

**CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Monday, January 9, 2006**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**301 South Leroy Street**

Meeting was call to order by Mayor Osborn at 7:30 P.M.

The Lord's prayer was recited, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Angeluski, Hammond, King, Moffitt, North, Osborn, Rauch.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Michael Senyko, City Manager; Christopher Wren, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Schultz, Legal Counsel; Richard Aro, Police Chief; Melinda Carrier, City Clerk; Tonya Molloseau, Deputy Assessor; Amanda Carrigan, Assessor; Mark Tallman, Metropolitan Growth Alliance; Mike Borg, Century Tool & Gage; Brent Morgan, Economic Development Director.

**AWARDS**

Chief Aro presented Sergeant Jason Slater, Officer Jeffrey Cross and Officer Dan Forbush with the Life Saving Award. Detective Ronald Skarzynski was unable to attend, but will be presented a Meritorious Service award at a later meeting.

**MINUTES**

Moved by King, seconded by Rauch to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2005 work session, the December 12, 2005 special work session and the December 12, 2005 regular meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Moved by Rauch, seconded by North to authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$212,810.06.

Yeas: Rauch, Angeluski, Hammond, King, Moffitt, North, Osborn.

Nays: None.

Absent: None. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES & REPORTS**

Moved by King, seconded by North to place on file the following correspondence and minutes:

- Minutes of the October 11, 2005 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.
- Minutes of the November 15, 2005 Downtown Development Authority meeting.
- Notice of public hearing for the customers of Consumers Energy.

Motion carried by voice vote.

**ORDINANCE NO. 632**

Carrier explained that due to uneven registration numbers, it has become necessary to adjust

precinct boundaries for precincts 3 & 4. Because of more stringent requirements for polling place accessibility, the Election Commission also recommends that all polling locations be changed to the St. John Activity Center on Adelaide. It provides ample parking and is fully handicap accessible.

Osborn opened the public hearing.

Linda Primeau, 927 State Road, stated she felt this was an excellent idea.

Hearing nothing further from the audience, the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Angeluski, seconded by Hammond to adopt Ordinance No. 632 which amends the Fenton Code of Ordinances by adjusting precinct boundaries and changing polling locations in the City of Fenton. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **CENTURY TOOL AND GAGE IFT RESOLUTION NO. 06-01**

Molloseau presented background information to Council. Carrigan explained the IFT process. Senyko noted that Council as a rule limits exemptions to five years to follow the time frame of the City's five year financial plan. Borg explained it is the intent of Century Tool and Gage to purchase new machinery with the tax dollars saved. It was noted that this new machinery will allow the company to remain competitive in the business. In addition, they expect to hire approximately six new employees.

Osborn opened the public hearing. Hearing nothing from the audience, the public hearing was closed.

Moved by Hammond, seconded by North to adopt Resolution No. 06-01 approving the application of Century Tool and Gage for a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption.

Yeas: Hammond, King, Moffitt, North, Osborn, Rauch, Angeluski.

Nays: None.

Absent: None. Resolution declared adopted.

### **CREATIVE FOAM IFT RESOLUTION NO. 06-02**

Molloseau presented the background information to Council. David Swallow of Creative Foam noted this is a business which employs approximately fifty people.

Osborn opened the public hearing.

Linda Primeau, 927 State Road, inquired about any previous applications.

Mark Tallman, Genesee County Growth Alliance, explained that helping these businesses through tax exemptions, will help keep them in town .

Hearing nothing further from the audience, Osborn closed the public hearing.

Moved by Rauch, seconded by King to adopt Resolution No. 06-02 approving the application of Creative Foam for a five (5) year Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption.

Yeas: King, Moffitt, North, Osborn, Rauch, Angeluski, Hammond.

Nays: None.

Absent: None. Resolution declared adopted.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 06-03**

Senyko explained this resolution is necessary to continue the special assessment process for curb and gutter on Ellen Street by allowing for Council's review of the special assessment roll and setting a public hearing to accept citizens' comments. It also orders notification of the property owners of all property abutting the described improvement.

Moved by North, seconded by Hammond to adopt Resolution No. 06-03 and set a public hearing for February 13, 2006.

Yeas: Moffitt, North, Osborn, Rauch, Angeluski, Hammond, King.

Nays: None.

Absent: None. Resolution declared adopted.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD APPOINTMENT**

North inquired as to whether there were other applications on file. There was a question about an applicant who had been previously approved by the board and recommended for appointment by the council.

Moved by North, seconded by Rauch to table the appointment of Pete Medor to the Parks and Recreation Board until other possible applications are reviewed. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT**

Moved by Osborn, seconded by King to appoint Lorraine Sprague to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire February 1, 2009. Motion carried by voice vote

### **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Jack Minore of Flint, is visiting all local units of government to inform them he will be running for a Senate seat this year.

Sharon Howell and Elaine Eldrid, both East Street residents, expressed their appreciation for the City's efforts in demolishing the house at 109 S. East Street.

Cheri Smith, 200 Union Street, requested that Council not consider the company which employs former Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May employees to be named as the City's engineering firm.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Senyko informed Council he has recently been asked to be a member of the Board of Directors for the Genesee County Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Moffitt requested that agenda packets be delivered on Thursday if possible. Senyko will look into it.

North inquired about the status of the Lincoln Street property and whether it would revert back to the City. She also suggested the City be aggressive on restriping the downtown parking areas. Senyko assured her that he will proceed with the parking items after input from the DDA and Planning Commission.

Angeluski stated he does not want his name associated with the Southern Lakes Planning Initiative, noting he is concerned about the lack of public education on any tax increases which would be required to pay for the proposed program. Osborn assured Council that she did not call a special council meeting and therefore our City Council was not required to attend. Senyko offered to attend to obtain information for the Council.

King, also referring to the initiative, pointed out that the City of Fenton already has emergency services, utilities and a library in place and should not share in the cost associated with combining those

services. She then advised Senyko that she would like to see Council meet to discuss several issues such as goals. Senyko encouraged Council to express any ideas they may have at the goal setting work session.

Hammond explained that the Southern Lakes Planning Initiative consists of Tyrone Township, Argentine Township, City of Linden, Fenton Township and the City of Fenton. He and Scott Grossmeyer represent Fenton at the meetings. He went on to explain the purpose of the initiative and the events leading up to the upcoming meeting. He and Grossmeyer have made several requests for information to bring back to Council and the Planning Commission, but they have not received anything. He also explained that Council can look at the benefits to the City and opt out of the plan if they so choose. Schultz supported that statement, noting that the City can't be forced to give up its governmental jurisdiction. Hammond also pointed out that the information has been taken to the press and he did not feel the plan was ready for publicity. Angeluski pointed out that it was reported that use of water was a predominant issue in the survey results and expressed concerns about use of the City's water supply.

#### **LEGAL COUNSEL**

Schultz reported arbitration has been completed with the Teamsters on orthodontics coverage. He also stated the DDA minutes reflect discussion on the use of the old firehall. He will discuss with the DDA attorney and bring it to the Council. Also, Schultz will send Council copies of a Lansing State Journal article on arsenic standards in drinking water which reported that Fenton was way out front in compliance.

#### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Osborn reminded Council that Small Cities will be January 11<sup>th</sup> at Mr. Brown's on Linden Road.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Osborn, seconded by Hammond to enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing strategy related to collective bargaining agreements.

Yeas: North, Osborn, Rauch, Angeluski, Hammond, King, Moffitt.

Nays: None.

Absent: None. Motion carried.

Recessed to closed session at 9:22 PM.

Reconvened to open session at 10:05 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM.

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Sue Osborn, Mayor

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Melinda Carrier, City Clerk