

**CITY OF WAYLAND
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008**

Mayor Stein opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Larry Scheidel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Stein, Council Members Doug Shafer, Sheryl Hamilton, Greg Maichele, Bruce Patrick, Mark Holloway, Jennifer Antel.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Deborah Nier, City Clerk Michelle Herman, Deputy City Manager Heath Kaplan, Director of City Services Pierre Brazeau, Police Chief Dan Miller, Diane Smith, Tim Bala, Ron Kobish, Joseph Miller, Char Weik, Larry Scheidel, Bob Genetski, Diane Smith, Emma Antel, Hugh DeWeerd, Robert Marutz, James Hunderman, Jeffrey Gentner, Ed Haller, Erin J. Koopman, Jon Jensen, Don Black.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

RE: Consideration of Vacating Pearl Street

Mayor Stein opened Public Hearing @ 7:02 p.m.

Eivor Swan, Superintendent of the Wayland Union Public Schools explained the site plans to council. Greg Rutten, Principal of Pine Street Middle School provided additional details of the proposed site plan to the council.

- 1) **Hugh DeWeerd – 417 South Main Street** – Asked to verify ownership of School Street.
- 2) **Diane Smith – 309 So. Main Street** – Questioned the purpose of blocking the street.
- 3) **Jon Jensen – 3525 7th Street** – Liked the idea of playground area.
- 4) **Jim Hunderman – 311 W. Sycamore** – Opposed, concerned about losing use of street.
- 5) **Bob Genetsh – 225 W. Sycamore** – Opposed, concerned about emergency responses.
- 6) **Ed Haller – 312 Cedar St** – Questioned what community & school is gaining.
- 7) **Larry Scheidel – 445 Falcon Drive** – Suggested construction of underground tunnel.
- 8) **Erin Koopman – 136 Plum Street** – Teacher, feels the project addresses student safety issues.

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Mayor Stein closed Public Hearing @ 7:37 p.m.

Motion to table item to the May 19th, 2008 meeting, allowing a traffic count to be conducted prior to further action. Motion made by Council Member Jennifer Antel, motion supported by Council Member Doug Schafer.

All Ayes. **Motion Passed.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by Council Member Shafer to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2008 Council Meeting with corrections. Motion was made by Council Member Antel. Motion was by Council Member Doug Shafer.

All ayes. **Motion passed.**

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Bob Genetski introduced himself as a candidate running for the 88th District Republican seat.

COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- (a) **Minutes of the March 19, 2008 Park Committee Meeting were acknowledged for file.**
- (b) **Minutes of the March 19, 2008 Downtown Task Force were acknowledged for file.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS:

Council Member Doug Shafer questioned tire expense item, asking if this could be an insurance claim item. Heath Kaplan will submit to the insurance company.

Council Member Sheryl Hamilton questioned the use of the Kent County Health Dept for water testing.

Motion made by Council Member Hamilton to approve the bills and accounts as written. Council Member Maichele seconded the motion.

All Ayes: Motion Passed

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OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Set Public Hearing For DDA Plan Amendment. Resolution 2008-06

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to amend the DDA term from 2018 to 2030 for the purpose to cover any future bond requirements. A bond could not be issued for a longer term without the amendment. Council Member Patrick made a motion to pass Resolution 2008-06 for the purpose of setting a date of May 19, 2008 for a Public Hearing for the DDA Plan Amendment. Motion was seconded by Council Member Maichele.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Holloway, Maichele, Patrick, Shafer, Antel, Hamilton, Stein

Nays: None

Motion Passed.

b) Resolution to Vacate Pearl Street. Resolution 2008-07.

No Discussion

c) Consideration of Proposed Parade Policy.

Council Member Shafer made a motion to approved the Parade Policy. Motion was seconded by Council Member Antel.

All Ayes. Motion Passed.

d) Emerald Ash Bore Treatment – Additional Treatment (Added Item)

Discussion: 25 – 30 trees where miss counted or miss-labeled in the survey provided by the City. The tree survey is being updated as Ash trees are treated. Allegan County has been declared an Emerald Ash Bore Disaster Area. Pierre Brazeau indicated the contractor estimated an additional \$1,000 - \$1,200 to complete the treatment.

Council Member Shafer made a motion to approve the additional treatment “NOT TO EXCEED” \$1,200.00. Motion was seconded by Council Member Antel.

All Ayes:

Abstain: Council Member Holloway.

Motion Passed.

Deputy City Manager Heath Kaplan confirmed this program could be funded through the Special Road Fund. Under the Metro Act, this is an allowable expense.

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CITY MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Antel asked Doug Shafer to consider run in conjunction with Kiwanis Kids Day.

Council Member Patrick requested extra minutes and agenda's be available at the meetings for the Public.

Council Member Holloway mentioned there were approximately 72 people using the park. Holloway was happy to see the park being used.

Council Member Shafer mention the traffic count for the Pearl Street project is important.

Mayor Stein reminded everyone about the April 28, 2008 meeting at Wayland Township Hall. The Inter-Governmental Meeting will begin at 6:00.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None.

Mayor Stein adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Herman, City Clerk

Burrell Stein, Mayor