

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
Monday, February 3, 2020
City Hall Conference Room
301 South LeRoy Street
7:30 PM

Mayor Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bottecelli, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Sage.
Absent: None.
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Bob Cairnduff, Fire Chief; Mike Reilly, Building/Zoning Official; Dan Brisson, DPW Director.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

FIRE CITY EMS REPORT 2019

Fire Chief, Cairnduff gave an overview and history of the ambulance service in the city. Cairnduff advised the contract the city has with STAT EMS is the only one of its type in the county. The city pays nothing to have the contract with STAT as the cost is paid by the user. He further advised the average response time for ambulance service was 10-15 minutes in 2004 and would require a response by the fire department as well. With the contract with STAT and how the city is covered, there have only been three calls last year that required mutual aid.

Joe Karlichek, Chief of Operations for STAT EMS presented the 2019 Emergency Medical Service report. He advised STAT is entering into their 10th year of providing service to the city. Karlichek stated through strong efforts, ambulance response times to the City of Fenton have been cut nearly in half and coverage to the city is consistent. Karlichek advised he is proud to be a part of the first ever “direct dispatch” method in Genesee County. He advised STAT will be partnering with McLaren Health Care in the new free-standing emergency department that is expected to open in March 2020.

Lockwood inquired regarding the choice to be transported to the McLaren Emergency Facility, Karlichek advised yes. Markland asked what type of patients will be going to McLaren. Karlichek stated he is cautious in answering as the protocols need to be discussed at the Medical Control Board level. Karlichek stated, chest pain, overdoses, diabetes issues, and trouble breathing would likely be some of the calls for service that could be handled. Jacob inquired what protocol is in place for people without insurance. Karlichek advised they have a hardship policy that could help. Sage asked if they knew what factors went into putting the emergency facility here in Fenton. Karlichek advised he did not know.

Karlichek thanked the city for their continued trust and support and thanked the Fire Department, Police Department and 9-1-1 Dispatch for the partnership they have developed.

BUILDING/ZONING DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE

Reilly advised the current fee schedule has been in place since 2012. He requested an updated fee schedule from the consultants to insure the costs are being covered. He discovered

the fees were not in line with the expenditures. The proposed schedule of fees would address consultant costs and adjust for inflation.

Lockwood asked for Reilly for a comparison on Monday before it is voted on. Reilly will furnish the comparison to council.

This item will go to the next council meeting agenda for action.

SAW GRANT PURCHASE OF GIS LOCATOR

Brisson advised the GIS Locator is an eligible tool under the asset management portion of the SAW Grant. It is used to reference an exact location via GPS for the purposes of locating any utility that is mapped in the city's GIS system. It will be useful for underground water distribution, storm and sewer utilities where DPW can work with North Arrow for any GIS mapping changes, additions, or deletions.

Brisson advised there is adequate funding in the Water Operating and Sewer Operating Budget to cover the net cost of the equipment. The total cost is \$8,270, the SAW grant will reimburse 90% of the cost, and the city's portion will be \$827.

This item will go on the next council meeting agenda for action.

HEATED TACK TANK PURCHASE

Brisson advised, in the summer of 2019, the DPW began a new hot mix asphalt repair program and applied over 500 tons of hot mix and 13,500 pounds of crack fill material to repair and extend service life on city streets. While performing the repairs, the ability to apply asphalt emulsion primer quickly and evenly was a weak point in the program. The purchase of a heated tack tank would improve the quality and efficiency by evenly and quickly applying tack coat primer.

Markland advised of his concern regarding the governor's plan to bond for state road improvements. The 2021 funds, approximately \$400,000 which the municipalities were to receive, did not show in her plan. His concern is those funds will go to pay for the bonds. Markland stated the weight limits, which are set by the legislature, are very high which causes damage to Michigan's roads. The municipalities will have to find ways to pay for the local road repairs and possibly without the \$400K that was anticipated.

Grossmeyer inquired if the tack tank would need regular cleaning. Brisson advised the new equipment has a cleaner built into the tank.

This item will be on the agenda at the next council meeting for action.

FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Cairnduff advised he has been working with the City Attorney on updates to the Fire Prevention and Protection Ordinance. Most of the changes relate to open burning. Currently there is language that allows a resident to request burn permits. The city does not allow any open burning besides recreational fires. The language changes would reflect actual practices by updating terminology and clarifying definitions. The revision would still ban any open flame devices on balconies of multi-family units.

McDermott questioned if the open flame was for grills and fryers. Cairnduff replied, both.

This item will be on the next council meeting for a first reading.

BUSINESS FIRE INSPECTIONS

Cairnduff gave an overview of the current fire inspection process. He advised most of the businesses have been easy to work with. The issue they are encountering is that in some of the cases, they are having to go back to the business too many times to get the violations cleared.

Cairnduff stated he would like to have more teeth in the enforcement and would like to establish a penalty procedure where a municipal civil infraction would be issued if the violations are not cleared in a timely manner. He is requesting a resolution to establish a fee schedule for the follow up inspections. The business would receive at no charge, the initial inspection and one follow up inspection. After that, they would be subject to a municipal civil infraction ticket. The first non-compliance inspection would be \$50; the second \$75; and every additional non-compliance inspection would be \$150.

This item will be on the agenda at the next council meeting for action.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Bottecelli would like to see the food truck ordinance discussion move forward soon.

Grossmeyer commented the Cabin Fever Series went well, great event. Inquired if there was any thought or discussion regarding building a new city hall and police department with the bonds being paid off next year for the DPW and fire hall.

Sage commented the Cabin Fever Series was a success.

Lockwood advised the Veteran's Memorial Committee met last week, plans are coming along very well. Freedom Festival Committee met and named the Fenton Regional Chamber of Commerce as the Grand Marshal this year.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Brisson advised the lights were installed for the roundabout on January 17th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Sue Walsh

Date Approved: February 24, 2020