

**CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Monday, January 13, 2014**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**301 South LeRoy Street**

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

The invocation for the evening was the Lord's Prayer and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bland, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn.  
Absent: King (excused).  
Others Present: Mike Burns, Assistant City Manager; Police Lieutenant Jason Slater; Bob Cairnduff, Fire Chief and Chris Patterson, Legal Counsel.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Osborn wished all a Happy New Year and thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and D.P.W. for their work during the recent power outage, blizzard and ice storm. She stated the forecast breakfast with the Chamber of Commerce is tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. at the Community Center and encouraged all to attend. During the last month, three grants have been worked on and she expressed appreciation for everyone involved with the process.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Burns reported the following:

- He is working the City Attorney preparing a loan agreement for the Corlin Group to sign; the DDA will approve the agreement at their next meeting. He is in the process of developing a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Agreement, similar to a condominium agreement that ensures they adhere to the guidelines of the PUD district. It will be looked at by the Planning Commission before coming to City Council.
- Consumers Energy will be working in the area of Shiawassee Avenue and River Street between January 18<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> doing prep work for the streetscape project.
- Thanked the Police Department, Fire Department and D.P.W. for their work during last weekend's storm.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Lockwood thanked City employees for their work during last week's storms and commended City residents for helping each other during the storm. She stated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Freedom Festival meetings begin this month and the parade Grand Marshall will be selected at the first meeting.

Bland thanked City staff for a job well done during the recent storm.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

None.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ben Smith, 200 Union Street, asked to speak on agenda item D – Extension of Republic Services Contract.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Bland and seconded by McDermott to approve the consent agenda containing the following items:

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$143,316.85.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the November 14, 2013 Oakwood Cemetery Board meeting, the November 21, 2013 Planning Commission meeting, the December 2, 2013 City Council Work Session and the December 9, 2013 City Council meetings.
- Appoint Helena Krzeminski, Karen Piacentini, Denise Penwell, Becky Harrington and Dawn Overmyer to the Beautification Commission.

YEAS: Bland, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: King. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Lockwood stated she is the City Council representative to the Beautification Commission and before tonight's appointments there was only her and one other member on the Commission. The meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month, which is two days from now. She asked that this month's meeting be cancelled in order to have time to notify the newly appointed members of the schedule.

Consensus of the City Council was to cancel the January 15, 2014 Beautification Commission meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2014.

## **PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 677**

Slater stated this ordinance amends Chapter 26 of the Fenton Code of Ordinances which regulates dealers of second hand goods, including the sale of precious metals and gems within the City of Fenton. This amendment will require the licensed dealer to submit a brief form and a thumbprint electronically to Leads Online. The first year of this program will be free for the Police Department. After that the annual fee will be \$1,600.

Mayor Osborn opened the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Ben Smith, 200 Union Street, asked if this program is a time saver for the Police Department; will it allow for more officers out on the street.

Slater responded officers are not assigned to this task. A part-time dispatcher performs these tasks and implementing the program frees up the dispatcher's time to work on other tasks.

Mayor Osborn closed the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m.

A motion was made by Bland and seconded by Jacob to adopt Ordinance No. 677, which amends Article III of Chapter 26, of the City of Fenton Code of Ordinances pertaining to Dealers

in Second Hand Goods and Junk Dealers and to repeal all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict therewith. Motion was carried by a voice vote. **ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED**

#### **RESOLUTION 14-1**

Burns stated the City Council previously approved the purchase of a new car camera system for the Police Department. The system will be financed with an installment purchase agreement and this resolution approves that agreement. Payments will be included in the annual budget until the balance is paid off.

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and seconded by Lockwood to approve Resolution No. 14-1, a resolution regarding an installment purchase agreement for the purpose of financing “in-car cameras” and authorize the City Manager to sign the installment purchase agreement.

YEAS: Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Bland.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: King. **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

#### **EXTENSION OF REPUBLIC SERVICES CONTRACT**

Burns stated this item was discussed at the last City Council work session. A Council committee is reviewing the system currently in place for the pickup of refuse and recycling to determine if there is a better method that would be less expensive for residential customers. The current system is a “pay as you throw” system where the customer purchases a tag or bag from the City to use for refuse or yard waste. This system has been in place for several years and there are now other options the committee is reviewing. Administration is requesting City Council approve a six month extension of the current contract to give the committee more time to review options and make a recommendation to City Council.

Ben Smith stated the Solid Waste Committee was formed approximately two years ago and does not feel anything of value has been accomplished. He wants to know what will happen in the next six months that will determine whether or not Republic Services continues as the City’s provider. He feels this issue should have been brought up in October, not now. He stated Republic has done a good job and suggested a new committee be formed.

Bland stated this issue was discussed at the City Council work session and the explanation given there was satisfactory to the rest of the Council and feels the committee should take as much as they need to make the right decision.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Bland to extend the contract with Republic Services for six months. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

#### **EXTENSION OF EMS CONTRACT**

Cairnduff stated the City’s joint contract with the City of Linden and STAT EMS expires on February 1, 2014. The contract allows for one year extensions. He stated STAT EMS provides excellent service and there is a good working relationship between the City of Fenton, City of Linden and STAT EMS and he is looking for approval of the contract extension.

A motion was made by Jacob and seconded by Bland to extend the EMS contract with STAT EMS for one year, effective February 1, 2014. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

McDermott commented regarding the response times of STAT EMS stating they were outstanding.

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Doug Tebo, 409 Bent Oak Street, updated the Council on the projects completed at Oakwood Cemetery in 2013 and gave an overview of what projects are scheduled for 2014. He asked if anyone has project suggestions or ideas to contact him.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

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Mayor Sue Osborn

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City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved:        January 27, 2014