

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
Wednesday, May 14, 2014
City Hall Conference Room
301 South LeRoy Street
6:00 PM

Mayor Sue Osborn called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Bland, Grossmeyer, Jacob, King, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn.
Absent: None.
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Dan Czarnecki, Director of Public Works,
and Tim Juidici, City Engineer

CITIZENS COMMENTS - None.

ROADS MAINTENANCE PLAN AND FUNDING

Markland stated the City Council requested a work session to discuss roads. The Five Year Roads Maintenance Program prepared by OHM was provided to Council and presented at the January work session but the major issue that needs to be addressed is how to fund road improvements. He stated without funding, most items in the plan cannot be completed and there are not a lot of options other than a millage. In looking at the five year forecast, he thinks the Council should consider putting a package together, rather than having separate millages at two different elections, that would address both the roads and general fund issues.

Osborn asked Council for their feelings on the issue. All Council members agreed that a millage is needed to fund improvements to local roads. Several options were discussed regarding how many mils are needed for local road improvements, whether or not curb and gutter would be included in any potential millage and the possibility of pairing a roads millage with a Headlee override or a millage for public safety or infrastructure.

Tim Juidici of OHM reviewed the Road Maintenance Program that was first presented to Council in June 2013. The program explains the PASER system used to rate the conditions of the roads. Juidici reviewed charts on pages 17, 18 and 20 that depict the road conditions. Page 18 shows how the average remaining service life for all streets would change based on the type and amount of work completed over a 10-year period. Pages 17 (overall road network) and 20 (local road network) depict how the overall PASER rating of streets would be impacted based on various funding scenarios.

Council discussed millage options and the need to educate the public about what the revenue from any potential new roads millage would be used for. Tim Juidici will gather information from local municipalities that have been successful in passing a local roads millage.

Consensus of the Council was to move forward with exploring the option of a local roads millage. Juidici will work on various funding scenarios to adequately maintain/repair local roads. Administration will work on information regarding the number of mils that would be needed and how many years the millage should be in place to complete the necessary work. When information from both Tim Juidici and Administration has been compiled, this will come back to City Council for further discussion and possible action. From there further information will need to be developed that can be presented to the public and taken to various homeowners

associations and other groups that explain what fixes will be done to the roads should the millage pass.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS – None.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – Doug Tebo, 409 Bent Oak Street, commented he feels the time is right for a roads millage. He asked if any new roads require curb and gutter. Czarnecki responded yes. Mr. Tebo commented in 1986 when he lived in Linden, he took up a petition to get his neighborhood roads paved and specified that curb and gutter is included. He stated those roads are still in good shape and very little work has been needed on them.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved: May 27, 2014