

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
Monday, June 4, 2018
City Hall Conference Room
301 South LeRoy Street
7:30 PM

Mayor Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bottecelli, Draves, Grossmeyer, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith.
Absent: None.
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Chris Patterson, Legal Counsel; Dan Czarnecki, DPW Director; Steve Guy, Water Plant Supervisor.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Bev Vondra gave an overview and invited all to attend the National Night Out Event at Hyatt Elementary School in Linden scheduled for August 7, 2018. The event will honor and recognize City of Linden, City of Fenton, Argentine Township and Fenton Township men and women who dedicate their lives to public safety.

NEW WATER PLANT OPERATOR

Guy introduced Jonathon Barancik as the new water treatment facility attendant. Osborn and Council welcomed him to the City.

PROLIME PROPOSAL TO CLEAN OUT THE LAGOONS

Guy stated while one pond is cleaned out, the other is in use. At present water usage rates, it takes about one year to fill a pond which then sits for another year dewatering period so it becomes manageable to clean out with a backhoe. The lime is taken to farmers who are in need of it for their fields. Prolime Inc. has submitted a proposal for the clean out of the two ponds and were the lowest bidder. Guy reviewed a spreadsheet of the past 10 years of pond cleaning which shows the price per cubic yard pointing out that the costs have dropped significantly since 2008. The price per cubic yard quoted from Prolime for 2018 is more than 2016, this year it is time clean the larger pond. Prolime representative stated there has only been a 5% increase since 2014 which is due to trucking costs that are up between 40-50%. This item will go to the next Council meeting for action.

APM MOSQUITO CONTROL CONTRACT

Markland advised this is the same company and program the city has been using. APM representative advised they are offering a two year agreement this time, if the city is interested. This item will go to the next Council meeting for action.

SAW GRANT

Czarnecki advised earlier this year the city was awarded our SAW Grant. This grant was offered by the MDEQ to help communities look into their storm water and wastewater systems and develop an asset management plan that includes long-term capital improvement plans for those two systems. The city applied for the grant in late 2013 and we were placed in the final year of funding. The total project is \$993,686.00 which is divided between storm water (\$443,511) and wastewater (\$550,175). The grant funding is \$894,317.00 and the city match portion being \$99,369 (10%). The project work includes review of the storm water and wastewater systems, inspection of roughly 30% of each system, digitizing the assets into our GIS system, prepare 5 year and 10 year CIP's, review utility revenues and expenditures and provide information to eliminate any funding gaps that might be found.

Osborn inquired if the cemetery was included, Juidici stated, no. This item will go to the next Council meeting for action.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISCUSSION

Markland reviewed the PASER rating chart that was prepared two years ago stating something needs to be done with the roads sooner than later. GAP funding that will be available in 2021 will be \$500,000 per year, however, there needs to be a bridge to 2021. Markland stated there will need to be a millage. He reviewed what each millage rate levied would bring in revenue over 10 years:

- 1.61 mils – 500K
- 2.42 mils - 750K
- 3.23 mils – 1M
- 4.04 mils – 1.25M
- 4.84 mils – 1.5 M
- 6.45 mils – 2M

Markland advised since the City Charter only allows for a three year millage, the ballot language would have to address changing it to ten years. Markland stated there will be grant funds for some major streets, but there will be more roads needing repair.

Lockwood stated the millage wording needs to be clear this money is for roads. Markland stated once we know the mils, we will be able to answer the cost per taxpayer.

Sage questioned if it is cheaper to maintain newer streets over the older roads and would some be better to take back to gravel. Markland replied, it is not the age, but condition of the road for repairs and it would not be better to take back to gravel as there are maintenance costs associated with gravel roads as well, along with the damage that could be done to the base.

Dawn Overmyer stated her subdivision roads can't wait another two years and would be happy to help education the residence on the need for the millage.

Consensus from Council was to have a special meeting to bring together a complete plan. Schultz will look at combing the millage and charter amendment together along with the question of spending public funds to educate residence on the millage.

LAFF PATHWAY

Jacob Mauer, Genesee County Transportation Planner gave a presentation regarding the LAFF overall goal to connect the surrounding areas with a series of pathways. Mauer will bring further information when the commitment from other communities is complete.

RESOLUTION 18-10 CENSURE OF COUNCILWOMAN CHERIE SMITH

Schultz prepared a draft resolution for discussion regarding the censure of Smith. Schultz distributed the resolution for all to review and advised no one has seen the draft prior to the meeting other than the City Manager. Council reviewed the resolution and was given the opportunity to edit or adopt. Consensus was the resolution covered the Councils intent. Lockwood asked to have the resolution read, Osborn did so. Smith requested the wording be amended from “imprints” to imprint. Council agreed to the amendment.

Smith stated she was advised by her attorney not to write a letter of apology to the paper as she has already publically apologized and to abstain from the vote.

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and seconded by Draves to allow Smith to abstain from voting on Resolution 18-10.

Motion was adopted by voice vote.

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by Grossmeyer to approve Resolution 18-10 to Censure City Council member Cherie Smith for her actions and to amend the word imprints to imprint.

Yeas: Draves, Grossmeyer, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith, Bottecelli.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
Abstain: Smith. **Motion carried by roll call vote.**

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Osborn thanked Lockwood for the presentation that was made at the Mackinaw conference. Beautiful job was done on the planting day last Saturday. Osborn advised the meeting on June 25th will be cancelled due to her and Lockwood being out of town. The next meeting will be the July 2nd work session.

Lockwood thanked all for the great job on planting day and advised of the DIA bus tour on Sunday.

Smith advised of a text complaint she received regarding the mowing of the grass at the community garden as the grass was blown into the garden. Hart advised he would look into the situation.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

April Bland voiced her anger with Smith regarding the hand imprint and thanked Council for approving the Resolution. Bland asked Council to have Smith charged for destruction of property.

Osborn asked for a direction from Council to have this matter taken further. Lockwood inquired if there was a cost to the city for the repair. Markland stated, no. Consensus was to see if charges could be filed.

Dawn Overmyer voiced her displeasure and anger with Smith for her actions. She thanked Draves and Hart for their hard work on Saturday at the Community Planting Day.

Sage stated his disappointment at the TriCounty Times for viewing the Smith situation as a prank.

Council members advised censure is the most stringent punishment of a public official.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Sue Walsh

Date Approved: July 9, 2018