – 855 Pine Two Family Dwelling  
853 Pine 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

REPORTS AND MINUTES:

Recreation Commission	August 16, 2011
Wyandotte Cultural & Historical Commission	April 14, 2011
Wyandotte Cultural & Historical Commission	May 12, 2011
Wyandotte Cultural & Historical Commission	June 9, 2011
Wyandotte Cultural & Historical Commission	August 11, 2011
Police Commission Meeting	August 9, 2011
Fire Commission Meeting	August 9, 2011
Fire Commission Meeting	August 23, 2011
Police Commission Meeting	August 23, 2011
Beautification Commission Meeting	August 10, 2011

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Richard Miller, 1202 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, regarding item #4, rentals can be a problem. Thanks for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street resurfacing.

RECESSRECONVENINGROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

HEARING

SHOW CAUSE HEARING RELATIVE TO THE  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 642 FORD AVENUE

No one present.

The following were placed on file:

Minutes of the meetings in Engineering on 6/30/11 and 8/10/11  
Property maintenance letters  
Inspection reports on said property

RESOLUTIONS

Wyandotte, Michigan August 29, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

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 Todd M. Browning  
Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda  
ROLL ATTACHED

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Shawn Bumgardner, President Rotary Club of Wyandotte thanking Tim Beaker and Fred Pischke for their hard work and dedication at the Wyandotte Shores Golf Course during their Golf Outing that took place on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 is hereby received and placed on file. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of said communication be forwarded to Mr. Beaker and Mr. Pischke.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.  
 MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
 Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda  
 ROLL ATTACHED

Wyandotte, Michigan August 29, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from Brian Radtke, General Manager, Silver Lining Tire Recycling relative to the removal of a sidewalk on Orchard Street between 11th and 13th Streets is hereby referred to the City Engineer and Department of Legal Affairs for a review and report back to Council in two (2) weeks.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.  
 MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
 Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda  
 YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec  
 NAYS: None

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the Wyandotte Municipal Service General Manager, Municipal Service Commission and City Administrator to adopt the proposed Water Service Rate Adjustment as set forth in the cost of service update outlined in said communication effective October 1, 2011.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.  
 MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
 Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda  
 YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Sabuda, Stec  
 NAYS: Councilman Galeski

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the communication from the Downtown Development Authority Director outlining the Michigan Apple Trail Project to take place in Wyandotte displaying the Wyandotte Apple until the September 15, 2011 Farmer's Market and the Second Annual Blue Ribbon Cook-off contest registration on September 15, 2011 with judging for this contest to take place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 16, 2011 in conjunction with the Wyandotte Business Associations Third Friday event is hereby received and placed on file.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.  
 MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning  
 Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda  
 YEAS: Councilmembers Browning DeSana Fricke Galeski Sabuda Stec  
 NAYS: None

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council hereby APPROVES the request of the Recreation, Leisure and Cultural Department and Special Events Coordinator 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 12:00 noon for Wyandotte's 68th Annual Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 2011. 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 on behalf of the City of Wyandotte. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 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. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Service be notified for coordination of same.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council GRANTS permission to St. Patricks, St. Joseph and St. Elizabeth Churches to hold a Mass in Bishop Park on September 10, 2011, utilizing the south end grassy area from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., provided a Hold Harmless Agreement is executed as prepared by the Department of Legal Affairs.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 29, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the communication from the City Engineer and City Assessor dated August 24, 2011, regarding the former 122 Perry Place, Wyandotte; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that council accepts the offer from Michael and Danielle Hakala to acquire the former 233 Perry Place including garage in the amount of \$3,500.00; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Legal Affairs is hereby directed to prepare the necessary documents and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said documents.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that Council CONCURS with the recommendation of the City Engineer to acquire the property at 853-855 Pine in the amount of \$17,900.00 to be appropriated from TIFA Area Funds; AND BE IT FURTHER 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.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: Councilman Galeski

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RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that WHEREAS a hearing was held on August 29, 2011, where all parties were given an opportunity to show cause, if any they had, why the building at 642 Ford, Wyandotte should not be demolished, removed or otherwise made safe, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council considered all reports and recommendation of the Hearing Officer and the City Engineer's Office and all other facts and considerations were brought to their attention at said hearing; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council hereby directs that said building located at 642 Ford Avenue, Wyandotte, should be DEMOLISHED and that the cost be assessed against the property in question as a lien. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parties of interest shall be forwarded as copy of this resolution forthwith so that they may appeal this decision to the Circuit Court within twenty-one (21) days of the date of this resolution if they so desire.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 29, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the Council meeting of September 5, 2011 is hereby CANCELLED due to the LABOR DAY HOLIDAY.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

Wyandotte, Michigan August 29, 2011

RESOLUTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

RESOLVED by the City Council that the total bills and accounts in the amount of \$1,297,388.90 as presented by the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby APPROVED for payment.

I move the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

YEAS: Councilmembers Browning, DeSana, Fricke, Galeski, Sabuda, Stec

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilperson Todd M. Browning

Supported by Councilperson Leonard Sabuda

That we adjourn.

Carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 8:25 PM

August 29, 2011

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William R. Griggs, City Clerk