

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Special Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2014
Fenton Community Center
150 South LeRoy Street

Mayor Sue Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Bland, Grossmeyer, Jacob, King, Lockwood, Osborn
Absent: McDermott
Others Present: Steve Schultz, City Attorney; Lynn Markland, City Manager; Mike Burns, Assistant City Manager

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

A. PLANS TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION ON THE COMMUNITY CENTER RESTORATION PROJECT.

Sue Osborn reviewed Exhibit A, Income Sources; Exhibit B, Revenue Sources; Exhibit C, Expenditures; and Exhibit D, Scope of Work for the Community Center Restoration Project. There is a shortfall of approximately \$88,000 with a contingency fund of \$15,000. Osborn thanked Lockwood and Dr. Burek for their hard work on their fundraising efforts. Osborn went on to say that she wants to make sure that all council members are in favor of going forward with the project. She stated that all council members must be onboard with the decision to proceed as it needs to be a council, not an individual's project and called for remarks.

Markland suggested the permits and tap in fees could be collected and then returned as a commitment to the project from the City. The fees would total \$27, 500. Markland commented that the initial part of the fundraising was done during one of the worst economic times and expects the donations to be more generous.

Lockwood stated that fundraising and grants would continue throughout the project. Lockwood advised that \$170,000 of solid pledges will come in within the next 30 days. Lockwood stated that she feels there will be more opportunities for grant funds and pledges as the project moves forward. Lockwood cautioned that until the pledge monies are in hand they cannot be counted. Lockwood stated that there are fundraising strategies that will be followed and that once the project begins, she is cautiously optimistic that the funds will be there. Lockwood also stated that once the project goes forward, it is quite possible that the pledges may be more substantial than originally promised.

King stated that once construction is approved, everyone needs to get onboard with helping with the fundraising. King agreed that once the project moves forward, donations and fundraising opportunities will increase.

Bland stated that the project must move forward. He also stated that once the community sees the project physically begin, the donations will follow and does not feel there will be a problem to meet financial needs.

Grossmeyer stated that once ground is broke, the contributions will come in faster. He also stated that he feels very confident that the shortage will be covered and that stopping the project now would hurt fundraising efforts.

Jacob stated that he has faith in the community and is sure the goal will be met, if not exceeded.

All council members unanimously agreed that the restoration project is important and needs to go forward.

A motion was made by Bland and seconded by Grossmeyer to approve plans to proceed with construction on the Community Center Restoration Project.

YEAS: Bland, Grossmeyer, Jacob, King, Lockwood, Osborn.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: McDermott

Motion was carried by roll call vote.

B. INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF BOND SALE FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER RESTORATION PROJECT FROM \$1,000,000.00 TO \$1,100,000.00.

Osborn questioned if the council should increase the bond sale. Osborn stated she is concerned with the unknown part of the construction which is where overages and unexpected expenses can eat up the contingency part of the budget. Osborn stated she is concerned with the foundation part of construction where overages and unexpected expenses can be quite a bit more expensive than estimated. Once the project gets past the foundation segment, she would feel more at ease and increasing the bond sale by \$100,000 would give the project more security.

Bland stated that he did not feel there would be any foundation issues as the DPW has dug in the area in the past without a problem.

Brad Alvord from Lindhout said it is possible that they could uncover unforeseen problems when putting in the foundation, however, the boring tests in the area of the addition have not uncovered any issues at present.

Lockwood asked if raising the bond would change the timeline.

Markland stated it should not change the timeline.

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and seconded by Jacob to approve raising the sale of bonds from \$1,000,000.00 to \$1,100,000.00.

YEAS: Bland, Grossmeyer, Jacob, King, Lockwood, Osborn.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: McDermott

Motion was carried by roll call vote.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Deputy Clerk, Sue Walsh

Date approved: April 14, 2014